Save Union Bay Association

Spring 2025 Newsletter

2025 FUND RAISING: Because our expenses were lower than expected in 2024, the Board has decided to forego our annual fund drive in 2025. We are happy to accept donations in 2025 but we will not actively seek them.

2024 RECAP: The Annual Meeting was held in December 2024. The Procellacor that we applied six years ago has continued to limit milfoil. Scott Conrade, a biologist from Aquatechnex, described the July Diquat treatment and the results of the October biobase survey. The cost of this year's treatment and permits for next year was $10,349.

OLD BUSINESS: Previous issues have all been resolved: USDA will no longer provide goose control; The proposal from a developer in Renton for a passenger only ferry to UW is off the table because the developer has gone bankrupt. The UW continues to monitor the remaining nutria in Union Bay. Seattle Harbor Patrol will remove logs and other large debris. Call them (206) 684-4071 to report logs that are obstructing lake access.

NEW BUSINESS: Judy Foss raised concerns about "Bog Bay" and potential effects from the old garbage dump. Paul Garner and Colleen McAleer will head a committee to review records concerning sinking land, mud islands, and chemical seepage.

Giancarlo Provo, UW Waterfront Activities Center manager, reported that the UW will be removing old unused sailboats and the shoreline dock and expanding the exterior dock directly in front of the WAC. This change will allow more space for Sailgate- Husky football game attendance by boat.

PARTNERSHIP WITH UW: The updated MOU between SUBA and the UW Athletic Department and Department of Recreation (Waterfront Activities Center) was signed in November 2024. The UW agreed to pay up to a maximum of $23,200 annually (fiscal year 7/1-6/30) for treatment of the crew team practice area and the area around the Waterfront Activities Center. SUBA and the UW will reconvene in 2026 to review and revise the plan as needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Garner, SUBA treasurer, reported that at the end of 2024, SUBA had a cash balance of $45,009.66 in Chase Bank. Our income was $4,509.78 and our expenses were $10,483.12.

BOARD ELECTIONS: A voice vote election was held at our annual meeting. The current Board was re-elected. Susan Holliday announced that she will be retiring from the Board at the end of 2025. Stowe Talbot was elected President- Elect.

We did not undertake a FUND-RAISING DRIVE in 2024. I want to thank those people who donated anyway. You are the heart of our organization. With your generosity, SUBA raised $4,510.00 in 2024.

Thank you to: Claire Hector and Paul Garner Joan and Don Merlino
Vangie and Daniel Pepper Reine and Jeff Dijulio

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