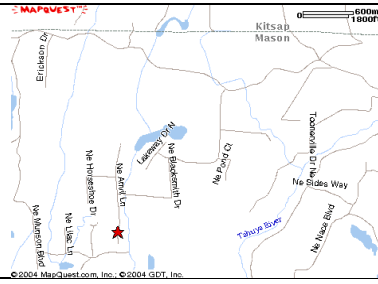

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**ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER**
Spring, 2019

Dear Blacksmith Lake Lot Owners,

Our spring meeting was held April 25, 2019, at the Timberland Library in Belfair. In attendance were four officers and a quorum of lot owners. The meeting was led by Claudia Charlton. Minutes from the fall meeting were read and approved as corrected by Steve Zemzick. The treasurer's report was read by Mirka Ramsey and approved. Joe Dowding completed the audit for 2018 and reported that all records were in order with a thirty-cent discrepancy due to a clerical error. The audit was approved.

Nominations for positions on the board were opened. Jeff Overturf was nominated for the position of first vice-president and Mirka Ramsey was nominated for treasurer. Nominations will remain open until the fall meeting when voting will take place. If any member in good standing would like to be considered for either of these positions, please let Claudia know. During the fall meeting, Jeff Overturf was elected 2nd vice-president. Kevin Boyle was elected president. Immediately following the meeting, Kevin resigned as president. Claudia Charlton automatically took that office, leaving the position as first vice-president open. Subsequently, Jeff was appointed as interim first vice-president. Jodi Tief also resigned her position as treasurer, and Mirka Ramsey has been serving as interim treasurer. Joe Dowding has been appointed 2nd vice-president. Elections for that position will be held in 2020. In the meantime, Joe has agreed to serve.

Winter brought an enormous amount of snow, and removal was imperative. The snow removal and the most recent work on the road has nearly emptied our treasury. We are struggling as we continue to wait for more than thirty lot owners to pay their maintenance fees.

Our community defeated the motion to pave last year. We will continue to have a gravel road, and the board along with many others are committed to making it the best possible gravel road, using best practices. The community also defeated a motion to raise dues last year. We cannot provide the labor and materials required to create and maintain a quality road without additional funds.

In this light, a motion to amend the bylaws, Article IV, section 2, to increase the maintenance fees was discussed at the meeting. This article sets the amount for the

annual maintenance fees. In order for this motion to be voted on at the fall meeting, a proposed amount of money must be included. The members at the meeting had considerable discussion as to how much the fee should be. The outcome was to send out a poll to the membership asking for opinions. This poll is included. The poll only asks you to state what you think the annual maintenance fees should be raised to, and that you agree to have a vote to consider this. **THE POLL IS NOT A VOTE TO RAISE THE DUES.** Once the opinions have been tallied, the motion will go forward, and voting as to whether or not to raise the fees will take place at the fall meeting.

Other amendments to the bylaws will be voted on at the fall meeting. The proposed change for Article III, Section 1, is to change language from *“The semiannual business meeting of The Association shall be held on any available day of the week in March and September.”* To read *“The semiannual business meeting of The Association shall be held on any available day of the week in the **spring and fall.**”* This change would be all inclusive of any language throughout the bylaws referring to March and September, changing them to fall and spring.

A proposed amendment to Article III, Section 2, is for another change in language. The sentence which reads, *“The Executive Board shall meet once during the months of January, May August and November.”* would be amended to read, *“The Executive Board shall meet **quarterly, beginning in January.**”* This, too, is inclusive and changes will be made throughout to match that language.

There will be much to vote on at the fall meeting. *Only members in good standing (dues are paid in full) are allowed to vote. If your dues are not paid, and you vote anyway, your vote will not be considered.*

The poll must be completed and mailed back by June 1, 2019.

Our association now has a website. Go to Blacksmithlake.com and check us out. You’ll find all kinds of goodies there, including our bylaws and covenants. This is supported by volunteers and donations.

Sincerely,

Your BLRA Board

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Joe Dowding	Vice-President (appointee)	
Steve Zemzick	Secretary	N/A
Mirka Ramsey	Treasurer (interim)	