

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, December 6/06, 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Canadian Petroleum Interpretive Centre

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Carole & LeVerne Ellsworth, Albert and Laverne Faulkner, John Fowler, Bert Hadley, Ruth & Walter Kolodychuk, Andi Pallas, Arja Patrick, Laura Reichert

Guests: Sheena Aitken

Missing: Cathy & Chris Daniel, Joyce & John Hermans, Ken Litzenberger, Sarah Primeau, John Reichert

AGENDA

Guest speaker: Alan Cartier, Cartier Environmental Services Inc. (20 minutes)

Working groups reports (including at least all information suggested above)

Bulletin boards – updates on progress and county responses

Grant application – Bert Hadley

Bow River Basin Committee Alta. Stewardship Assoc. Dec 12 & 13

Leduc Land Use Bylaw – educate the board: a) what is the bylaw in place today re: Wizard Lake watershed; b) what are the changes proposed (re: our watershed); c) how will these changes affect our watershed.

Recommendations re: what the WLWLSA position should be, and why; and next steps we should take (e.g. specific input to county)

Director liability insurance – update from LeVerne

Director expenses – decision regarding the recommendations

Tip-of-the-month – update from Laura

T-shirts – absent and unaccounted for

Mission review meeting – possible dates

County Meetings

E-mail address – decision about whether to change to something@stewardsweb.com. (Sarah's e-mail)

Conjuring Lake Curling Rink – sponsorship and donation

Correspondence process – all correspondence out under Chair's signature

ALAN CARTIER, CARTIER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC.

- Alan and Denise presented information about their products, and provided take away information
- application of their produce is on an individual basis for use in septic and holding tanks

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Stream Monitoring – LeVerne

- report attached
- Sheena has been invaluable in assisting the group. She will be trained in proper sampling procedures and Wizard Lake will piggy back onto the Pipestone/Bigstone sampling program
- discounted price with Wetaskiwin county for lab analysis
- obtaining through Robin Illchuk a detailed map in order to plot where to sample

Fundraising & Celebrations – Laura

- report attached
- planning the March 10 Wiz 'Spiel
- will investigate courses for fundraising for non-profits

Communications & Education – Arja

- report attached
- draft newsletter distributed for input, to Arja by Friday, Dec 15/06
- newsletters are good advertising for the WLWLSA so will be distributed by hand to all watershed residents for 1 year trial period
- the communications and education group will assume responsibility for board education, 2-4 times a year
- will organize a more indepth presentation (than Watershed 101) for the board about what causes algae growth, how phosphorus and nutrients get into the lake

- presentation will be scheduled for the next meeting: Wednesday, March 21/07
- possible speakers: Doug Yermans, Environment; Gary Haekel, ALMS

Safety And Enjoyment – Carole

- report attached
- group will develop an outline of the benefits of the speed limit on the west end of the lake (e.g. it was pointed out that the low speed limit does not eliminate wakes)

Shoreline And Watershed

- John Hermans is unable to continue as head of this group
- will be co-chaired by one person from Leduc and one from Wetaskiwin
- Ken, John Fowler, and Andi will discuss and decide who will co-chair

Water Quality – Bert

- Bert Hadley hasn't had a chance to pull together a meeting yet, but will have a meeting and report distributed prior to the next meeting

BULLETIN BOARDS – LeVerne

- will be 8 boards erected around the lake
- received permission from Leduc county, no permits required
- Wetaskiwin county turned down our request to attach the boards to their subdivision signs, so the boards will be free-standing
- suggested they be located near mail boxes, LeVerne will get input to specific locations
- \$1862.39 approved to spend on material for the bulletin boards

JAN 06 GRANT – Albert Stewardship Network – Bert Hadley

- \$4200.00 grant approved – yay!
- Laverne to sign and return agreement in order to get the funds
- part of the grant is to obtain the book "Living on the Edge" for all watershed residents
- Laverne will borrow the McCracken's book, obtained from ALMS, so Arja has the necessary information to order the books

