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Date: January 24, 2024 @ 5:36 pm

Board Members Present: Maureen Allen, Sylvia Banzon, James Byrne, Clint Fretz, Don Huibregtse, Micah

Loucks, Mark Murray, and Peter Nash

Absent: Scott Horsfall

Others Present: Mary Helton, Jeaneen Hamlett, Ronald & Sherrie Hatch, Carrol Roesler, Pat Hymas, and Shawn

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Welcome		
Introduction	Welcome- James Byrne	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION/VOTE	ACTION ITEM
Approve Previous	December Board Meeting Minutes	N/A
Minutes	Motion: James motioned to accept the December	14/74
	meeting minutes as written.	
	Second: Don	
	Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter	
	Oppose: None	
	Abstain: James	
PUBLIC COMMENTS/		
	Concern: There are otters in the channel again. They are quite active; I thought you might want to know.	
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	LLVCC Response:	
	In reference to reports of otters in the lake:	
	They don't relocate otters anymore, it's prohibitively	
	expensive and not very effective, as they will come	
	and go on their own.	
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	The USDA will trap and euthanize beavers as they can	
	be an environmental threat (removing	
	threatened/protected shore vegetation). We had this done a couple of years ago, but they won't remove	
	river otters from our lake just to protect non-native	
	largemouth, bluegill or stocked rainbow trout. If otters	
	threatened the wild coho vulnerable in the outflow	
	creek in October, it would be a different story.	
	Otters prefer smaller slower fish (per WDFW), so	
	they're primarily going after the young bass and bluegill. Yes, they'll get some trout, but trout are very	
	fast and ours are all over 10" when planted, as	

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recommended for this reason.

We had plenty of otters this time last year, and they moved away on their own, as the USDA predicted. Despite last year's otters, we had the best derby results in years for both the number and size of trout. Note that freshly planted pellet fed trout are very easy to catch. Fishing in the spring for fish acclimated for six months is different - they're a bit wiser, more elusive, and larger.

Bass fishing appears to have been negatively impacted, and we saw many bass scales on the dock (they are much larger and harder than trout scales).

Otters can be destructive and a nuisance on land, and private trappers can be hired to euthanize them. We don't see evidence that otters are impacting the trout and think it's too early to call for them all to be killed. There have been videos posted on our local Facebook group "showing otters feeding on trout." These videos show otters staying in one spot bobbing up and down, and clearly NOT feeding on trout. Trout are spooked easily and fast. They won't stay in one spot so close to shore posing as a buffet. Again, it is far more likely they are feeding on smaller bass and bluegill trying to hide in the weeds.

And a note about those weeds in front of the same property in the videos. Those are native pondweeds, but can be noxious and are treated, but are not as much of a concern as invasive curly leaf pondweed. The water must be 60 degrees for the herbicide to work. We simply can't treat weeds in the winter. Further, weeds are most prevalent in front of properties where shorelines have been cleared, lacking filtration and shade, allowing more sun and fertilizer run-off to feed the weeds.

All that said, we propose the following:

- Otter kills vs new fish cost comparison
 - Office to find a private trapper for a quote (I'll ask USDA for a recommendation)
 - Office to get quotes on more fish post- derby.
- Fact finding:
 - LMC to call USDA trapper CG Hartness for advice.
 - LMC to call WDFW area biologist for advice.

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Concern: I'm contacting you regarding gas-powered leaf blowers being used by landscaping/lawn services in the neighborhood: they're very loud and disruptive, as I'm a professional that works from home. They're especially disruptive when used in the rain, since it takes around three times as long to clear wet debris (there's a landscaper across the street that's been blowing leaves in one spot for the past hour, making it very difficult for me to focus in meetings).	
LLVCC Response: Refer to quiet hours in Resolution 16 under Prohibited Activities- B9 says: "Creating loud noises or performing loud activities at any time, but especially during the hours of 11:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. Construction noise shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 A.M. To 9:00 P.M."	
Concern: What is the policy for cameras? I have a neighbor with a camera on the side of the house pointed at my bedroom window. There is very little yard space in there that belongs to the neighbor.	
LLVCC Response: We don't have a policy for cameras. This is a neighbor-to-neighbor conversation.	
Concern: Why can't we have the directory back? We consulted with an attorney and were told that there are no legal repercussions on providing a directory to the community. If people don't want their information in it, you can just delete it.	Office to modify ballots to include an "Opt In" option for homeowners to be included in the directory. Options for "opt in" with phone number or without
LLVCC Response: Given the many inquiries and after consulting with our legal counsel, the Board has reconsidered their position on the directory. The option to "opt in" to be included in the directory will be added to the election ballot and a directory will be created after receiving written consent from homeowners. This option will be added to the new homeowner information sheet as well.	phone number.

