



**Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association
Board of Directors Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 29, 2014 ~ 7:00 pm**

Present: Blake Bartlett, Chris Daniel, Kate Daniel, Carole Ellsworth, LeVerne Ellsworth, Laverne Faulkner, Harold Hofstra, Cathy Holman, Walter Kolodychuk
Regrets: Bryan Mason

Record of Meeting

1. Approval of minutes from October 19, 2013 Board of Directors meeting

Moved/Seconded Chris Daniel/Walter Kolodychuk that the October 19, 2013 minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Old Business:

a) Harness Racing

Chris reported that the event was very successful with 46 people in attendance and one of the races was named for WLWLSA. Northlands have recently been in contact to find out if a reservation is required for fall 2014. The Board unanimously agreed for Chris to plan the fall event. Chris anticipates with an early booking, better seating near the finish line will be possible.

b) Report on Boating Advisory Committee

The Wizard Lake Boating Focus Group met on November 26, 2013. Chris provided the meeting notes of this meeting. An impressive 21 patrols were completed at Wizard Lake by RCMP and Leduc County peace officers during the 2013 boating season. A lack of patrolling at the west end was a concern by some members. Chris reported that the continued need for enforcement at the west end launch was identified by the focus group was one concern to be addressed.

c) Area Structure Plan

- **Riparian Setback Model Demonstration Plot:** Chris provided volunteer names to Doug Woodliffe. Doug indicated that the project has sat idle so far however it is being passed on to Nick Moffat to move forward. Chris suggested a WLWLSA board members list be forwarded to Doug and Dean Ohnesty. Cathy will follow-up and send this on.
- **Top of Bank Issue with Leduc County:** Chris reported that Council sent the top of bank amendment to the Land Use By-law back to the Planning department for redraft in order to satisfy existing residences.

d) Bentley's Campground Update:

Leduc County has approved the development permit for the campground expansion subject to conditions. Bentley's have appealed this decision. Copies of the decision and appeal were distributed to board members via email. The development appeal board hearing is scheduled on May 9, 2014 at 9:00 am at the Leduc County Centre. It was agreed that WLWLSA attend the appeal board hearing to make a presentation supporting the conditions. Board members were requested to review the considerations and provide feedback to LeVerne. He will compile all feedback and meet with Blake, Chris and Laverne on Thursday, May 1 to write the brief. LeVerne will contact Doug Woodliffe to inform him that WLWLSA wish to present at the meeting and also to check whether the meeting is open to the public.

e) State of the Watershed (SOW):

Harold agreed to initiate contact with both Counties this spring to organize first meetings. The committee will be made up of a council member, county staff, Jay White, Harold representing WLWLSA, and perhaps Kim Barkwell (Agriculture). It was felt that having Kim on this committee would be a good idea as she represents both counties. Jay White is experienced in setting direction and focus and will be invaluable to the committee. It was decided that the purpose of the first meetings will be to identify the group's mandate and start prioritizing issues from the SOW.

f) Paskipoo Aquifer:

Chris shared his research findings and Blake reported on his conversation with Diana McQueen (then Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development) in October 2013 at Thorsby. It was unanimously agreed to support Larry McKeever's concerns that were previously brought to our attention. Blake volunteered to draft a letter to the new minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD), **Robin Campbell**, to express concerns about the effects this could have on Wizard Lake. It was suggested Blake contact Larry McKeever for assistance. Cathy will ready this draft for signature and mailing.

3. Workshop Updates:

a) **Leduc County Environmentally Sensitive Areas:** On behalf of WLWLSA, LeVerne accepted the invitation from Leduc County to participate in a workshop on March 10th. LeVerne shared that at this workshop ESA identification and significance rankings were completed through criteria and indicators provided. LeVerne will attend the Mapping Workshop scheduled on May 8th where the ESA preliminary results will be shared. Leduc County hired Fiera Biological Consulting to facilitate this project.

b) **North Saskatchewan Watershed Association (NSWA) Forum:** Harold shared some information and good news stories happening at Clearwater.

4. Development Permit - CLAC Rehabilitation Facility:

An open house for the proposed land use bylaw amendment allowing the development of a privately owned and operated addiction treatment facility will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at Glen Park Community Hall from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. It was agreed that WLWLSA be in attendance to find out more about the development and share our concerns on rezoning this land to business.

5. Awareness and Education Projects:

a) Bulletin Boards:

Kate reported that the thin ice posters were not able to be put up this year due to the amount of snow. It was agreed that Carole purchase flowers to plant around the bulletin boards. Walter and LeVerne agreed to monitor the bulletin boards and do any necessary maintenance or repairs.

b) Website:

Carole requested a board member take over website responsibilities and training. Carole indicated that she will be stepping down as a board member at the next AGM. Laverne volunteered to take over these responsibilities.

c) Living by Water:

Kate reported that she has not been contacted by anyone from the program yet regarding dates for this season. Kate will check into this and once dates have been assigned will arrange for posters to be displayed on the bulletin boards.



d) Buoy Placement:

Leduc County by-law officers are responsible to put the buoys in the lake. It was reported that the buoys have not always been in the right places. To ensure proper placement this year, Blake volunteered to contact Leduc County to see if he and Albert Faulkner accompany the officers.

e) Zebra Mussel Follow-up:

Carole will check into obtaining posters for the bulletin boards. A notice will also be included in the spring newsletter.

f) ALMS Water Sampling:

Carole reported that due to the demand for this program at other Alberta lakes, water sampling will not occur at Wizard Lake this year. However, Larry McPherson has agreed to work with ALMS on two other projects this year – invasive plants and zebra mussels. At the spring meeting last year, Larry received 4 cylinders from ALMS which were suspended in the lake off the Daniel, Ellsworth, Ingram and McPherson piers. Carole indicated that ALMS has better cylinders available this year at a cost of \$40 each - \$160 expense for 4. Walter volunteered to investigate the differences between the 2013 and the new 2014 cylinders before purchasing. If the expense it warranted, it was suggested contacting Leduc County to see if they would be willing to pay for these new cylinders.

g) Shoreline Cleanup and AGM:

The AGM and shoreline cleanup has been scheduled for **Sunday, September 7, 2014**. Carole will organize this event. Blake will arrange for a dumpster at Jubilee boat launch for our use as the transfer station is not open on Sunday.

h) Canada Day Boat Parade:

There was a unanimous decision to hold the boat parade on **Tuesday, July 1, 2014** starting at 2:00 pm. Laverne will update the poster and send it to Kate for posting on the bulletin boards prior to the May long weekend. Chris will inform the Elders of this date in the event they may want to coordinate activities.

6. Financial Report:

LeVerne reported a bank balance of \$5,409.83. There are no grants for 2014.

7. Letter Correspondence:

- **Request for donation** – denied
- **Atco Symposium in Fort Saskatchewan** – this was received by email as well and forwarded to board members earlier.

8. Other:

a) Next Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2014, 7:00 pm at Blake Bartlett's home.

b) 2014 Spring Newsletter

It was agreed that it would be timely to have the spring 2014 newsletter ready and sent out prior to the May long weekend. Cathy requested to please adhere to the submission deadline of May 10.



ADDENDUM: this excerpt was taken from the October 19, 2013 board of director's minutes --

Projects for 2014

- Riparian set back – Chris Daniel
- State of the Watershed – LeVerne Ellsworth/Harold Hofstra
 - 1) recruit volunteers to sit on committee
 - 2) contact counties to arrange meetings

Meeting adjourned 10:00 pm

Thank you to Carole and LeVerne for hosting this meeting.

