

**WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Jubilee Park Day Use Area, Saturday, September 29, 2012, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions

Adopt 2011 AGM meeting minutes

Chair's report – Laverne Faulkner

Reports on programs:

- Inlet stream sampling – LeVerne Ellsworth
- Lake elevations – LeVerne Ellsworth
- Boating Safety Committee – LeVerne Ellsworth
- State of the Watershed Report – LeVerne Ellsworth
- Shoreline Clean-up – Carole Ellsworth
- Website – Carole Ellsworth
- Lakewatch Program Water Quality Sampling (ALMS) – Carole Ellsworth
- Membership – Cathy Holman
- Stream of Dreams – Cathy Holman
- Homesite Consultation Program – Blake Bartlett
- Weir – Blake Bartlett
- Blue-Green Algae – Blake Bartlett

Financial Report – LeVerne Ellsworth

Elect two financial reviewers

Elect board members

Questions/Comments

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Laverne Faulkner, Board Chair, welcomed everyone and introduced special guest Larry McKeever, Wetaskiwin Councilor, and board members in attendance. Thanks to the Counties of Wetaskiwin and Leduc and board members for door prize donations. Also thanks to Carole Ellsworth for organizing lunch.

ADOPT 2011 AGM MINUTES

Moved/seconded Cathy Holman/Howard White that the minutes from the September 24, 2011 AGM be adopted as written. Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Laverne Faulkner

WLWLSA is in a "maintain" mode. Our activity level isn't high at this time. We continue with our core, high priority projects, but are unable to take on any more with our present manpower. We are especially thankful to those people who ensure these core projects continue successfully every year.

REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Inlet Stream Sampling – LeVerne Ellsworth

- sampling of inlets flowing into the lake were not taken in 2012 as a good quantity of runoff, which is essential to obtaining samples for testing, was not available
- sampling of inlets has been ongoing for three years and Chris Teichreb, Alberta Environment, felt that sufficient data for a baseline is available and suggested this program be put on temporary hold at Wizard Lake

Lake Elevations – LeVerne Ellsworth

- copies of the 2011 weekly and yearly water level charts were available
- elevation readings are still being logged for 2012 season and not available at this time

State of the Watershed Report – LeVerne Ellsworth

- this project began four years ago at a cost \$34,000
- funds were raised through grants and fundraising projects
- Aquality Environmental Consulting Ltd. is making final changes to the report and anticipates completion by the end of October
- draft copies were at the meeting and available for viewing
- printing costs are expensive
- a committee has been set up to determine how to utilize this information and make public

Boating Advisory Committee – LeVerne Ellsworth

- Leduc County Parks & Recreation formed this committee of volunteers due to safety of boating on the lake concerns expressed by participants in the Area Structure Plan process
- a number of recommendations have been implemented
- policing occurred only five days over the summer due to staffing issues
- it is anticipated that this committee will reconvene in 2013

WLWLSA Website – Carole Ellsworth

- WLWLSA former website was posted on the Alberta Stewardship Network's website and is no longer available to us
- plans are underway to get our own website up and running in 2013

Shoreline Clean-Up – Carole Ellsworth

- feedback indicated that the shoreline cleanup was not required this year as it was done last year and high water levels made the shore less accessible
- it is anticipated to take place in 2013

Lakewatch Program Water Quality Sampling - Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) – Carole Ellsworth

- ALMS did not sample Wizard, Sylvan, Pigeon, and Pine Lakes this year
- they are restricted to ten base lakes each year and give priority to lakes with little/no historical data; as interest in the program grows, ALMS may decide on a more regular schedule (possibly every 2 or 3 years)
- data from 1996, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 Wizard Lake sampling is available and establishes a good baseline
- contact will be made with ALMS in spring 2013 to encourage sampling next summer
- Larry McPherson has been our volunteer captain taking the ALMS technicians out on the lake

Membership – Cathy Holman

- membership renewal letters were mailed to memberships which expired this year
- to ensure newcomers are aware of WLWLSA, members are encouraged to make contact with new neighbors or contact WLWLSA informing them of newcomers to the lake

