

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

Thursday, February 15, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Bartlett's home

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Present: Blake Bartlett, Kevin Cummings, Kate Daniel, Corey Drynan, Kathie Drynan, Linc Drynan, , Laverne Faulkner, Shane Hammell, Benn Kilburn
Regrets: Ken Adair, Josh Bishop (Councilors, Wetaskiwin County), Brian Clemo, LeVerne Ellsworth, Bryan Mason
Guests: Linda Bartlett, Chris Daniel, Tanni Doblanko (Mayor/Councilor Leduc County)

AGENDA

1. Adopt previous minutes August 1, 2017
2. Financial Report
3. Grants being applied for - Blake
4. Project updates
 - BioHaven Floating Island
 - Wizard Lake Riparian Assessment
 - Inlet Stream Testing
 - Shoreline/Ice cleanup
 - Bulletin boards - Kate
5. New Alberta Environment Wetland Policy, AB Environment and Parks
6. Workshops attended
7. Strategic planning – Blake and Laverne
8. New business
9. Next meeting

MINUTES

1. August 1, 2017 meeting minutes

- Minutes adopted unanimously

2. Financial report

- The financial balance as of today is \$4201.86

3. Grants

- Leduc County, Parks and Recreation; and County of Wetaskiwin, Leisure and Community Services grants
 - Grant committee meeting January 31, 2018 Kevin, LeVerne, Blake, Brian (absent)
 - approval given to apply for these grants which support in part these 2018 events: Canada Day boat parade, Park Day (July 21/18, 11 am – 3 pm), buoy installation and removal, shoreline (ice) cleanup
 - public awareness boat tours will be conducted during Park day, using volunteer boats, to educate participants about the lake and shore. Leduc County Parks & Rec is reviewing insurance requirements.
- Coop Community Spaces Grant 2018
 - grant to build a pergola in Jubilee park was not approved last year, approval given to apply again this year, for a lesser amount, by the end of February, results of the application will be known by June
 - if unsuccessful, will apply for an AB gov't grant which provides 50% funding, our 50% could include in-kind contributions
- Leduc County Alberta Summer Grant Legacy Grant
 - approval given to provide the county with a letter of intent for a 'Try-It' winter event which could include ice fishing, curling, skating, and refreshments. The grant requires a 3-4 year commitment, which will have to be considered.

4. Project Updates

- Floating Islands
 - Blake is working through the AB Environment & Parks permitting process for the floating island.

- Wizard Lake Riparian Assessment
 - the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance completing a riparian assessment of the Strawberry watershed, which is a sub watershed of the North Saskatchewan watershed, and includes Wizard Lake. We should have the results in May or June at which time we will determine the appropriate roll-out mechanism to stakeholders. We may use Glen Park hall for a public meeting, with the NSWA presenting the results. It may make sense to hold our annual general meeting at this time as well.
- Inlet Stream testing
 - the group responsible, Shane, Corey, LeVerne, and Blake met January 24/18
 - expect the program will be run spring 2018 as sufficient runoff is expected due to the snowfall to date
 - the cost will be covered by a WLWLSA grant in conjunction with the County of Wetaskiwin
- Shoreline Clean up
 - since the shoreline cleanup was done in 2017 (1,979 tons of garbage, 40 volunteers), it will not be done again in 2018
 - volunteers will remove visible debris off the ice from winter activities, likely in March, depending on the weather
- Bulletin boards
 - Laverne will update Kate's list of those responsible for the boards
 - maintenance is required on the boards, Blake and Linda will do what is necessary

5. New Alberta Environment Wetland policy

- information was handed out regarding this policy
- there are five new Environmental Protection Officers, wetland specialists who have education and awareness. Our contact regarding wetland concerns is Ryan Adams, Red Deer-North Saskatchewan Region, ryan.adams@gov.ab.ca
- discussion about whether this information should go on the website and bulletin boards. We don't want to be seen as the lake police
- Linda will research information we can send out

6. Workshops attended by Blake and Linda

- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – February 1/18
- ALMS Workshop: New Perspectives – September 29-30/17
- Wetlands and Your Farm – November 15/17. These workshops are provided by both Leduc County and the County of Wetaskiwin and are an excellent source of information.

7. Strategic Planning

- there are a number of new board members and a planning session hasn't been done for many years
- there are also many projects and it would be beneficial to understand them all and prioritize the work and plan how they will be accomplished and how they fit with the mandate and objectives of the association
- Blake was concerned about how all the technical data pertaining to the lake (ALMS water quality testing, inlet stream testing, TransAlta testing, etc.) could be compiled and translated from reams of data into information easily used by a stakeholder who may not be a technical expert
- the NSWA did a strategic planning session that was very effective. Laverne will contact them to find out what facilitation was used. Facilitators are also available from the AB gov't. Laverne and Shane will meet with the chosen facilitator to build the agenda for the strategic planning meeting
- agreement to spend 4 hours initially, preferably a Saturday morning, in April
- information will be emailed to the board as plans progress

8. New Business

- agreed that a Facebook page is needed for the WLWLSA, Shane will develop this and it will remain closed until the next board meeting. Guidelines are required to ensure inappropriate information is not included on the page.

9. Next Meeting

- a meeting is required soon after the results of the Riparian Assessment are received (May/June), so it will be scheduled by Blake after that report is in our hands

Minutes prepared by Laverne Faulkner February 17, 2018