

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

Thursday, May 11, 7:00 – 9:45 pm

Canadian Petroleum Interpretive Center

MEETING MINUTES

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

AGENDA

- Lake Speed Limit updates
- West boat launch restrictions
- Introductory meetings with counties – **Laverne**
- ALMS lake watch – **Jerry**
- Stream sampling – **LeVerne**
- Water quality awareness day – **John Reichert**
- Website – **Carole**
- Contacting the Ski Club – **John Hermans**
- Association membership – **Laverne**
- June 3 meeting – **Laverne**

LAKE SPEED LIMIT UPDATES

- RCMP will be on the lake on the May long weekend—likely Saturday, perhaps 2 days. There will be 2 RCMP constables and 1 Leduc county bylaw officer. RCMP is talking to Leduc county. The association requested their efforts be aimed at education, not writing tickets. The RCMP is placing an ad in all 4 local papers regarding the 12 km/h and 65 km/h speed limits.
- buoys going in next week from Leduc county, as well as a shore sign. Wetaskiwin's signs are on order and will be placed prior to the long weekend. Wetaskiwin will place an ad in the Pipestone Flyer.
- waiting for pamphlets from Leduc county which state the speed limits. When received, **Carole** will distribute them for distribution with posters. Meanwhile, use our posters as necessary—to ski club (**John**).
- distributed: speed limit posters to **Jerry and Bert** for Enchantment Valley meeting.

WEST BOAT LAUNCH RESTRICTIONS

- the Association, Ellsworths, McCrackens and Jones all received the same reply to their letters to Reeve John Whaley—"the county is not prepared to change their decision at this time."
- unfortunately the reasons for any concerns weren't explained. The decision making process isn't clear (no reference to reasons in county council minutes)—**LeVerne** will follow up regarding the public record.
- public meeting May 29, 7:00-8:30 at Jubilee Park day-use building concerning closure of range road 271, which is a different process than used for range road 275.

INTRODUCTORY MEETINGS WITH COUNTIES

- Wetaskiwin meeting with Rick Wilson, Wayne Meyers, and Frank Coutney scheduled for Friday, May 19, 9:00 at county office. John Hermans and Cathy Daniel may be available to attend. **Laverne** will confirm.
- waiting for Ed Chubocha to talk to Ruth Harrison and schedule a time to meet. **Laverne** will follow up.

ALMS LAKE WATCH

- they are just hiring their summer staff, so no update yet
- **LeVerne** will read the staff gauge weekly and report the lake elevation numbers

STREAM SAMPLING

- **LeVerne** is talking to Curtis Horning and continues to progress with a proposal

WATER QUALITY AWARENESS DAY

- **John Reichert** has the kit and will coordinate the June sampling

WEBSITE

- address is: www.stewardsweb.com/wizardlake
- Carole requested any photos of the lake that **anyone has** for use on the website—she needs a variety to choose from and would like to represent all the uses of the lake—prizes may be awarded
- website should be up mid-to-late May, hopefully by June 3
- **Laverne** must get her act together and review draft material before she is accused of holding up progress!

CONTACTING THE SKI CLUB

- John Hermans spoke to Louis Wanat, an executive member of the ski club
- **John** will draft a letter to send them with some association background, inviting them to join, for the Chair's signature
- a ski club member on our board would be an asset, their input is valuable
- the ski club could join the association and be entitled to a vote, in addition to any individual members who choose to join

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

- the historic first 5 family memberships (board members) were paid and accepted
- distributed: membership cards, application forms, what YOU get from membership
- these items are available if anyone wants to join at the Enchantment Valley long weekend meeting (**Bert and Jerry**)

JUNE 3 PUBLIC MEETING

- this meeting is a public meeting for input, not the annual general meeting which will be held later in the summer
- Gene Roach is facilitating, comes very highly recommended

Agenda (times very approximate):

- intro – Gene (10 minutes)
- intro association – Laverne (10 minutes)
- Watershed 101 – Sarah Primeau (30 minutes)
- small table groups discussion (20 minutes)
- table groups report back (20 minutes)
- close
- opportunity to visit displays

Displays

- Kim Dacyk – The Living by Water project
- Alberta Water Quality Awareness Day, will also represent Alberta Lake Management Society
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – if they aren't personally able to be there, they will ensure either Sarah or Curtis brings their information
- Curtis Horning, Alberta Environment
- Steve Majak, Wetaskiwin county—information regarding Conjuring and other local creeks
- Leduc county was invited to bring display information is they like, haven't heard back

Presentation

- input for Sarah regarding the presentation: water cycle, nutrients, aquatic vegetation, what is a watershed, benefits of stewardship. **Sarah** will circulate key messages: we all live, work or play in watershed; personal responsibility; identify a vision for watershed.

