

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION
Wednesday, March 26, 2008 – 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Canadian Petroleum Discovery Centre
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chris Daniel, LeVerne Ellsworth, Laverne Faulkner, Greg Illchuk, Dave Ingram, Ruth Kolodychuk, Ken Litzenberger, JoAnne Milner, Arja Patrick, Kevin Smyth

Absent: Cathy Daniel, Carole Ellsworth, Walter Kolodychuk, April Larkin, Matt Leach, Bart Milner

Guest: Robbin Nikiforuk, John Soprovich

AGENDA

1. New AESA program manager (Robbin Nikiforuk) introduction
2. County development permit information—process for handling
3. 2008 ASN grant
4. Follow up on action from previous meeting (those not included in working group reports)
 - Insurance review – **Chris**
 - Quarterly in-kind time reporting – **LeVerne**
5. Working group reports
 - Water Quality – **LeVerne**
 - Watershed and Shoreline – **Ken**
 - Safety and Enjoyment – **Carole**
 - Fundraising and Membership – **Chris/Cathy**
 - Education and Communication – **Arja**
6. Other business
7. Schedule next meeting
 - day and location for meetings

MINUTES

1. **New AESA (Alberta Environment Sustainable Agriculture) program manager (Robbin Nikiforuk)** - introduced herself and was welcomed to attend meetings
2. **County development permit information**
 - we now receive all development permit information from Leduc County for the area a couple of miles from the lake
 - we don't want to be perceived as police, nor do we want to ignore the information
 - Laverne will continue to send board members copies received and consider a process in the future for handling
 - **Ken** will contact Wetaskiwin county about receiving the same information from them (Laverne will send him a copy of the letter sent to Leduc)
3. **2008 ASN grant**
 - \$7,500.00 grant from ASN approved
 - important that each working group formulate plans now to ensure the grant money is spent
 - close accounting is important, copies of receipts are required for all expenditures
 - allocation by working groups:
 - Water quality-LeVerne**
 - inlet and outlet stream sampling 500.00
 - Watershed and Shoreline-Ken**
 - watershed mapping 1,000.00
 - area structure plan 200.00
 - Safety and Enjoyment-Carole**
 - speed limit enforcement with RCMP 200.00
 - number of boats survey 600.00
 - signage 900.00

Education and Communication-Arja

- Board education retreat	250.00
- conservation books for school libraries	150.00
- bulletin boards upgrades and maintenance	100.00
- newsletters	100.00
- spring community open house and AGM	600.00

Social, membership and fundraising-Chris

- Wizard Lake Awareness day	1,200.00
- Wiz 'Spiel	700.00

Other

- Conference attendance	500.00
- State of the watershed report proposal	500.00

Total 7,500.00

4. Follow up on action from previous meeting

- insurance (Chris) – the main points are covered, covers directors while on WLWLSA business. Liquor is not covered, food is a grey area. Covers the cost of defense if a suit occurs.
- in-kind time reporting (LeVerne) – each working group leader to continue reporting quarterly

5. Working group reports

Water Quality – LeVerne

- Robbin plans to take training about sampling with Alberta Environment
- so far no runoff, if anyone notices any water flow (especially at Curilane's canal) let LeVerne know immediately
- ALMS doing water quality testing this summer will be confirmed end of April

Watershed and Shoreline – Ken

- area structure plan:
 - the counties are working jointly on the area structure plan but information is slightly different from each county
 - Leduc expects completion end of 2008, Wetaskiwin expects completion to be 2 years
 - there will be no community involvement (including WLWLSA) until the first draft is complete when a public meeting will be held (mid to late summer) for the public
 - discussed methods to give input to the terms of reference (e.g. ensure the impact of development on boating safety is considered, importance of defining accurate watershed boundaries) – through meeting with councilors, county staff, letters
 - we must define a list of what is important to us that be included in the terms of reference first
 - a tentative date of **Wednesday, April 9** is scheduled to discuss our input – **all board members** will attend
 - we will need some professional guidance regarding what is normally included in an area structure plan, **Robbin** will investigate planners (familiar with area structure plans) who we could hire for this meeting
 - will wait until after the April 9 meeting to involve councilors
 - **Ken** will obtain examples of other area structure plans so we can become familiar with contents
- weir:
 - Ken now has all the initial documentation for specifications and construction of the weir
 - **Greg** will PDF the documentation so it is more accessible
 - **Laverne** will get a WLWLSA card to Ken to send as thanks
- FLAG – Ken has been trying to contact them but all the phone numbers are disconnected
 - **Carole** is to get the number she has to **Ken**, who will talk to them about attending a meeting to present information about their group
- watershed boundaries: Leduc county planner Ken Kalirai mentioned that Westworth Associates Environmental Ltd., 203-4208-97 St., 466-9992, had been hired by Leduc previously and should have a map and report regarding the Wizard Lake Watershed. **Ken** will follow up with them.
- info: Half Moon Lake had a plebiscite which restricts boat access to that lake

Safety and Enjoyment – LeVerne (Carole absent)

