

**WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Gramma Bear's Hall, Saturday, October 19, 2013, 11:00 am – 11:50 pm**

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**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Harold Hofstra, Board Chair, welcomed everyone and introduced board members. All candidates running for county councillor in the Wizard Lake area were invited to our AGM. The following candidates attended and were introduced:

- County of Wetaskiwin Division 4
  - Wayne Meyers, Incumbent
  - Kevin Durston, Candidate
  - Keith Johnson, Candidate
- County of Wetaskiwin Division 5
  - Larry McKeever, Incumbent
- Leduc County Division 5
  - Betty Glassman, Incumbent
  - Tanni Doblanko, Candidate

Harold thanked Carole Ellsworth for organizing refreshments.

**ADOPT 2012 AGM MINUTES**

Moved/seconded Chris Daniel/Laverne Faulkner that the minutes from the September 29, 2012 AGM be adopted as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIR'S REPORT – Harold Hofstra**

WLWLSA had a busy year with the following projects completed: State of the Watershed Report, Stream of Dreams, new website, and the Spring Meeting.

**REPORTS ON PROGRAMS**

**WLWLSA Website – Carole Ellsworth**

- The new website is now up and running [www.wizardlake.ca](http://www.wizardlake.ca)
- Additional data and information still needs to be entered.
- Carole expressed her gratitude and appreciation to KimBereley Kern who volunteered her time and expertise working on our website.
- Carole encouraged everyone to visit the website, feedback is appreciated as efforts to improve it continue.

**Shoreline Clean-Up – Carole Ellsworth**

- Shoreline cleanup was cancelled this year due to high water levels making the shoreline less accessible and dangerous.
- Plans are underway to hold this in the Fall of 2014.

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

- Larry McPherson has been our volunteer captain taking the ALMS technicians out on the lake.
- Wizard Lake was sampled and tested 5 times from June through September, 2013.
- Carole Ellsworth will register Wizard Lake for the 2014 program.
- Testing for the invasive species Zebra Mussels was also conducted this year. Visually, samples showed no indication of invasive species.
- Appreciation goes out to the Ingram's, Daniel's, Ellsworth's, and McPherson's for offering their piers for invasive species testing.

### **State of the Watershed – LeVerne Ellsworth**

- This report was presented to the Councils of both Leduc County and County of Wetaskiwin.
- The report was favorably accepted by the two Counties and both have agreed to have two representatives sit on the working group.
- A committee of volunteers will be formed and WLWLSA will be in contact with both counties after the municipal elections to arrange meetings.
- We are actively looking for volunteers to sit on this committee.
- Free copies of the report were handed out to members attending the spring meeting; the cost for non-members is \$35.
- This report is also posted on the website.

### **Boating Advisory Committee – Chris Daniel**

- 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.
- This committee reconvenes on November 26, 2013.
- RCMP, by-law officers, and Fish and Wildlife officers will review lake statistics over the last 12-24 at the November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- It is felt that positive improvements have been made with regards to boating on the lake.
- With the federal government shifting responsibility of waterways to provincial jurisdictions, the navigation act will be an important upcoming item for the committee.
- It is not known at this time if municipalities will be impacted by this change.

### **Nature Alberta Living by Water Home Site Consultation – Chris Daniel on behalf of Kate Daniel**

- This summer was the 5<sup>th</sup> year the Living by Water Project has been active at Wizard Lake.
- Three initial consultations were completed this past summer.
- Participants shared their experiences and all comments were positive.
- This is a valuable free program for watershed residents of Wizard Lake and an increase in participation is anticipated.
- To sign-up for a confidential homesite consultation for summer 2014 contact Kate Daniel at 780.985.3287 or [stewardship@wizardlake.ca](mailto:stewardship@wizardlake.ca)

### **Area Structure Plan – Chris Daniel**

- The ASP was adopted by Leduc County Council in 2010.
- The focus group was recalled to meet regarding the following 3 issues. Ken Litzenberger, Larry Staples, and Chris Daniel were part of the initial focus group and it was agreed they continue to represent WLWLSA on this committee.
  - 1) **riparian setback model:**
    - a. demonstration plot expected to be on reserve lot near Jubilee Park
    - b. cost range between \$6,000-\$10,000
    - c. 1-2 years completion date
    - d. A committee will be established once this has been approved
  - 2) **top of bank:** this complicated issue has been tabled until after the election
  - 3) **secondary dwellings:** an amendment for one secondary dwelling per site has been approved

### **Stream of Dreams – Cathy Holman**

- WLWLSA sponsored this program at New Humble Centre School during Education Week 2013 (April 30 and May 1) to students kindergarten through grade 6.
- This program educates youth about watersheds, the importance of having clean water, and stewardship responsibilities, through a combination of art and science instruction.

- Over 400 volunteer hours were put into this very successful project and appreciation goes out to all who were involved.
- Funding was received through a grant application from the Land Stewardship Grant Program as well as a donation from Leduc County.
- Cathy encouraged everyone to stop at the school and walk the fence for a closer view of the mural and all the “dream fish” created by the students.

#### **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, 2012 to May 31, 2013 was presented for approval.
- Moved/Seconded Walter Kolodychuk/Larry McKeever that the WLWLSA financial statement for the fiscal period June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 be approved. Motion carried unanimously
- A copy of the financial statement is attached and forms part of these minutes.

#### **NOMINATIONS FOR FINANCIAL REVIEWERS**

LeVerne Ellsworth thanked Cathy Holman and Larry McKeever for volunteering the past 2 years as reviewers for the WLWLSA financial records. He motioned that they be appointed as reviewers for the fiscal year June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014. Moved/Seconded Betty McKeever/Laverne Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ELECT BOARD MEMBERS**

- On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership, Harold expressed appreciation to Ruth Kolodychuk and Tim Purnell for their years of service and time commitment as they step down from the Board
- Board members up for re-election this year are Blake Bartlett and Harold Hofstra
- There were no new nomination forms for Board of Director positions received to date. Moved/Seconded Cathy Holman/Albert Faulkner that nominations close. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved/Seconded Albert Faulkner/Cathy Holman that Blake Bartlett and Harold Hofstra be re-elected to the WLWLSA Board of Directors for a two year term June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **SOCIAL NIGHT – Chris Daniel**

- Harness racing social night has been scheduled for Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>
- Laverne volunteered to update the poster for distribution.
- Harold invited the candidates to join in the evening festivities.
- Chris indicated that he will look into the possibility of booking a room for our group next Fall.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Harold Hofstra thanked the council candidates for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Members had the opportunity to socialize and ask questions of council candidates from Leduc County and County of Wetaskiwin over coffee and refreshments.

Attachments:

2012 Financial Statement