**Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting ~ Monday, April 22, 2013 ~ 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Present:** Chris Daniel, Kate Daniel, Carole Ellsworth, LeVerne Ellsworth, Laverne Faulkner, Harold Hofstra, Cathy Holman, Ruth Kolodychuk, Walter Kolodychuk

**Regrets:** Blake Bartlett, Bryan Mason, Tim Purnell

**Minutes of Meeting**

1. Approval of minutes from October 15, 2012 – unanimously approved
2. Updates
3. Stream of Dreams - *Cathy*

* Blake Bartlett, Albert Faulkner, Walter Kolodychuk, Allan Coles, and LeVerne Ellsworth were recognized for their excellent work and skill in preparing the fish over the winter; they were instrumental in making this project a reality
* the student workshops will be held on Tuesday, April 30th; the mural installation is on Wednesday, May 1st
* 6-8 volunteers required for the installation; bring gloves, pliers and dress for the weather
* baking and coffee will be on hand both days
* school is providing lunch on Tuesday for instructors and volunteers; Wednesday lunch will be provided at Charlie’s Café, Pipestone, after the mural install; Stream of Dream instructors have been invited to join us before heading back to Calgary
* Pipestone Flyer, Leduc Rep, and Devon Dispatch were notified of this event; Devon Dispatch have indicated they will attend; Laura Reichert also indicated she would write a story for the Pipestone Flyer

1. State of the Watershed Report - *LeVerne*

* LeVerne and Harold met over lunch meeting on April 15th with Dean Ohnesty, Steve Majeck and Nick Moffat to get feedback on the direction we should take in approaching Leduc and Wetaskiwin Councils
* suggested focus on 2-3 items from the report to present to Council
* suggested to request a council member and appointed staff member to be part of working group
* working group (LeVerne, Harold, Laverne and Blake) will meet April 29, 7:00 pm at Ellsworth’s to determine items to focus on
* request Councils put this report on agenda for next Joint Meeting

1. Website Development – *Carole*

* website is ready for review; Chris, Laverne and Carole will meet on April 25th, 9:00-3:00 at Chris’ house
* field testing to be undertaken by a non-stewardship as well as a non-computer literate person for feedback to determine if user-friendly
* ideas for promotion of website - spring open house, bulletin board, newsletter, email
* Kimberley designed our website free of charge; through grant money an honorarium will be presented for all her many hours on this
* Chris motioned that the Weebly charge of $159 for 2 years be approved, seconded by Cathy

1. Homesite Consultations - *Kate*

* copies of the summer schedule distributed
* Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 assigned to Wizard Lake
* bookings have not yet been received

1. Shoreline Cleanup - *Carole*

* the 2013 Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-Up is scheduled September 21-29
* Saturday, September 21 was agreed upon to schedule shoreline cleanup at Wizard Lake
* the Annual General Meeting will follow the cleanup at Jubilee Park
* Carole will organize posters, website, email reminder and newsletter

1. Boating Safety Committee - *Chris*

* it is felt that there are sufficient issues to warrant a meeting in 2013
* an RCMP officer from Leduc detachment has been assigned to Wizard Lake (Andrew)
* changes to Navigation Act – no longer under federal jurisdiction, they now fall under provincial/municipal
* signage at boat launches will be turned so can be seen as you launch your boat
* where/how to put signage is a problem at narrows but continuing to look at options
* Chris’ request to send a new survey to membership approved by board

1. Financial Report - *LeVerne*

* grants are covering upcoming expenses
* bank balance $5,178.66
* charitable receipt for Melton donation requested
* the yearly financial review was voted to be done as an audit by the majority of the board

1. Inlet Stream Testing - *LeVerne*

* not occurring this year as baseline has been established
* agreed that testing be pursued for 2014
* a testing site near the new diversion canal near Blake’s house will be added

1. Area Structure Plan - *Chris*

* this committee was reformed because Top of Bank appeal
* certain exclusions came from this appeal, namely Wizard Lake Estates, Enchantment Valley and the west boat launch
* three items are before Council: i) new secondary dwellings will not be permitted, ii) existing secondary dwellings will be grandfathered and allowed to be rebuilt, iii) a geotechnical engineer report be mandatory for rebuilding

1. Bulletin Boards:

* Wizard Heights location does not have good accessibility, especially in winter – Laverne will follow up with this group to check on the possibility of moving it
* flowers for bulletin boards will be purchased and distributed by Carole
* Laura Reichert indicated interest for Wizard Heights maintenance

