

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

Thursday, June 15, 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Canadian Petroleum Interpretive Center

MEETING MINUTES

Present: LeVerne Ellsworth, Albert and Laverne Faulkner, Carol and Jerry McCracken, Arja & Ron Patrick, John and Laura Reichert

Missing: Cathy & Chris Daniel, Carole Ellsworth, Norm and Katherine Breadner, Bert Hadley, Joyce & John Hermans, Sarah Primeau

AGENDA

Updates

- treasurer report
- Esso grant
- speed limit/signage
- public relations
- environmental nomination
- membership
- Water quality awareness day
- ASN annual general meeting
- ski club

June 3 public meeting

Our AGM

Next meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT

- cost of June 3/06 public meeting approx. \$647.24
- balance as of today \$4918.75

ESSO GRANT

- have reconsidered the amount they will grant the association
- are interested in paying for the costs of lab tests for water sampling
- **Jerry** will check with Theo at ALMS:
 - what costs we will pay for (e.g. lab analyses)
 - what is being tested for
 - whether it's a good idea to test for caffeine, and if so, how we go about it
- **LeVerne** has asked Curtis Horning for costs of spring stream sampling
- Esso paid for a copy of a book for everyone in the Marie Lake watershed – LeVerne will double check which book but it could be "On the Living Edge" (\$14.95)
- our count of residents in our watershed could be from our poster delivery (~250)

SPEED LIMIT

- LeVerne/Bert have the north shore sign and 1 additional buoy
- they will post these, plus they are amending the other buoys to add "/h" so it's clear it's a speed limit
- **Laverne** will check with Wetaskiwin to see if the south shore sign has been received, and will also ask the price and where the sign is purchased from
- Leduc informed us that the RCMP wants 2 additional buoys before they will enforce
- Leduc has no additional budget for buoys or signs at Jubilee park, but welcomes us to purchase these (~\$250-300 each for signs, \$250.00 each for buoys)
- boaters need to be reminded of the speed limit while they are boating in the limited zone—agreed that it is desirable to have more speed limit signs along the shoreline within the speed limit zone, including putting one behind the existing sign at rge rd 275
- Arja and Ron have access to a graphic artist who could make official looking signs
- **Laverne** will discuss with the RCMP exactly what their requirements are regarding signs and buoys in order for them to enforce the speed limit

- concern was expressed about the association's possible liability if we purchase and place buoys—**Laverne** will discuss with Leduc county
- **Laverne** will make a written request to Leduc County to budget for signs and replacement buoys in their next budget

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- **Laura** Reichert submitted articles about the June 3 public meeting to the 4 local newspapers—appeared in the June 8/06 Pipestone Flyer
- Leduc Rep interviewed Laverne for article June 9/06
- suggestion made about inserting in the papers a “Tip of the Month” about watershed stewardship—would give people useful suggestions and keeps the association name in the public
- **Laura** will assess the feasibility of the idea
- **Laverne** will keep an album with copies of articles regarding the association
- **Arja** will keep a photo album with relevant photos—everyone is encouraged to take pictures of events, participation, general interest, anything remotely related in the watershed, and sent Arja copies

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD NOMINATION

- Laura completed a nomination for the association for Leduc's Environmental Stewardship Award
- unfortunately we were not successful this year but encouraged to try again next year when we have more accomplishments

MEMBERSHIP

- 39 memberships to date
- **Arja** will pursue more people she knows who would like to join
- **Laverne** will e-mail copies of the application and “What YOU Get”

WATER QUALITY AWARENESS DAY

- John Reichert completed the 4 tests in the kit at 4 locations on the lake on June 4
- 20° C, PH 8-9, 8 ppm dissolved oxygen, 0 jtu turbidity

ALBERTA STEWARDSHIP NETWORK GENERAL MEETING

- Carole & LeVerne Ellsworth and Laverne & Albert Faulkner attended
- LeVerne was elected to the ASN board of directors
- Carole's excellent report is attached—thank you!

