

WIZARD LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION
Thursday, June 11, 2009 – 7:30 – 10:00 pm, Conjuring Lake Community Hall
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Present: Randy Booth, Chris Daniel, Kate Daniel, Shirley Elder, Carole Ellsworth, LeVerne Ellsworth, Laverne Faulkner, Linda Hutchinson, Ruth Kolodychuk, Walter Kolodychuk, Matt Leach, Arja Patrick
Guest: Robbin Nikiforuk
Absent: Greg Illchuk, April Larkin, Kathy MacPherson, Kevin Smyth

AGENDA

1. Welcome new board members – **Laverne**
2. Elect new executive – **Laverne**
3. Cohosting workshops – **Robbin Nikiforuk**
4. Homesite Consultations – **April**
5. Review ASN grant received – **Laverne**
6. Next newsletter – **Arja**
7. Strategy for attracting board and volunteers – **Linda/Arja**
8. Cost for putting logo on bags – **Linda**
9. Book presentations to schools – **Arja**
10. State of the Watershed Report – **LeVerne**
 - grants – **Chris**
11. Conferences – **Laverne**
12. Shoreline Clean up – **Carole**
13. Minutes Distribution
14. Wizard Lake Awareness Day follow up work and debrief – **Chris**
15. Schedule next meeting **IN THE FALL!**

MINUTES

1. **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS – Laverne**
 - new board members Randy Booth and Shirley Elder, elected at the June 6, 2009 annual general meeting, were warmly welcomed to the board of directors.
 - Randy, who is a pilot, explained that he had just received his aerial applicators license which allows him to apply herbicides from an airplane and wanted to be sure this was not contrary to WLWLSA beliefs and disallowed him from being on the board
 - decision was that this was not a problem as long as he is following correct and legal procedures
2. **ELECT NEW EXECUTIVE – Laverne**
 - bylaws state the executive (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) will be elected by the board for a 2 year term
 - the present executive was all elected in 2008, so will serve until 2010
 - the Treasurer, LeVerne Ellsworth, resigned his position due to pressing personal reasons
 - Shirley Elder was nominated and elected to the position of Treasurer for a 2 year term, effective immediately
 - it was decided that signing authority will be any 2 of: Chair (Laverne Faulkner), Treasurer (Shirley Elder) and Secretary (Ruth Kolodychuk). Shirley Elder will make the necessary arrangements at the bank.
 - method to gradually transition the executive will be discussed at the board retreat this winter
3. **COHOSTING WORKSHOPS – Robbin Nikiforuk**
 - Robbin is doing Homesite consultation workshops. WLWLSA will co-host a workshop for Wizard Lake on September 26, 2009 – **April** will coordinate this with Robbin. FAN has 3 summer students who might be able to help (perhaps with flyer delivery—**April**)
 - Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association offers workshops on how to manage wastewater. This workshop will be scheduled with the Homesite Consultation workshop. **Robbin** will coordinate.
 - Robbin also offers presentations about weeds, herbicides, and pesticides
 - the Health Unit does presentations about how to properly sample well water

