

**Shorewood on the Sound Community Club  
General Membership Meeting  
Thursday, February 20, 2014  
The Cove Clubhouse, Normandy Park.**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

**Board Members Present:** President Barrett Knudsen, Secretary Guy Lawrence, Directors: Kevin DeLashmutt, Patty Knudsen, Rick Goroski, Beth Kleparek, Bob & Chestine Edgar  
A quorum of Directors was present at the Membership meeting.

**Board Members Absent:** Vice President Tim Wilhelmi, Treasurer Gary Harris, Director: Rand Fullington.

**Community Guests:** Hank Ufkes – Eagle Scout Candidate, Andy Batcho, Geoff Mack, Dave Evans, Marjorie Peterson, Tony Cassarino, Georga Batcho, Jean Spohn, Elissa Ostergaard, and a few others.

**President's Report:** None.

**Reading of the minutes:** Skipped.

**Addition to the Agenda:** None.

**Secretary Report:** Skipped.

**Treasurer Report:** Barrett says Gary says we have \$20,288.25 in checking and savings.

**Reports of Community Events:**

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Date and time is now April 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Ecology and Path Maintenance Committee:** None.

**Beach Committee:** None.

**Welcoming Committee:** None.

**Communication Committee:** None.

**CC&R Committee:** None.

**New Action items/Additions to Agenda: - None**

**Program of the Day: Stream Restoration**

**Chestine** has us all sit down as she calls the meeting to order and gives a short explanation on the importance of healthy streams as it relates to the entire local ecosystem. She tells us grant money is now available to open culverts, such as the one blocking Salmon Creek, so we can once again experience salmon sex in our neighborhood. She goes on to say that King County Fisheries expert **Gino Lucchetti** considers Salmon Creek to have high water quality, perfect for the creation of a salmon nursery. Chestine then introduces the very hot new Miller/Walker Creek Basin Steward, **Elissa Ostergaard**, and then our presenter for tonight **Andy Batcho**. Andy is a retired engineer who worked on the Apollo program. He also an avid fisherman, hence his interest in bringing local estuaries back to health and supporting large populations of fish, which he promises not to kill.

Andy is a big picture kind of guy and his presentation is not just about how to restore streams but how to create the feeling of community ownership toward our local streams and fish habitats. This way the stream is not only

restored to health but also receives ongoing care from the community. His group's ultimate goal for Normandy Park was to create self-sustaining runs of salmon in Miller and Walker Creeks. From the very start of his presentation it is obvious he and the many local volunteers far surpassed this objective. Locals now not only respect the watershed area, they are jealously protective of it.

Andy begins his slide show on Stream Restoration by giving credit to Trout Unlimited and other local and national organizations for all their support throughout the Miller/Walker Creek Restoration process. For a successful restoration you first need a plan, then permits, then money. As he progresses through his slides showing the many challenges of stream restoration he advises us to set goals and to become, or to acquire, subject matter experts on the many needed skills involved in saving a creek. For each phase you need a leader, grunts to do the work, and a PR person to talk to the community so the leader and grunts can actually get some work done.

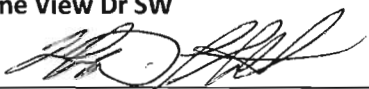
A survey of the stream is the first step, so you can determine what is needed to protect fish habitat. Break down the larger objective into smaller projects that can be completed in shorter amounts of time. Involve the community at every step so they feel ownership toward the natural area and want to protect it. Focus on what is important and keep accurate accounts of every stick and stone purchased along the way. Donors may need proof of where the money was spent. Do not forget to provide insurance for the people working on the project.

He finishes his presentation by again giving credit to all the support people and organizations who made this restoration possible, and who continue to protect the fish habitat they all created together. He advises us to go to the Council of Stream Restoration website for a copy of his materials and for more information on the subject. He also recommends we Google restoration cowboy Dave Rosgen.

Several questions for Andy followed his presentation. The most important one probably being "will you help us?" Andy agrees to happily help any group interested in improving fish habitat, including that of our own long suffering Salmon Creek.

**Adjournment:** Announced by Barrett at 8:52pm.

**Next Meeting: 7pm, March 20 at Guy & Jacquie's house – 11829 Marine View Dr SW**

Secretary du jour:   
Kevin DeLashmutt

**Ongoing Action Items not addressed:**

- 2014 Budget..... Barrett / Gary
- 2014 Event Schedule..... Board
- 2014 Easter Egg Hunt ..... Betsy / Lori
- Blockwatch Report..... Joe

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