WEBSITE

- is up and running—www.stewardsweb.com/wizardlake.CHECK IT OUT!—thank you Carole and Sarah
- all suggestions welcome anytime

FLAG GROUP RE LAND USE BYLAWS

- Laverne received e-mail from a group concerned about Leduc county's proposed land use bylaw changes
- **Arja** will research to determine the possible effects of this on the watershed
- **Laverne** will e-mail Arja the information received

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

- it's helpful to know what in-kind contributions (not being charged for) everyone is making to the association for grant and funding applications (e.g. time spent on association stuff, maps, banners, etc.)
- please keep an individual record and **LeVerne** will track this

JUNE 3 PUBLIC MEETING

- many thanks to those who supplied door prizes: Bert Hadley, Ducks Unlimited; Andi and Liz Pallas, Lizzie's Berry Farm; Don Quistberg, Wizard Lake Marine; Albert Faulkner; John Hermans.
- many thanks to everyone who worked so hard: Carole & LeVerne—coffee and doughnuts, hall setup, gifts, taking applications and pictures, ordering lunch; Albert—hall keys, hall setup, lunch pick up; Jerry—banners; John Hermans—map and ski club; Carol and Laura—note taking; Laura & John—karaoke machine; Sarah especially—for the dead-on presentation; everyone for clean up!

- Laverne had sent out the complete raw feedback received at the meeting
- the information has now been summarized—**Laverne** will e-mail this information to the membership, asking for volunteers for any specific issue they're interested in helping with, also enquire if they want copies of minutes
- **Jerry** will talk to ALMS about the results to get suggestions about next steps for addressing water quality.
- questions raised about if the Pelicans that we've seen for the last few years and the fish numbers is an issue—never raised at the public meeting
- discussion about quick fixes that would be visible: mark water hazards with buoys; get weir details; identify buffer zones
- a plan is required from the public meeting, and amending goals and objectives
- **Arja, Laura, Carole and Laverne** will set a meeting to discuss the plan and bylaw changes

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- will elect any new board members required, vote on bylaw updates, and update on association progress
- will be held before Sept long weekend when many seasonal residents close their cottages
- scheduled for Saturday, Aug 19
- will be a social event, pancake breakfast or barbeque
- Carole, Jerry and Ron volunteer to cook
- Jerry has a large propane barbeque we can use
- location undetermined—should be near the lake
- **Laverne** will ask the Daniels or Hermans if they would be willing to organize the event

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 27, 2006, 7:00 – 9:00. Likely at the Canadian Petroleum Interpretive Center, to be confirmed.

SUMMARY OF ACTION

WHAT	WHO	BY WHEN
Talk to ALMS: our costs, what is being tested for, caffeine tests.	Jerry	July 27/06
Follow up with Curtis re: costs of spring stream sampling.	LeVerne	ongoing
Check with Wetaskiwin re: south shore sign, price and where the sign is purchased from.	Laverne	July 27/06
Assess feasibility of making more shore signs.	Arja, Ron	July 27/06
Discuss with RCMP their requirements re: buoys and signs.	Laverne	July 27/06
Discuss liability of placing buoys with Leduc county.	Laverne	July 27/06
Written request to Leduc county to budget for signs and buoys.	Laverne	July 27/06
Assess feasibility of placing a 'tip of the month' in newspapers.	Laura	July 27/06
Set up an album for newspaper articles.	Laverne	July 27/06
Set up an album for photos.	Arja	July 27/06
Approach interested people in buying a membership.	Arja	July 27/06
Research possible effects of Leduc county's proposed land use bylaw changes.	Arja	July 27/06
Track in-kind contributions.	LeVerne	ongoing
E-mail summarized feedback received from June 3 public meeting.	Laverne	June 30/06
Talk to ALMS about next steps for addressing water quality issues.	Jerry	July 27/06
Meet to discuss planning from public meeting, amending goals and objectives, updating bylaws.	Laverne, Arja, Laura, Carole	June 27/06