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recommend that you read the dedication for the road on the plot maps for Lakeland Village. Just because the county will not maintain the shoulders of the road right of way to what some people in LLVC might like;

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does not mean that the abutting property owners are required to maintain the road right of way. I do agree that we should encourage property owners to keep up the shoulders – but threatening letters is not the way to do this. I recommend that you retract the previous email to all members.

- 2. RCW <u>64.38.057</u> clearly is intended to take precedence over HOAs governing documents.
 - "(1) The governing documents may not prohibit the installation of ... wildfire ignition resistant landscaping."
 "(2)(a) Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to empower private property owners ... by prohibiting unreasonable homeowner association ... restrictions that limit private property owners' ability to deploy lowwater landscaping techniques, while also ensuring private property owners' ability to create fire safe landscapes.

These are two excerpts from the law. This is about as clear as it can be. I recommend that you retract the previous email on tree cutting and let members know that they can remove trees for a fire buffer around their homes in accordance with accepted fire safety practices.

- 3. Road vacation At the hearing for vacation of Island place, the county stated they will bill LLVC about \$5000.00 (I may not have the exact amount right) and charge LLVC property taxes forever. Sounds like as soon as you petitioned for the vacation, you committed the money. Based on the articles of incorporation, the board may have exceeded their authority. As a minimum, it is shameful that the board took this action without consulting/informing all community members. What is the benefit to the community? I recommend that the board immediately withdraw the petition to vacate.
- 4. Transfer fees and boat storage fees –

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covenants detail how assessments are to be assigned and collected. There are no provisions to charge community members to use common areas – costs are to be shared equally. You can understand how this is wrong by asking the question, 'should we charge a fee to use the playground or lake to pay for the "playground Nazi" (not my words). There is also no provision to collect lot transfer fees. These fees should be refunded to those harmed.

5. The vote to amend the bylaws was a sham and the bylaw change is invalid. Changing the way votes are counted after the ballots were issued and counted is disingenuous. The covenants and bylaws are clear what is required to change the bylaws. The requirements were not followed. I recommend that a new election be held on the bylaws amendment after proper notice is given and a proper open meeting is held.

LLVCC Response:

Thank you for your concerns and feedback. See below, the responses to the inquiries.

- 1. Answer: We are glad you agree with the information provided, the message in the newsletter was meant to be informative and not threatening.
- Answer: To ensure homeowners are following the law and the governing documents of the association, the process is and has been to require a project permit to ensure tree removal follows the law and covenants.
- 3. Answer: The Board has not committed and has not decided on the purchase of the portion of Island Place adjacent to lot 66. If/when the decision is made the Board will seek community input for the purchase of the land.
- 4. Answer: We do not charge members for

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using common areas except for the Boat launch if you are storing a boat. We do not charge for the use of the boat launch area; we only charge for the storage of the boat in the lot. HOA transfer fees are charged to cover the expenses of the necessary transitioning activities and paperwork from the seller to the buyer. According to Article 1 General Provisions Section G Powers #10 "Lakeland Village may, as a Washington State homeowners association..., #10 Impose and collect payments, fees, or charges for the use, rental, or operation of the common areas".

5. Answer: We didn't change the way votes are counted. Votes were counted the same way it has been done for years; what the Board sought guidance was on the definition of a quorum. The changes in the bylaws were done as described on Article IX Governance- Letter K-Amendments- "Amendments to these Bylaws may be submitted to the membership by the Board of Directors, or by a petition of members in good standing to the Board of Directors representing twenty percent of the total votes of the These Bylaws may be Association. amended by the majority vote of the members in good standing voting at a meeting with a quorum".

OFFICER REPORTS

President	President's Report- James Byrne	
Vice President	VP Report- Peter Nash	
Treasurer	Treasurer's Report- Sylvia Banzon Assets: - Checking: \$21,931.59 - Savings: \$1,336.82 - Litigation: \$91,936.88 - Reserve: \$109,088.33 - MM: \$106,534.36 - CD: \$81,581.51	

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Budget 2023-2024

Total Revenue: 98.6% Total Expenses: 70.2%

Open Purchase Orders April- January 2024

PO #21- Dash Camera for Patrol
 Vehicle- Estimated cost \$269.98. This is not a budgeted item; funds are available from maintenance. Purchased and closed.

Olympic Tax Letter of Engagement

 Discussion: We received a quote from our current accounting firm, and it is almost double that of a year ago. The Board feels that the quote received is too high for the work they are currently doing. The office staff have taken a lot of the work in-house. We have an agency that will do the same type of work for less.

Motion: James motioned to keep the current accounting firm through March and start the new bookkeeping agency in March to have an overlap for one month to ensure that entries are caught up and the new agency gets used to our processes.

