

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION
Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Bartlett’s home
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Present: Blake Bartlett, Brian Clemo, Kevin Cummings, Kate Daniel, Corey Drynan, Kathie Drynan, LeVerne Ellsworth, Shane Hammell, Benn Kilburn
Regrets: Laverne Faulkner, Harold Hofstra, Bryan Mason
Guests: Linda Bartlett, Albert Faulkner

AGENDA

1. Adopt previous meeting minutes
2. Treasurer report – LeVerne
3. Insurance update
4. Leduc county development permits – Blake
5. Reserve land slope clearing – Blake
6. Grant applications – Blake
7. 2017 Events (July 1 boat parade, July 15 Park day, July 15 AGM, September 9 shoreline cleanup)
8. Workshops – Blake
9. Meetings attended – Blake
10. Community Concerns – Blake
11. New business
12. Handouts
13. Next meeting

MINUTES

1. **September 16, 2016 meeting minutes**
 - Minutes adopted unanimously
2. **Treasurer report – LeVerne**
 - The financial balance as of April 20, 2017 is \$6,184.21 pending insurance payment to Nature AB of approximately \$700.00
3. **Insurance update – LeVerne**
 - Agreed to stay with Nature AB but keep the counties in mind
4. **Leduc county development permits – Blake**
 - An update was given for each development permit application received since the last meeting.
5. **Reserve land slope clearing (south side of lake at power lines) – Blake**
 - Wetaskiwin file 258903 update and overview given. Blake spoke to David Blades, Director of Planning, April 13, 2017. Paperwork with respect to restoration is in process, restoration estimate to be completed by fall 2018
6. **Grant applications – Blake**
 - Blake reviewed each application
 - Leduc County, Park Day events
 - Wetaskiwin County
 - Canada Day boat parade
 - Park Day, triathlon, July 15
 - Shoreline cleanup request for county to supply dumpster
 - Speed limit buoy installation, spring and fall
 - Co-op Community Spaces. On May 1 we should know the status of the application. If successful, a special meeting will be called to discuss details.

- Land Stewardship Center, watershed stewardship grant program – April 30 deadline to submit
- Canada 150 grant funding may be available. No submission yet. Any ideas should be sent to Blake

7. 2017 Events – Blake

- Canada Day July 1 boat parade – Chris Daniel is organizing
- July 15 Park Day – (Jubilee park day use area) 11 am – 2 pm, time to be confirmed
 - Victory triathlon. Detailed information will be forwarded when received
 - Participants at Park Day:
 - Red Cross, water safety – have a verbal commitment, numbers not confirmed
 - Crime Watch – **Kate** will contact them for information
 - Living by Water – **Kate** will contact Land Stewardship about this program
 - Land Stewardship – **Kate** will contact them about Love Your Lake information
 - AB Environment and Parks – **Blake** will confirm their participation and need for a tent for Park Day
 - WLWLSA – volunteers required for events
- July 15 WLWLSA AGM, Jubilee Park day use – approximately 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm
 - Agreed the concession format will be the same as last year. To encourage community conversation, each board member will have canteen coupons to pass out. **Blake** will confirm the concession's participation.
 - 2 tent setups and tear down volunteers are needed
- Shoreline cleanup, September 9, 2017. **Benn, Brian, Carole** and **Blake** will meet in August to finalize details, **Carole** will confirm the time.
 - County of Wetaskiwin has been requested to supply a dumpster

8. Workshops – Blake

- Blake gave an overview of each workshop
- April 6 “Water for Life—Water Quality in the North Saskatchewan River Watershed” – Blake, Shane, and Linda attended
- April 20 “Alberta Recreational Lakes” – Blake and Linda attended
- April 29 “6th Annual Pigeon Lake Leadership session” – Blake and Linda attended

9. Meetings – Blake

- Blake commented on each meeting
- November 24, 2016 “Successful Grant Proposals” – Kevin and Blake attended. Information on file.
- March 10 Vita Water Technologies, Erik Vandist – meeting held at Blake’s home. Dean Ohnesty from Leduc County, LeVerne, Linda and Blake attended. Met with Eric again April 21 to give him a tour of Wizard Lake.
- Cheryl McNeil, Director of Communications, Epcor TransAlta – Biomonitoring Program 2015.
- April 7 and May 5, PLWA Steering committee (monthly meetings) – Blake and Linda attended as guests.

