## BLACKSMITH LAKE

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ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Fall 2023

Dear Neighbors,

Our fall general meeting was held October 26, 2023, at the Timberland Regional Library in Belfair. A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 6:30.

Business included elections for the board offices of first vice-president and treasurer. Grover Ramsey and Mirka Ramsey (no relation) were elected for the ensuing term.

Our books must be audited every year. At each fall meeting, a volunteer is requested to audit our books for us. This year, Jody Tief volunteered and will audit the books at year's end. Her report will be presented at the spring meeting.

The new sign at the mailboxes has been installed. Thank you to Steve Z, who put it up as well as the new speed limit signs. Just a reminder that the speed limit signs are not merely decorative. As our community grows, so does the presence of small children, pets and livestock. Our road is our way in and out of our community. It is not a recreational trail. If you see anyone misusing our roadway or driving at excessive speeds, please let someone know. If we need to speak to individual property owners, we will. Excessive speed not only poses a safety issue, it also can damage the road.

As usual, the rains bring the potholes. We are looking for an opportunity to schedule a pothole party soon, dependent upon the weather. So far, the road is driveable so long as speed is slow. (Another reason why the signs aren't decorative). A discussion was held considering ways that we could encourage participation at pothole parties. Several ideas were discussed. The decision was made to provide tickets at the end of each party for a drawing, for a prize, to be held at the spring meeting. The prize will be \$100. This can be awarded in cash or credited to the lot owner's dues for the next year. Every person who participates in the road work will be allowed to enter for the drawing. The more often you show up for parties, the more tickets you will have in the jar in the spring.

If a person is physically unable to do the heavy lifting, we will also have trash bags available so folks can do litter patrol alongside the road. This is a good activity for young children as well. For safety purposes, children under the age of seven should not participate in pothole parties.

At the end of each pothole party, lunch will be provided to the workers. We have several folks who have agreed to help provide the food. If this is something that you would like to do,

please call Claudia. The lunch will be served at 1621 NE Blacksmith, in the space above the garage. Please be aware that the lunch is for workers only.

After the meeting was adjourned, a discussion was held regarding problematic dogs in the neighborhood. This is not officially road maintenance business, but several board members have received emails and phone calls regarding several issues with multiple dogs. Please be aware, that if a dog or dogs are a nuisance, the best thing to do is speak with the owners. If that is not helpful, then a call to animal control is in order.

We'll let you know when to get out on the road for out next pothole party. In the meantime, stay warm and stay safe!

Sincerely, Your Board

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