Stream of Dreams – Cathy Holman

- Stream of Dreams is a non-profit group and their mandate is to educate youth about watersheds through a combination of art and instruction

- WLWLSA is planning to offer sponsorship of this program to New Humble School and is anticipated to occur before the summer of 2013 or in the fall of 2013 pending school/district approval

ALMS Booth Jubilee Park – Harold Hofstra

- WLWLSA joined Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) and Living by Water, to be on hand at Jubilee Park on **Parks Day** (July 14), to bring awareness of water quality to the public
- hands-on demonstrations were presented; water testing kits and lots of excellent information were available
- the day was well attended and a huge success

Living by Water Home Site Consultation – Blake Bartlett

- Blake shared his experience with the home site consultation on his property this summer – he reported that it is a very positive learning experience, completely confidential, and encouraged everyone to participate in this very worthwhile program
- to sign-up for a homesite consultation next summer please contact board member Kate Daniel at 780-985-3287 or stewardship@wizardlake.ca
- five initial and two follow up home site consultations were completed at Wizard Lake this summer

Weir – Blake Bartlett

- an article in the Pipestone Flyer in Spring 2012 helped resolve a lot of issues/concerns regarding the weir
- beavers were a problem at the weir this year and Pest Control officers were contacted
- in July 2012 water levels were 1.5” above the weir; in September 2012 water levels were 2.5” below the weir; these levels are consistent with documented statistics 2006-2012

Blue-Green Algae – Blake

- Blake has begun to research this topic and provided informative handouts
- important to remember that this problem occurs in other provinces and countries
- the first recorded incidence of blue-green algae was in Australia in 1878
- he emphasized the importance of being aware of the products we use (soaps, fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides) and the alternatives that are available

Financial Statement – LeVerne Ellsworth

- LeVerne thanked Bryan Mason was for volunteering his time to prepare the Charitable Society Report and Financial Statements and Cathy Holman and Larry McKeever for volunteering their time to review the books
- the financial statement for June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012 was presented for approval
- Larry expressed his concern that he had not signed-off after the review of the financial records
- Cathy explained that the review findings were discussed with LeVerne when the books were picked up; she apologized to Larry for not relaying the outcomes
- LeVerne indicated that any necessary changes would be entered in the next fiscal year
- Moved/Seconded Linda White/Harold Hofstra that the WLWLSA financial statement for the fiscal period June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012 be approved pending sign-off by Larry McKeever. Motion carried unanimously
- (**this sign-off was since obtained on October 2, 2012*)
- a copy of the financial statement is attached and forms a part of these minutes

NOMINATIONS FOR FINANCIAL REVIEWERS

Moved/Seconded Arja Patrick/Carole Ellsworth that Cathy Holman and Larry McKeever be appointed to review the financial records of the WLWLSA for the fiscal year June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECT BOARD MEMBERS

The board members elected at the 2011 AGM for two years and remaining on the board are: Ruth Kolodychuk and Blake Bartlett.

Board members who need re-election this year are: Chris Daniel, Kate Daniel, Carole Ellsworth, LeVerne Ellsworth, Laverne Faulkner, Cathy Holman, Walter Kolodychuk, Bryan Mason, and Tim Purnell. There were not any new Board of Director Nomination forms received. Moved/Seconded Laura Reichert/Albert Faulkner that nominations close. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved/Seconded Ken Litzenberger/Laura Reichert that Chris Daniel, Kate Daniel, Carole Ellsworth, LeVerne Ellsworth, Laverne Faulkner, Cathy Holman, Walter Kolodychuk, Bryan Mason, and Tim Purnell be elected to the WLWLSA Board of Directors for a two year term June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

These comments will be input for discussion at a WLWLSA board meeting

- Change the 12 km zone to a no wake zone – Tim Purnell volunteered to write a proposal, for the Board's consideration, for the Leduc County Boating Safety Committee
- Loud music from boats
- Slow zone at narrows might increase the safety in this congested area
- Parking issues on at Wizard Estates roadway
- Point of contact for Counties in each lake subdivision

ADJOURNMENT

Laverne Faulkner adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm. BBQ lunch followed.

Attachments:
Financial Statement