

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION
Thursday, February 5, 2009 – 7:00 – 9:45 pm, Calmar Legion
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chris Daniel, Carole Ellsworth, LeVerne Ellsworth, Laverne Faulkner, Linda Hutchinson, Ruth Kolodychuk, Walter Kolodychuk, April Larkin, Matt Leach, Arja Patrick
Absent: Cathy Daniel, Greg Ilchuk, Kathy MacPherson, Kevin Smyth

AGENDA

1. Debrief Board retreat
2. Review decisions from retreat
3. State of the Watershed Report
4. Wiz 'Spiel
5. Watershed boundaries update
6. Grant review and carryover funds
7. Finances
8. Books to schools
9. Membership update
10. NSWA Capacity Building
11. Mascot
12. Leduc Environmental Award
13. Wizard Lake Area Structure Plan
14. MEC application
15. Service Canada student hire
16. Wet Land Use
17. Conference "We are ALL Upstream" attendance – Feb 10-12
18. Schedule next meeting

MINUTES

1. DEBRIEF BOARD RETREAT

- overall average rating of 7 (out of 10)
- in the future we need to take more control of the agenda and be more focused
- too much time on strategy and vision (although this is good for new members), which wasn't the objective of the day
- could have better used the ex-board members who attended
- got a good perspective from a high level, brought us closer as a group
- need to continue to use an outside facilitator so everyone can participate
- will aim to do a retreat annually in January, perhaps as a board orientation for new members

2. REVIEW DECISIONS FROM RETREAT (see revised attachment)

- reviewed condensed notes from the retreat (previously e-mailed with agenda)
- because WLWLSA's vision and mission is not generally understood, it was decided that a communication strategy is important—will include this with "Develop a Strategy for Attracting Board and Volunteers"—**Linda** and **Arja** will help **Chris** with this
- newsletter aids communication by talking about what we do
- before doing new surveys, review results of previous ones
- PR pamphlets would be useful (e.g. ASN, Town of Calmar)—a pamphlet was prepared for the horseraces
- include Home Site Consultation under "Recognition of Good Practices"—Carole has passed this information to April for her to take over

3. STATE OF THE WATERSHED REPORT

- Aquality has been given the go-ahead, decision to commit \$4,000.00
- made an ACA grant application for \$30,000, they are looking at other grant applications
- we will make our own application to ASN as these funds are required for ongoing projects
- Chris has assumed responsibility for coordinating grants
- **Arja** will give Chris Royal Bank grant information

- 4. WIZ 'SPIEL**
 - March 7 by Wizard Heights, 10:30 am registration, 11:00 first games
 - have 14 teams registered
 - Linda brought a sample bag as a give-away to players, \$1.55 each, **Linda** will find out how much to have our logo put on
- 5. WATERSHED BOUNDARIES UPDATE**
 - LeVerne and Carole used GPS to mark points, sent to PFRA to verify and redraw boundaries
 - presently working on SE area that drains through the canal into the lake
 - **LeVerne** will contact Greg re: the map previously purchased
- 6. ASN GRANT REVIEW AND CARRYOVER FUNDS**
 - 08 funds are all accounted for and spent
 - LeVerne made a request to ASN to transfer funds between projects within the grant, if not approved will request a carryover of some funds
 - 09 grant deadline request is Feb 16— **Laverne, LeVerne and Chris** will meet to complete
- 7. FINANCES**
 - as of Jan 17/09 we have a balance of \$8,477.10, with 4,000.00 committed to the state of the watershed report
- 8. BOOKS TO SCHOOLS**
 - **Arja** to schedule, perhaps in conjunction with Earth Day
- 9. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**
 - 79 family memberships
- 10. NSWA CAPACITY BUILDING**
 - North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance is doing a capacity building project through the Ecotrust Foundation, the Watershed Protectors- 4 year program
 - contacted Laverne to do a capacity building baseline survey, to be scheduled when the questions are received
- 11. MASCOT**
 - Litzenberger's daughter is willing to do a mascot outfit
 - **Ruth** will contact to get prices
- 12. LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**
 - LeVerne, Carole, Chris, Cathy, April and Matt accepted Leduc's Environmental award on Jan 20 at the Economic Partnership breakfast in Calmar
 - the award will be passed between board members to display
- 13. WIZARD LAKE AREA STRUCTURE PLAN**
 - Leduc has hired a consultant, Office for Urbanism
 - WLWLSA stakeholder interview will be Feb 26, 10:30 am, **Laverne, Chris and LeVerne** to attend
 - **LeVerne** will contact Jay White about attending
 - brainstormed list of concerns: consult with AB Environment, impact of boat launch on safety; how many people use the lake; access; effect on the lake of population density; watershed boundaries; amount of trees that can be cleared; why have Country Residential designation in watershed?' collaborate with Wetaskiwin?' codes for environmentally safe elimination of waste; any teeth for follow up inspections for code compliance?
 - public kick off meeting Feb 26, 6:30 – 9:00 pm, Glen Park hall
- 14. MEC APPLICATION (previously e-mailed with agenda)**
 - letter received from Wetaskiwin county stating the county has done their due diligence in securing a safe environment
- 15. SERVICE CANADA STUDENT HIRE**
 - Carole and LeVerne attended an information regarding a federal government student hire program
 - the bureaucracy and administration involved makes participating directly not feasible

