

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

Thursday, April 20, 7:00 - 9:27 pm

Canadian Petroleum Interpretive Center

MEETING MINUTES

- Present:** LeVerne and Carole Ellsworth, Albert and Laverne Faulkner, Carol and Jerry McCracken, John and Joyce Hermans
- Missing:** Gord Bentley, Norm and Katherine Breadner, Chris and Cathy Daniel, Gord and Helen Eikeland, Bert Hadley, Bev Huber, Sarah Primeau, John and Laura Reichert
- Guest:** Curtis Horning, Planner, Alberta Environment

AGENDA

Curtis Horning's presentation

Updates:

ALMS

Public Relations

Lake Speed Limits

Closing west boat launch road

Website

Alberta Water Quality Awareness Day

June 3 general meeting

Society bylaws and membership

Copies of Minutes

Next meeting

CURTIS HORNING - PRESENTATION "OPPORTUNITIES FOR STEWARDSHIP"

- Curtis left hard copies of his presentation, Laverne has additional copies for anyone interested
- Other information that was discussed:
- Curtis announced that Jerry has been successful and we will be part of ALM's Lakewatch program this summer - YAY Jerry!
 - lake monitoring: ideal plan is to monitor every 3 years
 - Cows and Fish - vegetation survey, ideas about land management practices
 - Living by Water Home-Site Assessment Program - will come out and do a confidential property assessment—promote this at our June 3 meeting
 - if individuals see something being put into the water they are concerned about they can call the **Alberta Environment complaint line 1-800-222-6514**
 - Pine Lake set up a very expensive program to siphon nutrients out of the lake into the creek—can only be done in lakes with the right characteristics
 - first step before starting a stream monitoring program (testing the inlets to the lake) is to see the results of Lakewatch—if our lake is crystal clear there is no point in monitoring the streams
 - consensus is that we have concerns about lake quality and especially a major spring inlet point that runs directly through a feedlot
- Steps required in order to start stream monitoring:
- locate inputs and springs (Otto Maller sp?)

- establish goals and objectives
- what are the concerns to establish what to test for (e.g. nutrients, fecal coliforms)
- timing and frequency of sampling
- best way to collect information
- once the program is mapped out, work with Alberta Environment or Agriculture to find a person willing to work with the Association (Curtis would be able to give us a name)
- LeVerne will draft a proposal to start stream testing spring 07

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Laverne Faulkner

- the picture of the Land Stewardship Center cheque presentation and article appeared in the Leduc Representative and the Devon Dispatch

LAKE SPEED LIMITS - Carole Ellsworth

- Leduc county will ensure the buoys are out prior to the May long weekend, with help from Bert Faulkner and LeVerne Ellsworth
- Leduc county is not sure if they will post a sign at Jubilee Park regarding the speed limit - Carole will follow-up
- Leduc county was going to leave the ads up to the RCMP but it was pointed out that the RCMP ads will be in the "police column" and an ad in the county section will carry a different message— Carole will follow up with Leduc county regarding the ads and pamphlets about the speed limit
- Laverne will follow up with Wetaskiwin county and RCMP regarding ads and the county about signs at the shore and Wizard Heights

WEST BOAT LAUNCH ROAD

- an amended Parks and Open Space master plan was passed by council, leaving the west boat launch road open, apparently because of local pressure, despite the fact that closure could be done in such a way that fishing boats and emergency vehicles could still have access
- the association had sent a letter dated Nov 25, 2005 supporting closure of this launch as it would help keep motor boats from being launched into the lake where there is a boat speed limit, and to help protect that portion of the lake's wildlife habitat
- despite the letter the association sent, a follow-up meeting, prior to amending the plan, called by the county did not include our association
- Laverne will schedule meetings with both counties to introduce our association and enlist support
- LeVerne will provide a copy of a letter he is sending as an individual, so members can send their own individual letters
- a letter will also be sent from the Association and will include a request to be recognized as an interested party in Wizard Lake
- a meeting is scheduled for June 1 at Jubilee day use area to review the closure of the launch road by the park—members from the Association will attend. LeVerne will keep us updated with details.

WEBSITE - Carole Ellsworth

- Carole has the Alberta Stewardship Network website template and is entering information

- will check on our website address and date the site will be in effect, for use on the public meeting information

ALBERTA WATER QUALITY AWARENESS DAY

- John Reichert volunteered to coordinate this for the Association
- worthwhile to complete this sampling in order to be included in the database and be able to compare our results to other lakes in Alberta
- John Hermans brought a sample kit
- Carole has ordered one for the association and will get it to John Reichert when received
- includes posters we can use at the June 3 meeting

JUNE 3 GENERAL MEETING

- Laverne will contact Bert Hadley for details of the agenda—needed for the poster and ads
- a list of potential speakers, and booth presenters, was provided by Sarah Primeau and forwarded previously to Bert
- Carol McCracken volunteered to help contact people if necessary
- John Hermans volunteered to obtain 2 posters of the lake with the watershed area shown (same as the small maps provided by Sarah)
- Jerry McCracken volunteered to obtain banners with the Association name
- decided to have a competition later (perhaps involve schools) to design a logo for the association
- Jerry suggested a manned information table for the May long weekend at Enchantment Valley and at Jubilee park (perhaps hand outs for boats being launched regarding the speed limit)

SOCIETY BYLAWS AND MEMBERSHIP

- membership details must be outlined prior to May long weekend
- Carole, Carol, Laura and Laverne will meet and recommend details
- meeting Sun Apr 23, 7:00, Laverne's house (north at twp 480 & rge rd 275)
- consensus was reached that \$10.00 per household is affordable yet shows commitment
- immediate priority is membership, bylaw review can be deferred
- John Hermans will talk to the ski club about supporting the association and sitting on the board

COPIES OF MINUTES

- consensus that we should send copies to anyone interested

NEXT MEETING

- **Thursday, May 11, 7:00, Canadian Petroleum Interpretive Center** (east side on hwy 60, just south of hwys 60 and 19)

SUMMARY OF NEXT STEPS

WHAT	WHO	BY WHEN
Contact Living by Water Home-Site Assessment for June 3 meeting	Laverne, if Bert hasn't	May 11
Complete a proposal to start a stream monitoring program	LeVerne	Fall 06

WHAT	WHO	BY WHEN
Leduc county follow-up—Jubilee park sign, ads, pamphlets	Carole	May 11
Wetaskiwin county follow-up—ads and signs	Laverne Faulkner	May 11
RCMP follow up—ads	Laverne	May 11
Schedule meeting with counties to introduce our association	Laverne	Apr 30
Individual letters to Leduc county—closure of west boat launch road	Everyone	Apr 30
Association letter to Leduc county—closure of west boat launch road and recognition as interested party	Laverne	Apr 30
Update details about June 1 Leduc county meeting re east boat launch road	LeVerne Ellsworth	As known
Website address and effective date	Carole Ellsworth	May 11
Sampling for Alberta Water quality awareness day	John Reichert	June
Obtain speaker and booth details for June 3 from Bert Hadley	Laverne	April 30
Help education committee contact speakers if necessary	Carol McCracken	As needed
Obtain posters of Wizard Lake watershed for June 3 meeting	John Hermans	May 11
Obtain banners for the June 3 meeting	Jerry McCracken	May 11
Details of association membership	Carol, Carole, Laverne	Apr 23
Contact Ski club for support and membership	John Hermans	June 3
Write May 11 in daytimers and don't miss the meeting!	Everyone!	May 11

ATTACHMENTS

Contact list of all board members

Mission, objectives (use as information hand out by all members)