- Robbin also does the Environmental Farm Plan workshops
 - these last 3 workshops will be kept in mind and considered in the future
- 4. HOMESITE CONSULTATIONS – April (Matt sitting in)**
- the board is scheduled for consultations and 2 more people signed up at Awareness Day
 - Robbin mentioned that Blake Bartlett also wished to sign up – **April** to contact
 - Matt has a prototype for a merman to be cast from pewter to be presented to those who have a Homesite Consultation completed, cost has yet to be determined
 - some discussion about including wording such as “Wizard Lake Steward” with the merman, perhaps all mounted on a plaque – **Matt** is designing
- 5. REVIEW ASN GRANT – Laverne**
- everyone received a copy of the amounts in the grant for specific projects
 - when claiming expenses covered under this grant, **everyone** will specifically identify the project the expense is related to, and subtotal toward that project
 - use only the expense form generated by the Treasurer
- 6. NEXT NEWSLETTER – Arja**
- hazard markers – **Arja**
 - Book presentations – **Arja** will ask Laura
 - boat survey – **Carole**
 - weir – **LeVerne**
 - Awareness Day – **Chris** (**Carole** will send pictures to Arja)
 - Homesite Consultation – **Arja (April)**
 - Shoreline Clean-up – **Carole**
 - Sept 26 workshops – **Arja**
- 7. STRATEGY FOR ATTRACTING BOARD AND VOLUNTEERS – Linda and Arja**
- no progress
 - plan to meet this summer for brainstorming, will invite others to join them if available
- 8. COST FOR PUTTING LOGOS ON BAGS – Linda**
- not yet determined
- 9. BOOK PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOLS – Arja**
- Carole discovered these books through North Sask, Watershed Alliance
 - two books, “One Well, The Story of Water on Earth” and “On the Living Edge” were presented to 8 schools in the area and Millet and Calmar on June 2 by Laverne and Laura Reichert
 - they were warmly welcomed by all and it was an extremely fun and rewarding experience
 - Laura has written an article that will be in the Pipestone Flyer
- 10. STATE OF THE WATERSHED REPORT – LeVerne**
- Aquality was hired to write the report, \$34,000.00, will progress in stages at money is available
 - this will be a benchmark document about all aspects of Wizard Lake and is the jumping off point for further action
 - grant request to EcoTrust was declined, waiting to hear from Alberta Conservation Association
 - **LeVerne** will tell Aquality to continue with the additional funds from the ASN grant, and will ask for a list of the information they have already received from WLWLSA at a previous meeting
 - **Carole** will list the information she has sent Aquality
 - **Chris** will forward a copy of Andi’s ice out information to Laverne
 - **Laverne** will ensure Aquality receives any additional information WLWLSA has
- 11. CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AGMs**
- NSWA AGM, Kings College, June 17 – **Ruth** and **Arja**
 - ASN AGM, Fort McLeod, June 25 – **Carole** and **LeVerne**
 - Pigeon Lake ASP, June 18, 6:30-9:30, Thorsby – **Carole**
 - Leduc area structure plan, Wizard Lake, Thursday, June 25, 6:30-9:30, Calmar Legion – **everyone** will try to attend. **Ruth** will send a reminder to membership, same as last meeting

12. SHORELINE CLEAN UP – Carole

- Carole is working with Albert, TD Great Canadian Shoreline Clean up – September 19/09
- need a coordinator for each area to work with a few people to collect debris
- Arja, Matt, LeVerne, Chris, Shirley volunteered to coordinate their areas
- Carole to outline areas and distribute details
- a boat will be required for inaccessible debris – Albert volunteered
- schools could be approached to get students involved, perhaps for credit
- Randy is interested in organizing a dive to retrieve garbage from under the water, not sure on timing

13. MINUTES DISTRIBUTION

- we are out of step with other organizations in sending copies of minutes to all membership regularly
- minutes are available on website
- when sending out these minutes and AGM minutes, Ruth will request that those who wish to continue to receive minutes make a request

14. WIZARD LAKE AWARENESS DAY – Chris

- volunteers presented with a pan of pansies and an angel as thanks for their hard work
- approximately 94 people attended, preliminary profit of \$2,066.00
- most successful event to date
- discussion about improvements that could be made, Chris has everyone’s feedback, will be considered when organizing next year
- will schedule again for early June, look at overall weather trends for best timing
- the purpose of the event (community building? fundraising?) will be determined to help with planning (Chris)
- everyone to give Chris the total time and other in-kind expenses they had, by June 16
- Arja will do thank you cards to silent auction donors, Laverne to send her a copy of the card
- AGM minutes will include comments from new members – Laverne

15. NEXT MEETING

- **Thursday, September 17, 2009, 7:00 pm at the Calmar Legion** if they will allow Chris to have a key!
- Chris will contact Conjuring Lake Hall people to explain our emergency use and offer donation

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS	
June 25	Leduc Wizard Lake area structure plan
June 28	Canada Day Boat Parade
Sept 17	Board meeting
Sept 19	Shoreline Cleanup
Sept 26	Workshops-Homesite Consultation, Wastewater mgmt
Fall	Bowling social event
Oct/Nov	Horsereading social event