

WWA Annual Meeting
May 25, 2009

Diana Drayton called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

The minutes were approved following a motion and second from the floor.

Diana Drayton made remarks about her experience serving on the board. WWA has had a busy year this year, including some exciting storm action causing us to have to replace the pump house and some of the pumps as well. But Doug kept the water running throughout.

Treasurer's Report

Last year John reported good news and good news. This year he reports good news, good news and good news. He joked that GM came to us and asked for a bailout and we turned him down.

He noted the financial statement included with the meeting notice. We have been investing in the infrastructure of our system. We continue to get good water at a good price.

We still have around \$73,000 in cash and CD's. Last year we had around \$104,000, and have been upgrading the system and that's where the money went, improving the value of our water system.

We also had saved money to get to this point. Our expenses are less than our income. We have some insurance money coming in, increasing our cash & CD's to around \$85,000. And we won't have to put as much into capital improvement as this last year.

Denny pointed out that we have an emergency fund, a capital fund and a contingency fund, so that we can ensure our needs are covered.

Manager's Report

Doug asked who had been coming to these meetings for 30 years or more. Three hands went up, and someone commented, "how about 40 years?"

Doug made some personal comments. He's grown up here, and made this his community. When the job came up, he wasn't sure how long he'd be in the position. And he is so glad and honored to be part of this community.

Doug commented on passings: we lost Ron Westphal this year. He is missed.

Asked how many people have been down in the canyon to our water source. Many hands went up. Doug then told a story about sledding down that hill.

We used around 17 million gallons of water last year.

We put in over 4,500 feet of water line, way under budget. Our pumps committed electricide. One of the control devices went down and the pumps pumped dry and croaked. And they were covered by insurance.

Doug called for any questions.

How many families in the system? 234 connected. 225 in use. We have a 10% efficiency factor, which means only 10% of our water use is unaccounted for, and the rest is metered.

Do we have wells? We have water source redundancy. We have springs. We also have a well, 250 ft below sea level. Which we use only in summer.

When was the association formed? 1928.

When were the last water shares available for sale? 1988. We are still oversubscribed.

Why does our water taste better than Seattle water? Good maintenance and a pristine watershed.

Is there a minimum base price for our water? There is a minimum of \$50 or \$51.

Is there a problem of our system interacting with private wells in an unbeneficial way?

Are there different prices for businesses than for residents? We don't really have businesses in our district. The youth hostel pays for 2 shares is how we worked it out with them.

Doug concluded that our membership should feel free to call and ask him questions at any time throughout the year, and he'll say something.

GWJ Report

We contributed \$3,000 last year to El Porvenir to create a well in a village called Jiquelite. They had problems with one well and are at work now on another to replace it.

The GWJ committee met this year to determine where our 2009. We determined to continue with El Porvenir.

The process El Porvenir uses is this: a community must come to them with a proposal and a plan. They must come together to make sure there is adequate labor, and manage a small amount of funds to ensure sustainability if, for example, the rope on the pulley system breaks it can be replaced.

Last winter a representative from El Porvenir came to Vashon and made a presentation at the Vashon library. Diana pointed out that she was really impressed with their operation.

About 80 shareholders are participating in the program. And we are hopeful other water districts on the island will decide to participate as well.

Old Business

None

New Business

Sunny suggested that we ask our membership for their emails so we can communicate electronically in the future. Members at the meeting signed a sheet with their email addresses on it.

Mary Margaret Briggs noted that we are offering a walk down the canyon on June 14. The biggest cedar tree on the island is down there.

Diana called for the election. Doug nominated Kate Thompson. A second came from the floor, and she was elected unanimously.

Doug and the board thanked Sunny for her terms of service.

Diana made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, followed by a second from the floor. She then called for the vote, which was unanimous.