

**WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION**  
**Thursday, August 25, 2011 – 4:00 – 8:00 pm, Calmar Senior Citizen Club**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES *Draft***

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**Present:** Carole Ellsworth, LeVerne Ellsworth, Laverne Faulkner, Ruth Kolodychuk, Walter Kolodychuk

**Absent:** Chris Daniel, Kate Daniel, Shirley Elder, Bryan Mason (present for 15 minutes), Tim Purnell

**AGENDA**

1. Blue-Green Algae
2. Alberta Health Services beach monitoring program
3. Annual General Meeting
4. Boating Safety Committee
5. Newsletter
6. Sale of canopy donated by Andi Pallas
7. Other
8. Next meeting

**MINUTES**

1. **Blue-Green Algae – Ron Zurawell, Limnologist/Water Quality Specialist, Alberta Environment**
  - technical explanation of blue-green algae, which is not algae but cyanobacteria which has adapted well to growing in Alberta lake conditions (alkaline, limited nitrogen relative to phosphorus, developed watersheds, long water retention times)
2. **Beach Monitoring Program – Cheryl Galbraith, Environmental Systems Officer, Alberta Health Services**
  - Jubilee Park was posted with a warning about swimming in blue-green algae on July 27 before lab results were available, as a precaution
  - monitor recreational lake beaches for fecal coliforms and cyanobacteria (lab results take 1 to 2 weeks)
  - 3 samples were positive for toxins (7.5, 20, and 75). Drinking water guideline is 1.5
  - program since 2004, first time accumulations of cyanobacteria (a bloom) was seen at Jubilee Park
  - both presentations took until 6:45, at which time Ron and Cheryl left
3. **AGM – Laverne**
  - Saturday, September 24, 10 am, wiener roast at noon
  - agenda: blue-green algae; beach monitoring program; boating safety committee, homesite consultations, water quality testing, stream runoff sampling, membership, SOW
  - blue-green algae is topical right now, so will have a presentation about this at the AGM
  - Zurawell's presentation is too technical, **LeVerne** will contact Chris Tiechreb, AB Environment, about doing a presentation
  - **Laverne** – will ask Cheryl to present her program, agenda, handouts, poster, letter to membership
  - **Carole** will acquire a venue, provide a weiner roast, and do water quality testing
  - **Kate** – homesite consultations
  - **Chris** – boating safety committee
  - **Ruth** – membership update
  - **LeVerne** – state of the watershed report, financial statement
4. **Boating Safety Committee – LeVerne**
  - report to be presented to Leduc County on Sept 6, we need to get as many to attend as possible
  - since the WLWLSA had representation on the committee, **LeVerne** will send a copy of the report to the board, with a note about confidentiality until council has seen it, and urging everyone to attend

**5. Newsletter**

- Cathy Holman has volunteered to put it together, all **articles must be to her by October 1, 2011**
- topics to be included:
  - boating safety committee – **Chris or LeVerne**
  - blue-green algae – **Laverne** to ask Cheryl to write
  - membership – **Ruth**
  - SOW – **LeVerne**
  - homesite consultations – **Kate**
  - spring sampling – **LeVerne**
- everyone to send Cathy pictures as well

**6. Sale of canopy donated by Andi Pallas**

- Paul Cheramy inquired about purchasing this canopy for \$100, which apparently is the price Andi paid for it
- pros and cons were debated, couldn't make a decision, **Laverne** will talk to Andi

**7. Other**

- Carole brought a poster from Pigeon Lake advertising Alberta Environment's hotline
- **Carole** will investigate exactly what the hotline may be used for and we will do a similar posting in the spring

**8. Next Meeting**

- **Saturday, September 24, following the AGM**
- 3 meetings per fiscal year are required