BOW RIVER BASIN COMMITTEE ALTA. STEWARDSHIP ASSOC. -- DEC 12 & 13

- is a grant available if we apply soon
- John Fowler will check his calendar

LEDUC COUNTY LAND USE BYLAW – John Fowler

- this responsibility will go to the Shoreline and Watershed working group
- county is reconsidering their bylaw due to public input, we will consider the redraft when available
- John Fowler will try to get the WLWLSA on the county mailing list for information

DIRECTOR LIABILITY INSURANCE

- Leduc county refused our request to place WLWLSA under their program because this "could result in an endless number of societies with similar requests and would results in undue risk to Leduc County ratepayers."
- on hold until Chris Daniel is back next year

DIRECTOR EXPENSES – LeVerne

- proposal adopted
- everyone please use the forms provided by LeVerne

TIP-OF-THE-MONTH – Laura

- will be in the Pipestone Flyer beginning Jan 07

T-SHIRTS – Laura

- talk to Laura if you want one or some (389-0005)

RESIGNATIONS

- Carol and Jerry resigned from the board because of workloads, but will assist will lake sampling if required

- thank you to Carol and Jerry and their contribution and hard work on the board
- Jerry forwarded to Laverne a request from ALMS to write a reference letter of support

MISSION REVIEW MEETING

- will be organized for sometime this winter
- Litzenbergers away Jan 26 – Feb 18
- Kolodychuks away Feb 24 – Mar 9

COUNTY MEETINGS

- Laverne and Arja met with Dean Ohnysty, Director of Parks and Recreation, Leduc
- discussed our mandate, common interest in the health of Wizard Lake, bulletin boards at Jubilee Park
- our request for buoys and signs to be included in the budget will be included in the general budget item
- we will do a presentation to the Parks and Rec advisory committee
- Laverne and Albert met with Sheena Aitken, AESA manager for Leduc and Wetaskiwin
- Sheena has excellent skills and will initially help the stream monitoring work group
- she will have more copies of "Managing Your Waterfront" brochure printed

NEW BOARD MEMBER

- the board has vacancies so Ruth Kolodychuk was voted unanimously to the board (pending election at the next AGM) as she has been instrumental in helping the Secretary

NOT DISCUSSED

- e-mail address
- Conjuring Lake Curling Rink – sponsorship and donation
- correspondence process – all correspondence out under Chair's signature

NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday, March 21/07 – will be held in conjunction with the guest speaker

SUMMARY OF ACTION

WHAT	WHO	BY WHEN
Obtain detailed lake map	LeVerne	March 07
Give Arja input re draft newsletter	Everyone	Fri, Dec 15/06
Organize delivery of newsletter to all watershed residents	Arja	Jan 07
Board education re algae growth, lake nutrients	Arja	Wed, Mar 21/07
Decide who will lead the Shoreline and Watershed group	Ken, John F, Andi	Jan 07
Initial meeting and report for Water Quality group	Bert	Feb 07
Get input re specific bulletin board locations	LeVerne	Mar 07
Sign and return grant agreement in order to get funds	Laverne	Dec 18/06
Obtain copy of "Living on the Edge"	Laverne	Jan 07
Get WLWLSA on Leduc county's mailing list for land use bylaw	John F	Jan 07
Obtain director liability Insurance	Chris	April 07
Write reference letter of support for ALMS	Laverne	Jan 07
Check attendance at Bow River Basin committee meeting	John F	Dec 12/06
Organize mission review meeting	Laverne & John F	Mar 07
Copy of minutes to all members	WalterRuth	Dec 30/06
Write the date of the next meeting in your calendar!	ALL	March 21/07

Attachments

- Working Groups Reports:
 - Inlet Stream Monitoring
 - Fundraising & Celebrations
 - Safety & Enjoyment
 - Communications & Education