

**WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED & LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CONJURING LAKE COMMUNITY HALL, August 19, 2006, 10:00 a.m.
MINUTES**

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Wizard Lake Weir presentation
- Pine Lake presentation
- Chair's report
- Association business
 - Special resolution – amend bylaws
 - Elect new board members
 - Elect auditors
 - Financial report
- Action plan and formation of working groups

WELCOME

Chair Laverne Faulkner welcomed everyone to the meeting. Including board members and guests, 60 persons were in attendance. Laverne acknowledged special guests - Doug Sawyer from the Pine Lake Restoration Society; and John Whaley and Ruth Harrison from Leduc County Council.

PRESENTATIONS

Wizard Lake Weir

LeVerne Ellsworth and Blake Bartlett, (Weir Master) presented information on the weir at the east end of the lake, explaining its purpose and how it operates regarding lake level monitoring. The weir was installed in 1991.

The presentation was very informative and they responded to several questions.

Pine Lake Restoration Society

Doug Sawyer, Past President of the Pine Lake Restoration Society provided a brief history of their organization, emphasizing the importance and benefit of stewardship groups. This group is the oldest lake stewardship group in Alberta. Their board consists of equal representation of farmers and cottage or resort owners. They sponsor an education and awareness day and a Clean Lake Day.

Pine Lake is similar to Wizard Lake in that it is spring fed. Pine Lake had a serious phosphorous problem which produced an extreme amount of algae which deprived the lake of sufficient oxygen levels. Part of their lake treatment included a hypolimnetic withdrawal system.

Doug's presentation was extremely informative, and he responded to several questions. He concluded that communities can take charge and find solutions to their water quality problems.

Chairman Laverne thanked Doug for attending and presented him with a gift from our association. Doug can be reached at 403-886-2525.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Laverne outlined the accomplishments of the board this past year.

- registered society
- received a grant from the Alberta government, through the Alberta Stewardship Network
- contacts with environmental experts
- member of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance and the Alberta Stewardship Network
- LeVerne Ellsworth has been appointed as a board member of the Alberta Stewardship Network

- have established a website
- lake monitoring through Alberta Lake Management Society
- monitoring the lake elevation weekly for Alberta Environment
- speed signs and buoys for lake user safety
- set up a liaison with the RCMP who did boat patrol and education on the July long weekend
- stream sampling program is being developed

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Amend By-laws

Moved/seconded by Laura Reichert/Kevin Cummings that the WLWLSA bylaws be amended and adopted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Elect Auditors

Shirley and Lynn Elder have volunteered to audit the WLWLSA's financial records. Moved/seconded by John Hermans/Albert Faulkner that Shirley and Lynn Elder be appointed the auditors for the WLWLSA for the 2006-07 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Treasurer LeVerne Ellsworth presented a financial report for the period ending July 31, 2006. Moved/seconded by Kevin Cummings/Howard White that the financial report for the period ending August 15, 2006 be adopted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Leduc County Councillor Ruth Harrison advised that the WLWLSA should look into carrying liability insurance, for the protection of the board, and suggested to contact Leduc county for coverage through Jubilee Insurance.

Election of New Board Members

The Board may consist of 3 – 20 members. The current board members are: Chris & Cathy Daniel, LeVerne & Carol Ellsworth, Laverne & Albert Faulkner, Bert Hadley, John & Joyce Hermans, Jerry & Carol McCracken, Arja Patrick, and John & Laura Reichert.

The following Association members were nominated for election to the board: John Fowler, Walter Kolodychuk, Andi Pallas, Donna Oldenburg and Ken Litzenberger. All but Donna were in attendance to accept their nomination; Donna will be contacted to confirm her acceptance of nomination and election to the board.

Moved/seconded by Liz Pallas/Blake Bartlett that nominations cease and those nominated be elected to the board. Motion passed unanimously.

Congratulations and thank you to the new board members.

Action Plan

The action plan outlines the areas that the WLWLSA will address, based on issues and concerns that were presented at the June 3 public meeting. Each of the areas listed has one board member as the leader of the working group. Members were asked to consider which area they may have an interest in being involved with, to assist in working together to prepare a project plan for that specific area. Members were encouraged to approach any of the project leaders and indicate their intent to join that area. Those board members responsible for their areas will report to the next board meeting who has joined their group and outline their plan of action. This is an opportunity for all WLWLSA members to have direct input and to share their expertise and knowledge in areas that are of interest or concern.

The four areas of concern and the group leaders are:

1. Water Quality/Fish Health - Bert Hadley
2. Shoreline Erosion - Arja Patrick
3. Safety & Enjoyment of Water Users – Carole Ellsworth, Albert Faulkner

4. Wildlife Protection – John Hermans

And the other areas of focus and the group leaders are:

5. Communication – Arja Patrick
6. Education – Laura Reichert
7. Fundraising – Cathy & Chris Daniel
8. Clearing House – LeVerne Ellsworth

DOOR PRIZES

Several door prizes were drawn for. Thanks to Ducks Unlimited and Lizzies Berry Farm for donating the door prizes. A 50/50 draw was also made – and the winner, Ruth Harrison, donated her winnings back to the WLWLSA – thank you Ruth!

OTHER INFORMATION/CONCERNS BROUGHT FORWARD DURING THE MEETING:

Newsletter – Volume 1 of the WLWLSA's newsletter is hot off the press – thanks to Arja Patrick for creating and printing the newsletter. If anyone has any submissions for the next one – contact Arja or Laverne.

Leduc County Land Use Bylaw – draft amended bylaw submission deadline soon – Association's position on areas affecting the lake?

Question re boat lifts – where they can be put – limits on how many – who is in charge?
Provincial government- Environment? Or Federal government - Department Of Oceans and Fisheries? Or municipal counties?

Problem with weeds and debris where rock areas were put in along lakeshore – who is responsible for maintaining?

CHAIR'S CLOSING COMMENTS

Laverne thanked everyone for attending and to consider joining one of the working groups. Special thanks to Arja Patrick for organizing today's BBQ and her two assistants for helping out.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 12:15 p.m.

BARBEQUE FOLLOWED

Correct answer to question on the draw for the birdhouse -
Which item was found the most number of times during Shoreline clean up?
Cigarette filters

- 2 – Food wrappers/containers
- 3 – Caps and lids
- 4 – Glass Beverage Bottles
- 5 – Plastic Bags