10. Community concerns

- Pumping water from the lake – AB government website and information provided
- Shoreline rock placement – **Blake** will check and provide further information
- Chickens/garbage on reserve land – County of Wetaskiwin has been contacted and is looking into this
- Water ditch drainage, twp rd 480, north side, new culvert needs further engineering – **Blake** will contact the county
- Garbage along the roadside, twp rd 480 – **Blake** will bring this up at the AGM, see discussion re stewardship recognition

11. New business

- New AB government signage coming: "Respect your lake" series. Signs previewed by the board. Blake placed an order for 9 copies, approx. 8 ½ x 11. **Kate** will coordinate these signs for the bulletin boards.
- AB government brochure "Responsible Lake Recreation" draft – comments to be sent by May 1.
- Bulletin board flowers – will use red and white flowers relating to Canada Day, **Kate** will pick up the flowers with **Linda's** help.
- WLWLSA was written up in the Leduc County "County Chronicle"
- Pigeon Lake historical water level information discussed
- Weir measurements: March 29, 10 ½" from top of weir, 2" below riparian hole. April 24, 0" from top of weir
- No decision made on need for a flag for the watershed – agenda items for next meeting
- No decision on whether we want promotional items (hats, etc.) – agenda items for next meeting
- Blake spoke on our connection to Strawberry Creek [Wizard Lake is in a subwatershed of Strawberry Creek]
- Stewardship recognition/appreciation, do we want to start a community recognition project? Not at this time. However, the board agreed to recognize Jean Litzenger for her daily cleaning of the ditches along twp rd 480. **Blake** will purchase an outside hanging basket of flowers and deliver it to her.
- Spring newsletter – decision to not have a spring newsletter, will do one in the fall.
- Providing more information to membership re lake information/activities – to be discussed at next meeting.
- Co-op organic fertilizer – **Linda** to obtain information for next meeting
- Noticeable increase in beaver activity – **Blake** will talk to Leduc County about control. **Kate** spoke with County of Wetaskiwin, they have no program.
- Toilet at Wetaskiwin boat launch – **Blake** will check with Geoff Lynch, County of Wetaskiwin.
- Garbage left behind by ice fishermen. On-lake winter activities seem to be increasing – **Blake** will speak with Dean, Parks & Rec, Leduc County about putting up a sign during the winter. **Benn** suggested a flyer be delivered to fishermen on weekends and volunteered to distribute.
- Spring shoreline cleanup vs fall cleanup – too short notice for this spring, further discussion about changing from fall to spring at the next meeting.
- Garbage cans on John Herman's land – **Blake** will speak with John Herman.
- Financial review by members for AGM – **Kate** and Chris Daniel will do the review, as per AGM minutes. **LeVerne** will have financial records to **Kate** by June 4, **Kate** will have any comments to **Blake** by June 8, and **Blake** will give these to Brian Mason. **Brian Mason** will have the financial audit ready for July 15 AGM.
- Inlet stream sampling – **Corey, Shane, LeVerne** and **Blake** will meet to discuss procedures on Tuesday, May 2, 7 pm, **Blake's** house.

12. Handouts

- Alberta Water Act, Government of AB, 2015, <http://aep.alberta.ca>
- Water Act: Allocation of Water – <http://aep.alberta.ca/water/legislation-guidelines/water-act-allocatopm-of-water.aspx>
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – one of 11 WPAC's (Watershed Planning and Advisory Council) in Alberta
- Alberta Recreational Lakes (ARL) forum agenda
- BioHaven technology sheet
- AB government fact sheet – Shoreline/water body modifications
- Wizard Lake 2011 tributary monitoring

13. Next meeting

- Tuesday, June 6, 7 pm, **Blake's** house

Minutes prepared by Laverne Faulkner May 13, 2017 from **Blake's** notes.