

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION (WLWLSA)

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017, 2:00 – 3:00 PM, JUBILEE PARK DAY USE AREA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA

- Welcome and introductions
- Approve 2016 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. Blake thanked Dean Ohnysty for his ongoing support, and Leduc County and the County of Wetaskiwin for their financial support of the Park Day, Canada Day and Shoreline clean-up.

ADOPT 2016 AGM MINUTES

The election of Shane Hammell to the board was omitted of the initial draft of the 2016 AGM minutes, so they were amended to include this election.

Moved/seconded Ken Litzenberger/Kate Daniel that the amended minutes from the July 16, 2016 AGM be adopted as written. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017 was presented and distributed by LeVerne Ellsworth, Secretary/Treasurer. The June 1, 2016 balance was \$5,692.00, and the close of fiscal year May 31, 2017 balance was \$5,362.00. Bryan Mason was thanked for his generosity in voluntarily preparing past financial reports. He sold his accounting firm to Ross + Sylvestre who have volunteered to continue to prepare the financial statements.

Moved/Seconded Brian Clemo/Shane Hammell that the WLWLSA financial report for the fiscal period June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEWERS

Blake thanked Chris Daniel and Kate Daniel for completing the financial records review of the WLWLSA for the fiscal year June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

Moved/Seconded LeVerne Ellsworth/Ken Litzenberger that John Hrynkow/Corie Drynan be appointed to review the financial records of the WLWLSA for the fiscal year June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018.

UPDATES FROM CHAIR

Inlet stream sampling – whenever possible, spring run-off into the lake is collected and analyzed for content including phosphates and nitrogen. This project was not completed in the spring 2017 due to finances not being in place. A grant was received which will cover sampling in 2018, dependent on sufficient run-off into the lake.

Epcor report – Wizard Lake is in the Genesee study area so numerous elements in the lake are sampled regularly, including the health of the water, fish, and sediment. A copy of this report is available from Blake.

Floating Islands – a grant has been received to purchase man-made islands, vegetated with aquatic plants, each approximately 5.5' x 7.5', this fall. One may be placed In front of Jubilee Park. The island is anchored in place and can survive intact over the winter. Benefits of the islands include: uptake some phosphorus; prevent some shoreline erosion; beautification; and habitat for some water fowl and fish. Depending on the success of the first island, more may be purchased. There is an educational component to this project by involving grade 11 students. The approximate cost for each island is \$3000.

Harvesting weeds – it is important that cut weeds be removed from the lake as they create phosphorus and algae problems. Remember the cosmetic lawn fertilizer ban in County of Wetaskiwin (100 meters from shore) and Leduc County (250 meters). It would be optimal to stop using fertilizers anywhere near the lake to prevent these nutrients from entering the lake.

Environmental reserve land disturbance – located west of power line, south side of lake. This is contrary to county bylaws and remediation has been mandated by the County of Wetaskiwin. The owners have until 2018 to repair this disturbed land. We are all encouraged to talk to neighbours and friends about the proper use of environmental land to prevent unwitting misuse and possible expensive repairs.

Wake boats in the narrows – Remember to watch your wake and keep motorized water sports far from shore to prevent erosion and protect nests. Again, educate neighbours and friends.

Newsletters – one newsletter was produced last year. People are interested in getting lake information and the best way to do this is use email. Consensus that quarterly bulletins are a good idea, as required, and continue with an annual newsletter.

Shoreline Clean-up – will be held again this year Saturday, September 9. Watch for information on bulletin boards and by email.

Pergola in Jubilee park – would be used for educational purposes. WLWLSA will continue to pursue funding to build this structure.

ELECT BOARD MEMBERS

Harold Hofstra is unable to stand for re-election to the board due to work commitments. Harold was thanked for his contribution over the years.

The board members elected last AGM for 2 years who are remaining on the board: Kevin Cummings, Kate Daniel, Corey Drynan, Kathie Drynan, LeVerne Ellsworth, Laverne Faulkner, Shane Hammell, and Bryan Mason. Board members who need re-election this year are: Blake Bartlett, Brian Clemo, and Benn Kilburn. Linc Drynan was also nominated.

Moved/Seconded Kate Daniel/Shane Hammell that Blake, Brian, Linc and Benn be elected to the WLWLSA Board of Directors for a two year term from June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

A concern about farmers in the watershed using fertilizers that are going into the lake. Perhaps information sessions are required. Blake will talk to Alberta Environment about the legal requirements for farmers.

A question about the WLWLSA persuing paving the second mile of township road 480. This work is outside the mandate of the Stewardship Association, but individuals could form a group specifically to advance support of this work. Could be an issue in the upcoming municipal election.

ADJOURNMENT

Blake Bartlett thanked everyone for coming and for their interest and expressing their support for the WLWLSA and adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.