Second: Micah

Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and

Peter

Oppose: None **Abstain:** James

Budget Draft for FY 24-25

The proposed budget was reviewed by all members of the Board with new dues assessed at \$265.00.

Motion: Micah motioned to approve final budget draft

as presented. **Second:** Maureen

Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and

Peter

Oppose: None **Abstain:** James

Budget Community Letter and Documents

 Discussion- Sylvia shared a draft of the letter to be sent to the community with supporting documents. The Board reviewed documents.

Motion: James motioned to approve letters and

supporting documents as presented.

Office to close PO.

Treasurer to work with new bookkeeping agency to ensure a smooth transition.

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Second: Don

Aves: Maureen, Sylvia, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and

Peter

Oppose: None **Abstain:** James

OPERATIONS

Office

Reorganizing Office Space- Mary Helton

 Discussion- The office staff would like to reorganize the space and organize supplies to help with efficiency. We would like to be able to do this on a weekend, so we are not affecting office hours.

Motion: James motioned to approve extra time for

office reorganization on the weekend.

Second: Don

Ayes: Maureen, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter

Oppose: None

Abstain: James and Sylvia

Division Map- Mark Murray

 Discussion- Mark created a community map to be posted on our website. The map is color coded and divided by divisions. Links to the covenants pertaining to the division were added for easy navigation.

Vacation of Island Place

Discussion of recommendation by County.
 Research needs to be done on pricing, value, and the taxes before making a decision.

Motion: Clint motioned to request the owners of lot 65 to pay \$2398.50 to the HOA for the purchase of the

Island Place vacation to gain accessibility.

Second: Mark

Ayes: Maureen, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter

Oppose: Sylvia **Abstain:** James

Background Checks Policy- Sylvia Banzon

Discussion- Board members reviewed the new

policy for background checks.

Motion: James motioned to approve policy as written.

Second: Clint

Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and

Peter

Oppose: None Abstain: James

Election Ballots- Sylvia Banzon

Office to research tax ramifications for the community.

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	Discussion - Roard members reviewed the	
	 Discussion- Board members reviewed the electronic absentee and the proxy ballots. Motion: Don motioned to approve ballots as presented Second: Maureen Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter Oppose: None Abstain: James 	
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Patrol/Compliance	Incident Tracking Log Motion: James motioned to accept the log and the actions taken Second: Clint Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter Oppose: None Abstain: James	
	Complaint Tracking Log Motion: Don motioned to accept the log and the actions taken Second: Maureen Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter Oppose: None Abstain: James	
	Email Vote January 16, 2024 Motion: Sylvia motioned to approve letter of suspension of a member from Common Areas per discussion on December 6, 2023, Board meeting. Second: James Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, James, Clint, Don, Scott, Micah, Mark, and Peter. Oppose: None Abstain: James	
COMMITTEES		
Architectural Control (ACC)	Chairman's Report- ACC Logs Approval- Don Huibregtse Motion: Mark motioned to approve the ACC logs. Second: Clint Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter Oppose: None Abstain: James	
	Metal Roofs- James Byrne	
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	Discussion: We have numerous requests for metal roofs. To make a change or amend all Division covenants it would require a one-page addendum that will include all divisions. The survey reflects an overwhelming interest in wanting metal roofs. 86% of responses were Yes. Roofs will need to meet the over 40-year warranty and the ACC will need to approve the roof including color. Create a communication to close survey with approved wording.	Mark is to provide information and wording to share with the community. Office is to create communication to close the survey and introduce next steps.
	New Dock Construction- Don Huibregtse - Information: We have a new dock request. There are county requirements and ACC requirements. The homeowner needs to get approval before they can build.	•
	 Tree Removal on NAVY Property Discussion: HOA does not own the land. There are three or four trees that are dying in the NAVY property. The NAVY does not have an opinion. We have sent pictures and emails and have not received any responses. Our lease requires NAVY's permission to act on this. This should require a permit from the county as they are close to the lake. The NAVY will need to request a permit to be able to cut a tree close to the lake. The trees are not over the path, they are leaning towards the lake. The trees do not present a safety risk currently. 	
Lake Management	Chairman's Report- Peter Nash The otters didn't impact the fish last year and we believe they are not eating the trout. They are eating blue gill and bass. The expense of killing the otters vs. buying fish, will need to be researched.	
Hearing	Chairman's Report- Scott Horsfall No hearings this month	
Safety	Sheriff's Report- Maureen Allen CITIZENS AUXILIARY ADVISORY SHERIFF'S MEETINGS DATE: January 4, and January 11, 2024 The Sheriff Departments Pastor first led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. He then	Office to send a call out for the sheriff's meetings.
Lakeland Village Commun	reported on the killing of 123 Law Enforcement Officers	

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in 2023. In 4 days of 2024, there has already been 1 Officer killed. He asked for prayers for the survivors. (Me) what a dreadful way to start a New Year. The Sheriff expressed his appreciation for the feedback from the attendees of the past Advisory Meetings.

