



Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, June 12, 2014, 7:00 pm

Attendance: Blake Bartlett, Chris Daniel, Kate Daniel, Carole Ellsworth, Laverne Faulkner, Harold Hofstra, Cathy, Holman, Walter Kolodychuk

Regrets: LeVerne Ellsworth, Bryan Mason

Minutes

1. Approval of April 29, 2014 minutes - unanimously approved.

2. Updates

a) **State of the Watershed** – *Harold*

Harold reported that calls have been made to Leduc County, but has not received a call back to date. Harold indicated that staff members have been assigned to this committee but he has not aware of who they are. Harold will initiate contact with Larry McKeever at County of Wetaskiwin next week.

b) **Bentley's campground** - *Chris*

Chris reported that the Appeal Board rejected Bentleys' appeal and supported the original conditions placed on their development permit. It is now vital that Leduc County follow-up and enforce these conditions. Chris has been in contact with Leduc County and suggested they seek assistance from someone with expertise in environmental issues for the follow-ups/enforcement such as Jay White from Aquality or Nature Alberta.

c) **Canada Day fireworks** - *Chris*

Chris reported that the Elders are planning the Canada Day fireworks on Saturday, June 28th at sundown. Donations will be gratefully accepted. An email about this will be send to members.

d) **ALMS Invasive plant survey summer 2014** - *Carole*

Carole reported that four University of Alberta personnel were on the lake today with Larry McPherson. This was the first of four survey samplings to be done this summer. This is very time-consuming as samples are collected every 20 metres. Discussion over compensation ensued, Carole will contact Larry.

e) **Park Day – Saturday, July 19, Jubilee Park, 1:00 -3:00 pm** - *Carole*

Leduc County invited WLWLSA to participate in their annual Park Day. Blake and Harold/Leona volunteered to host our table. Carole shared the items she has for handouts and give-aways and will deliver all items to Blake prior to the event. It was suggested that membership forms be available and that hats, toques and shirts be available for sale.

f) **Shoreline cleanup – September 7, 2014 – Carole**

Leduc County confirmed they will have a dumpster at Jubilee Park on that day. It was agreed to hold the event from 10am to 12 noon, meeting at Jubilee Park for lunch, followed by the AGM and door prizes.

g) **Bulletin board maintenance - Walter**

Walter and LeVerne have not been out to check on the bulletin boards yet. With LeVerne out of town, Blake volunteered to go out with Walter and will set a date with him. Laverne indicated that the Wizard Heights board has a broken handle and the cardboard backing is separating. Carole reminded us that there are extra pamphlet holders in the shed if needed.

h) **Homesite consultation - Kate**

This is the first time consultations are held in August. Kate reported that, thanks to Carole, two people have signed up for consultations.

i) **Paskapoo aquifer letter – Blake**

Blake indicated he has not completed the letter but will get a draft to Cathy next week.

j) **Buoy placement - Blake**

Blake volunteered his time and boat to assist Leduc County with installation of the buoys. One buoy sunk however was replaced last week. It was suggested that in December 2014 a request to Parks & Recreation, Leduc County, for funding be sent in to be considered from the 2015 budget. Blake will contact the county to see if some funding could be arranged for this year.

k) **Website - Laverne**

Laverne and Cathy met with Kimberly for training on May 23. Laverne is experiencing trouble with her computer connection and has not been able to update the site yet.

l) **Spring newsletter – Cathy**

Cathy thanked everyone for getting their articles ready in time for the newsletter to be out by the May long weekend.

3. Discussion

a) **Plan for new directors – suggestions included:**

- send email to membership re need for help/participation, Chris volunteered to draft a letter
- personal contact

b) **AGM September 7, 2014 – Discussion over inviting a guest speaker.** It was decided not to have a speaker as a full day of activity already planned with shoreline cleanup & lunch.

4. Other

It was suggested and unanimously agreed to set up a board of directors meeting with Councillors Tanni Doblanko (Leduc County), Keith Johnson and Larry McKeever (County of Wetaskiwin), to update them on WLWLSA projects. Harold will initiate contact with the Councillors. Once a date has been set the site will be decided; Calmar was suggested and will be a likely location. Agenda items for this meeting include:

- Follow-up to Bentley's appeal (Chris)
- Boat advisory committee (Chris)
- Riparian demonstration site (Chris/Kate)
- Paskapoo aquifer (Blake)
- Nature Alberta Homesite Consultation (Kate)
 - Invasive plant survey (Carole)
 - Shoreline cleanup (Carole)
 - Park Day - if meeting set before July 19 (Carole)



Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm

Thank you Blake and Linda for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments.