

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION
Thursday, April 22, 2010 – 7:00 – 10:30 pm, Calmar Legion
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chris Daniel, Kate Daniel, Shirley Elder, Carole Ellsworth, LeVerne Ellsworth, Laverne Faulkner, Ruth Kolodychuk, Walter Kolodychuk, Arja Patrick
Absent: Greg Illchuk, April Larkin, Matt Leach, Kathy MacPherson

AGENDA

1. Donation from Bank of Montreal – Shirley
2. ASN annual general meeting – LeVerne
3. Lakes the Naked Truth display – Carole
4. Area structure plan – Chris
5. Storage for WLWLSA stuff
6. Board members not attending meetings
7. Future direction/projects

MINUTES

1. **Donation from Bank of Montreal** – Shirley
 - Shirley received, on behalf of the WLWLSA, a donation of \$250 from the Bank of Montreal employee charitable foundation
 - Laverne will do a thank you card for Shirley to deliver
2. **ASN annual general meeting** – LeVerne
 - e-mailed info to all board members, to be held June 3 at Sylvan Lake
 - Chris (maybe Kate?) will consider attending, anyone going should register electronically
3. **Lakes the Naked Truth display** – Carole
 - Carole and LeVerne did a presentation at the Outdoor show at the Mayfield Inn March 27
 - obtained good information about data compiled by AB Environment on central AB lakes
4. **Area structure plan** – Chris
 - in 2009 consultant Office for Urbanism, Toronto, hired and drafted an area structure plan for Wizard Lake watershed in Leduc county
 - Feb 09 kick off, 3 or 4 community meetings
 - first draft ready in October, WLWLSA replied in writing Oct 16/09
 - announced public meeting for Jan 5 2010, which didn't take place
 - residents delayed vacation in order to attend meeting above date
 - WLWLSA and other groups requested delay public meeting until residents returned in spring 2010
 - Leduc County formed focus groups comprised of 2 representatives from stakeholder groups: Enchantment Valley, Wizard Lake Estates, Agriculture community reps, North Wizard Lake landowners, and WLWLSA
 - initial meeting with County plus 5 focus groups held in March and April, approximately 4 hours each
 - came to an understanding about each other's concerns which were: boat access and safety, buffer zone/setbacks, impacts between ag activities and non-ag activities, nutrient loading, water quality/lake capacity, redevelopment of existing area, new character area, development guidelines, involvement of other entities in the process
 - guiding principle agreed to by all was the **“long term sustainability of Wizard Lake”**
 - Ken Litzenberger, Chris and Larry Staples, who attended in Chris's absence, participated in the focus groups on behalf of WLWLSA
 - synopsis of recommendations went to Leduc Council on April 23rd
 - agreed to the 3rd draft be prepared containing recommendations and submitted to council May 18
 - some recommended changes are:
 - hamlet, trails, Jubilee Park expansion etc not included in next draft of the plan
 - boating – limit boat trailer parking spots to 32 at day use area, no boat trailer parking in overflow.
 - 12 km zone east from Jubilee boat launch
 - peace officer to monitor east boat launch on weekends
 - install pylons at west boat launch allowing only fishing boats and small craft, maintain emergency vehicle access

- each development application requires individual geotechnical and hydrological reports to recommend setbacks, will still be minimum setbacks
- develop in cluster areas, max 32 parcels in ¼ section, 75% back to conservation
- need to understand the state of the Wizard Lake watershed today, a starting point from which to measure effects of development, contained in a State of the Watershed (SOW) report
- WLWLSA has already commissioned a SOW, requested Leduc County to consider partnership to complete report
- discourage wake boats with a view to decreasing shore line erosion
- the 3rd draft of the ASP will be presented to council on May 18th

Note

THESE ARE ONLY RECOMMENDATIONS AND ARE STILL WORK IN PROGRESS AND NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS IMPLEMENTED UNTIL THE APPROVAL PROCESS BY LEDUC COUNTY AND REGULATORY BODIES HAVE IN FACT PROVIDED THEIR APPROVAL AND PUBLIC HEARINGS, INFORMATION SESSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE

- Chris acknowledges the hours of work of Ken and Larry have put in on the area structure plan
- suitable recognition of their effort will be arranged by Chris

5. Storage for WLWLSA stuff

- Matt has located an ATCO trailer that can be moved, Arja volunteered space on her land
- price of \$200, may be negotiable
- Laverne will contact Matt, need to determine if mouse proof

6. Board members not attending meetings

- Kathy MacPherson and Greg Illchuk haven't attended board meetings all year
- the board decided to let their board membership expire at the end of this fiscal year. Hopefully in the future they will be able to attend meetings, and they will be very welcome to rejoin the board.

7. Future direction/projects

Issue

- the number of projects exceeds the current volunteer manpower available
- cannot maintain the present workload, people are feeling burnt out
- 3 executive members, in addition to one board member, indicated their inability to continue under current circumstances

Proposal

- tailor activities to coincide with manpower available in order to regroup in 2 to 3 year timeframe
- carry out level of activity required to maintain infrastructure and prepare a focused plan for the future

Tentative Plan (to be ratified at next board meeting, after some 'soak' time)

ACTIVITY	COMMENTS	WHO
Board meetings	Minimum 3 per year required	Chris
ASN grant	Send letter to ASN requesting reallocated expenditure of funds to SOW (minus money for AGM, bulletin boards, newsletter, membership, ASP, homesite consultation, shoreline cleanup)	Chris/LeVerne
June public meeting	Suspended	
AGM	Required to maintain society status. Schedule possibly with shoreline cleanup, September 2010	Laverne/ Chris
Area Structure Plan	Continue until completed and implemented	Chris
State Of The Watershed Report	Continue to work with Leduc county on cost sharing, total cost \$34,000, paid to date \$9,000, balance \$25,000.	Chris
Fundraising	Suspended	
Wiz 'Spiel	WLWLSA not responsible	

Boat Survey	Suspended	
Awareness Day	Suspended	
Homesite Consultation	Coordinate program, review options re mermen plaques	Kate
Spring sampling	LeVerne trained, will carry on when runoff occurs. After this year, grant required to carry on.	LeVerne
Charitable status	Requires yearly return, staying informed of regulations, tracking accounts, training. Decision pending.	?
Watershed boundaries	Finish the work begun with PFRA.	LeVerne
Membership	Collect dues, track membership, update notices.	Ruth
Canada Day Parade	July 1, 2010	Chris/Kate
Newsletter	Yearly, July/August	Arja
Website	Maintain the one we have	Carole
Buoys	Work with Leduc county	Chris
Shoreline cleanup	Possibly Sept 11 or 18	Carole
Horseracing	Event will continue subject to participation	Chris/Kate
Bulletin boards	Stain, flowers	Carole/LeVerne
ALMS	Wizard Lake is approved for sampling this year	LeVerne/Carole

Board membership

- all members have agreed to continue to serve on the board at this reduced activity level to ensure the continuation of WLWLSA
- Chair – Chris, effective June 1, 2010
- Vice-Chair – Chris will identify potential candidates
- Treasurer – Shirley (will continue to perform some of the Treasurer’s duties)
- Secretary – Ruth will continue her current duties, i.e. membership, correspondence and E-mail

Conclusion

- have a feasible plan that ensures the continuation and integrity of our association, with a manageable activity level.
- over the next 2 years will formulate a rebuilding plan

8. NEXT MEETING

- **Thursday, May 20, 2010, 7:00 pm, Calmar Legion**