He is gearing up now to look at a conservative "Criminal Justice Tax". The intent is to acquire dedicated funds for the hiring of more deputies. He is aware that an election year is not a good time to present to the public. His hopeful target is to acquire one deputy per 1,000 citizens within county. wants a new "proactive" law enforcement. It is and has been "reactive" for the past 28 plus years. A new contract with Patrol Officers just got a raise that is more in line with other counties. Because of the increased wages, Mason County just received 2 officers from other local counties. The latest new hire won't be ready for the streets until 2025. Need 16 more deputies per capita. Still no permanent Public Defender. Funding is an issue and only "fill-ins" are supporting the court system. 2023 set a record of highest service calls at 25 thousand. There were as many as 1200 service calls for animal patrol like barking dogs etc. Need more help there. It has been mandated that school buses go to "electric". The Sheriff says that is very dangerous. He said, "he would rather go back to horses versus an electric Sheriff Vehicle." "ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!" A new evidence officer has been hired. All evidence regarding a murder must be retained, continuously inventoried {monitored} for 100 years. A bigger/better facility is needed as the inventory is mounting! New purchases- uniforms with bullet proof vests, handguns and rifles with red light, Swat, and a Command Vehicle and an underwater drone (cost \$80,000) it will assist with drownings. An interesting drowning fact, as a rule drowned bodies stay under water for 2 months and then surface. The drone also films underwater. Three canines have been replaced.

February 2, 2024, will be the Grand Opening of the new precinct located on Old Belfair Hwy. \$2,000 a month for rent. The new Chief of Police is a local resident. The previous Chief was from California. A new Major Crime Unit has been formed. In the past, because of Covid, officers were restricted from monitoring speeding offenders. The monitoring has been reestablished and so has ticketing!! All deputies can now pursue violators again. Note: the

	chasing/stopping of speeders has helped in the finding of illegal drugs. Washington State experienced the highest number of fatal crashes ever in 2023. One case of death from the "Super Fentanyl" has occurred. People die from this drug before it even enters the blood stream. A representative from PUD 3 stated that their website now has current road conditions for county roads. Keep food, water, and blankets in your vehicle.	
WORK GROUPS		
Strategic Planning Work Group	 Work Group Report- Sylvia Banzon Survey Comments were formatted to be posted on website. 	Office to post survey comments to the website.
		Office to send letters to Anderson & Sons and to the county with the pertinent comments from the survey.
Resolution 26	Work Group Process- Peter Nash	
	-Resolution draft	
Convito Comona	No report or discussion	
Security Cameras	 Work Group Report- Don Huibregtse Criteria selected for bids. Tabled to next meeting. 	
Motion Adjourned	Motion: James motioned to adjourn to executive session at 7:30 pm. Public and office staff were dismissed. Second: Don Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, James, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter. Oppose: None Abstain: James	
OLD BUSINESS		
	No old business	
EXECUTIVE SESSION		
Board Discussions	MOU and fines-	
	Rules and Regs- Arborist Requirement- Tabled	
	Community Directory	
	Trespassing Letter	

Adjournment Executive Session Resume Meeting Board Discussions	Motion: James motioned to adjourn from executive session at 8:56 pm. Second: Micah Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, James, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter. Oppose: None Abstain: James MOU and fines Motion: James motioned to send a letter to the attorney with the corrected facts and supporting documents. Second: Micah Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, James, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter. Oppose: None	Draft letter for attorney.
	Community Directory Motion: James motioned to add the option to "opt in" into LLVCC directory to the ballot. Homeowners should have the option of adding a phone number. The office will add to the New Homeowner information sheet and create a form for people to provide their consent. This should meet the legal requirements. Second: Don Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, James, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter. Oppose: None Abstain: James	Office to add directory item to ballot, create consent form, and add to new owner info sheet.
PRIOR ACTION ITEMS		
DISCUSSION	Action Item List- James Byrne	
UPCOMING MEETING	s	
February 28, 2024	5:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting	
February 28, 2024	7:00 PM Budget/Election Community Meeting	
March 27, 2024	5:30 Board of Directors Meeting	
LIDCOMING EVENITO		
UPCOMING EVENTS	Factor Punny Comos to Albin	
TBD	Easter Bunny Comes to Allyn	

May 4	Family Fishing Derby	
ADJOURNMENT		
Motion to Adjourn	Motion: James motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm. Second: Maureen Ayes: Maureen, Sylvia, James, Clint, Don, Micah, Mark, and Peter. Oppose: None Abstain: James	