1. Membership and Publication/E-mail Review - *Cathy*

* one new membership and two inquiries regarding membership

1. Hotline Poster – *Carole*

* Carole, with Laverne’s assistance, put a “Hotline Poster” together
* poster was approved for posting on bulletin boards
* Laverne will update board member list for posting on bulletin boards – lamination costs approved

1. Leduc County Newsletter Article – *Harold*

* Harold was interviewed for the Leduc County newsletter; he spoke about Stream of Dreams, Homesite Consultations, and State of the Watershed Report.
* the article has not yet been published

1. Board Insurance Renewal - *Carole*

* premiums are due although a renewal notice has not been received
* Chris will follow-up with Nature Alberta regarding insurance and membership

1. Lake Sampling (ALMS) – *Carole*

* Wizard Lake is on the 2013 testing list
* Larry McPherson has volunteered to use his boat

1. Follow-up from the Fall Annual General Meeting:
2. Change of 12 km zone to no-wake zone

* Tim Purnell proposal has not been received; however Chris indicated that this was an issue the Boat Safety Committee was looking at

1. Point of contact for each subdivision

* though not considered part of our mandate it was felt this could be beneficial towards communication:
  + *Enchantment Valley* – Harold Hofstra
  + *Wizard Lake Estates* - Archie Roberts
  + *Curilane B* – Chris Daniel
  + *Curilane A and Butterfly Cove* – Chris to contact Ken Litzenberger
  + *Wizard Heights* - Laverne will attempt to find a contact
  + *Wizard Ridge Estates* - Carole will attempt to find a contact

1. Parking issues at Wizard Lake Estates

* this issue is not in our mandate and it was unanimously agreed upon not to get involved

1. Boat Noise

* redirect concerns to County
* Leduc County has a proposed noise by-law however boats are excluded

1. Issues up for discussion
2. Bentley's Campground

* Laverne reviewed how this development permit application was handled and the status of Bentley’s application
* concerns regarding disposal of sewage and gray water were raised, Carole will follow up with local septic companies
* if Planning approves this application, an appeal can be filed
* Planning may take this application to Council for ruling
* suggested a letter be sent again to Planning indicating that WLWLSA concerns are ongoing and answers are expected on how the County plans to handle our stated concerns - Chris will draft the letter and send to Harold/Laverne for input before sending
* Carole will send the sewage investigation results to Chris
* Harold will make contact with Councillor Glassman to discuss our concerns
* possibility of involving Alberta Health

1. How do we handle other environmental concerns?

* In the past Laverne handled concerns by notifying Board members and taking action immediately. She expressed concerns on how this would be done in the future. It was agreed environmental concerns are of utmost importance and all issues should be reviewed and input provided promptly.

1. Ski Club

* concerns were raised over the sewage and gray water being dumped at the ski club, open pipes going directly into the lake have been photographed
* Chris explained that due to concerns at Buck Lake, the County of Wetaskiwin is looking into passing a by-law allowing only 1 trailer per lot, and this may solve the problem of the number of trailers at the ski club at a future date and felt WLWLSA should not pursue it
* Chris will follow-up with Councillor McKeever to check on status of the proposed by-law

1. Are we handling county applications properly?

* Chris will approach Ken Litzenberger or Larry Staples to see if they are willing to review development permits suspected of being detrimental to the watershed
* LeVerne will contact Aquality regarding costs involved for consultation on permits

1. With fall elections around the corner, where do we fit in on environmental issues?

* invite candidates to AGM – may be too early before election date
* host an open house
* in past Pigeon Lake interviewed candidates then sent information to members

1. Planning for a spring open house/information session:

* Saturday, June 1 was decided for the date
* Carole will contact halls for availability – Glen Park, Gramma Bear’s, Pipestone
* sub-Committee – Carole, Harold, Kate, Cathy to meet May 2, 7 pm at Carole’s

*Ideas for Sub-Committee to consider:*

* S.O.W. summary ready, 80 copies of report printed, Aquality powerpoint presentation
* website
* membership drive
* introduce Harold as new chair
* issues facing Wizard Lake
* shoreline clean-up
* Navigation Act and implications: Chris will attempt to acquire guest speaker on this topic
* Stream of Dreams presentation

1. Other:

* Kim Barkwell is the new Sustainable Agricultural Coordinator for Leduc County and County of Wetaskiwin – contact for riparian and wetlands

*Thank you Carole and LeVerne for the delicious cinnamon buns!*