

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION (WLWLSA)
Saturday, September 15, 2018, 9:00 – 12:00 PM, Glen Park Hall
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA

- Welcome and introductions
- Guest presentations
 - Kerri O’Shaughnessy, Riparian Specialist, Cows and Fish
 - Mary Ellen Shain, Watershed Planning & Management Coordinator Headwaters Region, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance
- Approve 2017 AGM minutes
- Approve financial report
- Appoint financial reviewers
- Updates from Chair
- Board nominations and election
- Questions/comments

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Blake Bartlett, Board Chair, welcomed everyone and introduced the board members along with Josh Bishop, Councillor Division 4, County of Wetaskiwin. Blake thanked Dean Ohnysty for his ongoing support, and Leduc County and the County of Wetaskiwin for their financial support.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

**Kerri O’Shaughnessy, Riparian Specialist
Cows and Fish**

- An introduction to riparian area health
- What is a riparian area and why do we need it
- Information on what riparian areas do, and why this is important to us
- Riparian Health – why does it matter?
- Tuning your eye – diagnosis for riparian health
- Taking the next step – where to begin to improve riparian area health
- Standing back and looking at the bigger picture – the watershed

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**Mary Ellen Shain, Watershed Planning & Management Coordinator Headwaters Region
North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance**

- Introduction to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance and its purpose as a WPAC (Watershed Planning & Advisory Council)
- Strawberry Watershed role as a sub basin in the North Saskatchewan Watershed
- Assessment studied in the Strawberry Watershed was 1010.5 km of which Wizard Lake shoreline is 18.1 km
- Overall goal of this project was to quantify and characterize the intactness of riparian management areas in the Strawberry Watershed, and to further assess pressure on riparian system function by evaluating land use and land cover within local catchments immediately adjacent to the waterbodies included in its study

ADOPT 2017 AGM MINUTES

Moved/seconded Brian Clemo/Shane Hammell that the minutes from the July 15, 2017 AGM be adopted as written. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018 was presented and distributed by LeVerne Ellsworth, Secretary/Treasurer. The June 1, 2017 balance was \$5339.48, and the close of fiscal year May 31, 2017 balance was \$4762.96. Accounting company "Ross & Sylvestre Chartered Professional Accountants" were thanked for their generosity in voluntarily preparing the financial report.

Moved/Seconded Linc Drynan/Brian Clemo that the WLWLSA financial report for the fiscal period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEWERS

LeVerne Ellsworth thanked John Hrynkow and Corey Drynan for completing the financial records review of the WLWLSA for the fiscal year June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.

Moved/Seconded Brian Clemo/Larry McKeever that Linc Drynan/Cory Drynan be appointed to review the financial records of the WLWLSA for the fiscal year June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATES FROM CHAIR

Inlet stream sampling – 2018 inlet stream sampling has been completed.

Floating Island Update – continuing to work through the AEP, Department License of Occupation (DLO) permitting process. We are in the final stages and are hoping to have permit in place next spring so the additional 3 islands can be launched.

New initiative for 2019 "Try It" a joint venture with Leduc County, County of Wetaskiwin and WLWLSA for a 3 year term (2019, 2020, 2021) for a winter event on Wizard Lake Saturday February 16, 2019. Events will include ice fishing, skating, curling, horse drawn sleigh rides, etc. Details still being worked out. Dean Ohnysty, Leduc County, Director of Parks and Recreation spoke to grant funding from the Leduc County Alberta Summer Games Grant Program.

ELECT BOARD MEMBERS

The board members elected last AGM for 2 years who are remaining on the board: Blake Bartlett, Brian Clemo, Linc Drynan, Benn Kilburn. Board members who need re-election this year are: Kevin Cummings, Kate Daniel, Corey Drynan, Kathie Drynan, LeVerne Ellsworth, Shane Hammell and Bryan Mason. All have agreed to stay on as board members. Laverne Faulkner is taking a step back from her Director position but will stay on to assist through a transition period of her many varied jobs.

LeVerne Ellsworth put forth John Hrynkow's name as a new board member. LeVerne had obtained permission from John to allow his name to stand for election to the board for the upcoming 2 year term. Richard Ipsen also volunteered to be a new board member.

Moved/Seconded by Larry McKeever/Larry Staples that Kevin, Kate, Corey, Kathie, LeVerne, Shane and Bryan along with new members John Hrynkow and Richard Ipsen be elected to the WLWLSA Board of Directors for a two year term from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- Wake boats causing shoreline issues
- Facebook, a new initiative, was mentioned as a means of delivery for riparian information
- Discussions about watershed's activities
- Discussion about vegetation removal on shoreline
- Cutting lake weeds
- Concern expressed that new people to the area are not aware of the lake's watershed – do's and don'ts that can impact lake health
- Suggestion to develop a "Welcome Wagon" package for residents within Wizard Lake Watershed

CONCLUSION

Blake Bartlett and Josh Bishop will meet to discuss the variety of concerns expressed by those in attendance and will look for a strategy to present Wizard Lake concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Blake Bartlett thanked everyone for coming and for their support and adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.