- thin ice signs are ready to post next year

- a skidoo went through the lake this winter, and it is believed it is still in the water which it is further believed to be illegal (must be removed within a certain time to prevent pollution)
- **Carole** will contact Environment to get guidance about next steps
- will talk to Dean to set up a meeting with the RCMP re speed limit enforcement
- in summer 07 there were 158 boats parked along the shore, in addition there are 50 parking spots at Jubilee park, not counting campers who have launched their boats and park at their camping site
- the county will post a no quadding zone on the county reserve triangle NE of twp 481 & rr 275 (tracks carved out by quads increase erosion and run off into the lake)
- anyone encountering problems with quads on county reserve land should phone the park, who has jurisdiction
- concession bulletin board will be upgraded and enhanced this year (**LeVerne**)
- permanent anchors will not be installed this year (require 4 buoys) pending approval from Fisheries and Oceans
- a sign indicating where the speed limit is will be erected at Jubilee park by the county
- follow up with both counties and Fish and Wildlife has confirmed that the firearms discharge prohibition noted on lake maps in the management plan is not law and should be eliminated from these maps if we use them in the future to indicate speed limits

Social, membership and fundraising – Chris

- WLWLSA presently has 66 family members
- thanks to Reicherts and Faulkners for an outstanding Wiz 'Spiel which raised \$857.00 (including the silent auction)
- next event is bowling on Friday, May 9 at 7:00 – phone Ruth to be included (985-2140), then Horseracing in the fall. These events are not fundraising, they are meant to build community and foster individual ownership in the healthy future of Wizard Lake.
- Wizard Lake Awareness Day will be held Saturday, August 16 at the Jubilee park overflow area (pending approval from Leduc county)

Education and Communication – Arja

- have updated their mandate (see attached) which includes a lot of activities and they need more members in order to achieve it – if anyone is interested or knows anyone who might be interested contact Arja (985-8500)
- **Arja** will organize a meeting soon to start planning the Spring open house and AGM which is scheduled for Saturday, June 21. Included are: Chris, LeVerne and Carole Ellsworth, Ruth and Walter Kolodychuk, Laverne
- the Alberta Environmental Farm plan has lost their funding, so these workshops are on hold
- **Arja** will contact the Pipestone Flyer regarding inserting a Wiz' Tip in their paper
- Laura Reichert offered to again write a column and a Wiz' Tip in the Lake Schooner related to WLWLSA information but she needs input about content (**Arja**)
- we will attend a table at the May 2 Wetaskiwin open house, **Arja** will prepare a display, and if needed will contact Laura who offered to borrow a Velcro display board if required

6. Other business

- ASN (LeVerne) is looking for new board members, excellent opportunity to be involved, contact LeVerne for information
- Shoreline clean up – Greg is aware of scuba diving help that can be obtained and could be combined with a community cleaning up the shore day. **Greg** will follow up.

7. Schedule next meeting

- the Legion in Calmar is booked every Wednesday
- the best night for everybody to meet is now Mondays
- next meeting scheduled for **Monday, May 12 at 7:00**, location to be announced
- **Chris** will try to book the Calmar Legion at a comparable price to what we are paying now

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wed, April 9	Area Structure Plan meeting	Board members
Tues, April 15	Planning mtg - Open House & AGM	Arja, Ellsworths, Laverne, Kolodychuks
Fri, May 2	Wetaskiwin County Jubilee open house	Everyone interested
Fri, May 9	Bowling social event	Everyone interested (phone Chris)
Mon, May 12	Planning meeting - Awareness Day	SMAF members, Ellsworths, Laverne
Mon, May 12	WLWLSA Board meeting	Board members
Sat, June 7	Pigeon Lake open house	Everyone interested
Sat, June 21	WLWLSA Community open house & AGM	Board members, membership, everyone
Sun, June 29	Canada Day Boat Parade (watch for info)	Everyone
Sat, August 16	Wizard Lake Awareness Day	Board members, membership, everyone
Fall	Horse Racing Day (watch for info)	Everyone

SUMMARY OF ACTION FROM 08.03.26 MEETING

WHAT	WHO	BY WHEN
Contact Wetaskiwin county about receiving the development permit information from them	Ken	Apr 30/08
Confirm ALMS doing water quality testing this summer	LeVerne	Apr 30/08
Attend Wednesday, April 9 meeting to discuss input re area structure plan	All board. Ken to confirm	Apr 9/08
Investigate planners to offer professional advice and attend Apr 9 mtg	Robbin	Apr 9/08
Obtain & distribute examples of other area structure plans	Ken	Apr 9/08
PDF and distribute the weir documentation	Greg	Apr 30/08
Give a WLWLSA thank you card to Ken	Laverne	Mar 31/08
Talk to FLAG about attending a meeting to present information about their group. Carole to give number to Ken	Ken	Apr 30/08
Follow up with <u>Westworth Associates Environmental Ltd., 203-4208-97 St., 466-9992</u> , regarding information they may have about the Wizard Lake watershed boundaries	Ken	May 08
Contact Environment to get guidance about the submerged snowmobile	Carole	Apr 11/08
Upgrade concession bulletin board at Jubilee Park	LeVerne	July 08
Schedule a planning meeting for the Spring open house and AGM which is scheduled for Saturday, June 21. Included are: Chris, LeVerne and Carole Ellsworth, Ruth and Walter Kolodychuk, Laverne	Arja	Apr 08
Give Laura Reichert input for a column and a Wiz' Tip in the Lake Schooner related to WLWLSA information	Arja	Apr 11/08
Prepare a display for the Wetaskiwin open house	Arja	May 2/08
Investigate a community cleaning up the shore day	Greg	May 08
Book a location for the next board meeting, hopefully in Calmar	Chris	Mar 31/08
Write next meeting date in your calendars!	Everyone	May 12/08

Attachment:

Education and Communication working group mandate