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LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

APRIL 1993

Lawrence Thieman has decided to retire from the presidency and board of our organization after many years of outstanding leadership and effort in protecting and expanding Dishman Hills Natural Area. We regretfully accept his resignation. He will be sorely missed. The vacancy thus created will be filled by the vote of our members at the May meeting of the organization. You are hereby notified of this special election. Board member Michael Hamilton agreed to accept the presidency. We would appreciate your attendance. We will be meeting at Opportunity Elementary, South 1109 Wilbur Road, Monday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Contributions to our association came to a gratifying \$582.18, thanks to you loyal supporters. Memorials totalled \$80. Recycling brought in \$38.18. Interest for the month on our money market fund was \$38.34 and from our CD account (land purchase fund) interest for the first quarter of the year, \$246.55. Expenses were: \$40 for administrative services, bulletin printing and mailing \$115.43, and legal expense \$83, this to add a restrictive clause to the deeds to our land prohibiting horses.

Thanks to the following who contributed money, recyclables and/or services and have given permission to be listed here: Bill Akerlund, Helen Blackwell, Cornelia J. Bratton, Earthworks Recycling for an anonymous donor, Gretchen Brown, Myrtle A. Erickson, Barb Garcia, Don Griffiths, Michael Hamilton, Larry & Tudy Hatch, Glen W. Kivett, Rich Landers, Barbara W. Lockwood, Bill Marchand, Gloria M. Nicol, Joy Peterson, Neil Prescott, Willene Priestley, Tom Rogers, Holly F. Sonneland, Lawrence Thieman, Ed Tietjen, Robert S. Turner, Jeanne H. Wilson and Paul J. Winkelman.

We invite you to join us on a hike into Dishman Hills Natural Area, Sunday afternoon, May 23 at 1:30 p.m. We will start at Camp Caro, South 625 Sargent Road, Dishman. Spring flowers should put on a grand show!

We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving some of the natural areas of the Spokane area for people to enjoy and learn from.

President: Position Vacant, Vice President: Tom Rogers, Secretary: Helen Lininger, Treasurer: David Lentes, Board of Directors: Omar Carroll, Michael Hamilton, Francis Potter, June Potter, and Ray Staley

Our meetings are held every third Monday at 7 P.M. at Opportunity Elementary School, South 1109 Wilbur. You are cordially invited to attend.

Please send donations to our box number, shown at top of this bulletin.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

We have signed the Memorandum of Understanding, already signed by Patricia Mumme, chairperson of Spokane County Commission, and by the Commissioner of Public Lands of Washington State. This will ensure our continued participation in the management plan for Dishman Hills Natural Resource Conservation Area. We believe that this is the best way to protect the Natural Area. While it affirms our intent to cooperate with the Department of Natural Resources and Spokane County, the other two owners of land in the Hills, it in no way gives up our right to control the uses we permit on our own land. Rather, we expect it will enhance our ability to protect it, since the aim of joint management is to come up with a plan that will ensure uniform management rules for the entire Conservation Area. In addition, the Department of Natural Resources has agreed to pay the \$5,700 originally charged to our association for surveying the land, since the internal survey of boundary lines, which was promised, was not completed. The Department of Natural Resources also expects to hire a person to patrol and protect the area, this dependent upon funds from the State.

We are looking into the possibility of buying land which would make possible the connecting of our land in the Hills with Tower Mountain to the south. Our association, Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department and the Department of Natural Resources are all desirous of adding land on the mountain, which would increase the diversity of plants and animals protected by the Natural Area and ensure public access to the area.

On a less happy note we see that logging has been resumed along Iller creek on the east base of the mountain. (It was logged in 1977 and probably earlier.) Just now the logging is hampered by the fact that the creek has been diverted down the logging road, resulting in gullies up to four or five feet deep. This erosion is silting up the creek below. Logging is expected to continue into the summer, disrupting wildlife, particularly nesting birds.

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