Signing members

- will give attendees an opportunity to join the association. The question of how to have people join without alienating them will be discussed with Gene (**Laverne**). Hand out the 'what YOU get' paper. Discussed having a membership drive later in the summer.
- will have applications at a table at the meeting

Watershed Poster

- John Hermans prepared a fabulous poster of the Wizard Lake watershed for display at the meeting. Thank you John!

Banner preferences

- picture: Wizard
- font: from the 'loon' banner
- bottom line: make it wavy
- put a picture of the lake on the bottom: give Jerry artistic license
- Thank you **Jerry**!

Stakeholders

- for specific stakeholders, send copy of the poster and a short letter, for their information (**Laverne**)
- Wetaskiwin county: Rick Wilson, Wayne Meyers, Steve Majak (have confirmed attendance)
- Leduc councilors and Reeve
- Justin Rousseau (Leduc Parks and Rec)
- RCMP (has confirmed attendance)
- Esso (pipelines across lake)
- Mobil (activity in area)
- Alta Link
- LaFarge (gravel pit)
- **Carole** will obtain addresses for last 4 companies

PA system

- **Albert** will find out if there is one in the hall
- if the hall doesn't have one, Laverne will ask Gene or county about availability (PA and screen)

Donation

- Wizard Lake Marine donated \$125.00 for meeting expenses
- **Laverne** will make acknowledgement sign to post at meeting

Volunteer assignments

- flipcharters – **John Hermans and Bert Hadley**
- notetaker – **Jerry or Carol McCracken**
- coffee and doughnuts – **Carole Ellsworth**
- applications table – **LeVerne Ellsworth**
- door prizes – **Bert Hadley**
- door prize tickets – **Laverne**
- hall set up – **all board members** are requested to be at the hall at 9:00 on June 3 to assist with set up
- celebrate – lunch will be provided for **all board members** and displayers after the meeting

Questionnaires

- handed out copies of questionnaires, will be available at meeting for those not comfortable speaking up
- some given to **Bert** for Enchantment meeting for those not able to attend June 3

Posters Delivery

- Carole distributed posters and bags for delivery prior to or on the long weekend (people may not be back to the lake again after the long weekend until June 3)

SIGNING AUTHORITY

- agreed to \$500.00 signing authority for Laverne and LeVerne, who must both sign for bank account withdrawals
- anyone with expenses should give LeVerne a claim outlining expenses, with receipts

NEXT MEETING

- will be scheduled after the June 3 meeting, meeting not required before (**Laverne**)

SUMMARY OF ACTION

WHAT	WHO	BY WHEN
Deliver speed posters to ski club	John Hermans	May 21
Use speed limit posters at Enchantment Valley meeting	Jerry/Bert	May 21
Follow-up regarding reasons for concerns for restricting rge rd 275 boat launch	LeVerne	not specified
Attend May 29 public meeting regarding closing rge rd 271 boat launch	Those interested	May 29
Confirm attendance at May 19 Wetaskiwin meeting	Laverne	May 19
Follow up with Leduc county about meeting	Laverne	May 19
Read that staff gauge weekly	LeVerne	ongoing
Stream sampling proposal	LeVerne	not specified
Coordinate sampling for water quality awareness day	John Reichert	June
Send Carole Ellsworth lake photos	Everyone	May 26
Review website material	Laverne	May 17
Draft a letter to the ski club	John Hermans	May 19
Sign up memberships at the Enchantment Valley meeting	Jerry/Bert	May 21
Give questionnaires to people not attending June 3 (Enchantment Valley)	Jerry/Bert	May 21
Discuss with Gene how to give the message about signing up as members	Laverne	May 19
Prepare banners	Jerry	June 3
Send letters to stakeholders	Laverne	May 19
Obtain addresses for Esso, Mobil, Alta Link, LaFarge	Carole	May 18
Call hall re PA system	Albert	May 17
Talk to Gene or county re PA system and screen	Laverne	May 19
Deliver posters to homes in designated area	LeVerne, Bert, Laura, Cathy, Jerry	May 22
Acknowledgement sign for Wizard Lake Marine	Laverne	June 3
Man flipcharts	John/Bert	June 3
Notetaker	Jerry/Carol	June 3
Coffee and doughnuts	Carole	June 3
Man applications	LeVerne	June 3
Provide door prizes	Bert	June 3
Buy door prize tickets	Laverne	June 3
Be at the hall at 9:00	Everyone	June 3
Schedule next meeting	Laverne	June 4
STAY AROUND AFTER THE MEETING FOR LUNCH	EVERYONE	JUNE 3