- **Carole** will follow up with Pigeon Lake Watershed about possibly sharing a student, or AB Environment to hire a student that we could use

16. WETASKIWIN LAND USE BYLAW MEETING

- Chris attended a second county public meeting on Jan 21 at Lakedell
- at the first meeting the feedback was that farmers wanted to be able to subdivide for family or to sell
- at this meeting the feedback was more environmental, protect agriculture, no development
- one more meeting, at Buck Lake

17. CONFERENCE “WE ARE ALL UPSTREAM” ATTENDANCE – FEB 10-12

- Laverne, LeVerne, Carole will attend
- April will check if she can attend, if not Chris will attend

18. OTHER

- newsletter: articles to be writer: award-**Carole**; retreat-**April**; boat survey-**Carole** (may be after the council meeting); races; Wiz ‘Spiel.

19. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

- **next board meetings are scheduled for Thursday, April 2/09, and Thursday, May 7/09, 7:00 pm, Calmar Legion**

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS	
March 7	Wiz ‘Spiel
April 2	Board meeting
May 7	Board meeting
June 6	Wizard Lake Awareness Day & AGM
June 28	Canada Day Boat Parade
Sept	Bowling social event
Oct/Nov	Horsereading social event

SUMMARY OF ACTION FROM 09.02.05 MEETING

WHAT	WHO	BY WHEN
Revise retreat action plan	Laverne	Feb 13
Develop a strategy for attracting board and volunteers (incl. communication strategy)	Chris, Linda, Arja	tbd
Give Chris Royal Bank grant information	Arja	Feb 13
Find out how much it will cost to have our logo put on bags	Linda	Feb 13
Contact Greg re: the map previously purchased for watershed boundaries	LeVerne	Feb 20
Schedule a meeting to complete the 09 ASN grant application	Laverne	Feb 16
Schedule book presentations to schools	Arja	Apr 15
Contact to get prices for mascot outfit	Ruth	Feb 20
Schedule a meeting of attendees to prepare for area structure plan stakeholder interview	Laverne	Feb 26
Contact Jay White about attending area structure plan meeting	LeVerne	Feb 13
Follow up with Pigeon Lake Watershed about possibly sharing a student, or AB Environment to hire a student that we could use	Carole	Mar 15
Write newsletter articles and give to Arja <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award • retreat • boat survey (may be after the council meeting) 	Carole April Carole	Feb 13
Write dates of next board meetings on your calendars, 7:00 pm, Calmar Legion	Everyone	Thursday, April 2 Thursday, May 7