Wizard Lake Watershed & Lake Stewardship Association

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May 01, 2025
Location: Blake's house
Time: 7pm
Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81395822795

Agenda:

1. Welcome – Chair
2. Additions to the agenda?
3. Approval of January 09, 2025 minutes
4. Treasurer Report – John Hrynkow
5. Chair's update - Blake
   - Sampling update – summer in-lake is booked with ALMS
   - Sampling update - ALMS 2024/2025 Winter In-Lake Sampling [4]
   - Gravel pit concerns update
   - Wetaskiwin grants
   - Land Stewardship grant [AE consultant]
   - ECF grant [printing/delivery]
   - AEP Flow Rates
   - WRP Update
   - Bathtub Project
6. Lake Stewardship Community of Practice 2 webinar comments
7. Park Day July 12 – 11am to 3pm
8. Seahorse raffle
9. Annual General Meeting Date [School/Guest speaker D. Trew] / Board Meeting _____
10. Next Board Meeting _____
11. Motion to close meeting by _____ seconded by _____ TIME: _____

For Information:

- On March 7th, Alberta Environment Minister, Rebecca Schulz announced expansion of the Provincial Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force. This means more border watercraft inspection stations, tripling K-9 inspection teams and installing more than 12 new dip tank decontamination systems at boat launches.
- No Zebra mussels found in Alberta.

MINUTES

Attendees: Blake Bartlett, Brian Clemo, Kevin Cummings, Kate Daniel, LeVerne Ellsworth, Kathie Drynan, Corey Drynan, Linda Hutchinson, Riad Assaf, Shane Hammell, Robert Skwarok, Linda Bartlett

Regrets: John Hrynkow, Linc Drynan, Richard Ipsen, Albert Kamps, Bryan Mason, Elise Pallard, Reg McKinney

Blake requested any additional items to be added to the agenda. 3 items were added

1. 2025 ALMS Conference (Blake)
2. BioHaven Floating Islands update (Blake)
3. BioHaven Floating Islands condition (Robert)

Blake welcomed everyone to the May 01, 2025 Board Meeting.

Motion to approve January 09, 2025 minutes was made by Kevin Cummings and seconded by Robert Skwarok.

In the absence of treasurer, Blake gave the Treasurer Report including the grant funds status. Blake thanked Ray for assisting in the success of the Edmonton Community Foundation grant.

Chair's update by Blake

ALMS 2025 summer in-lake sampling has been booked

ALMS 2024/2025 winter in-lake sampling consisted of 4 sampling times. Thank you to Kathie and Corey Drynan for making this happen. Data forthcoming.

Gravel pit concerns have been received from the community. Blake had discussions with Alberta Energy Regulator permitting who stated procedures were being followed by AspenLeaf who held the permit. Blake had discussions with the contractor stating concerns by WLWLSA and the community. Meeting with the contractor and land owner was to be arranged to discuss water concerns; however, to date no date has been set.

2025 Grants have been approved by Wetaskiwin County No. 10. Thank you.

WLWLSA was approved by Land Stewardship Centre for a grant to cover the consultant's cost to prepare a Water Quality Analysis 2023, 2024, 2025 report. Printing of this report is covered with a grant from Edmonton Community Foundation. The report will be hand delivered by the WLWLSA Board of Directors in July/August as previous reports.

2025 Tributary Sampling on 10 locations has been completed and the lab reports are now in the hands of our consultant, Associated Environmental Consultants, Inc. Dorte Koster for the upcoming report.

Alberta Environment and Parks completed Flow Rates calculations on Wizard Lake tributaries this spring.

Wetland Replacement Program (WRP) update. Blake continues to be in discussion with consultant and land owners.

BATHTUB report. This is a special project new to WLWLSA which involves the collection of data over the years. This data will be sent to David Trew who will be coordinating and inputting the data with a second year University Student and a Science graduate/Accountant. WLWLSA are looking forward to what the BATHTUB report will tell us in going forward in our endeavour to sustain Wizard Lake.

Blake spoke to the two ALMS webinars held in March: 1) Wake, Wind, and Shoreline Erosion – Dr. Chris Houser from the University of Waterloo to learn about their research on shoreline and coastline changes throughout Canada. Dr. Houser's studies go a long way towards building a better understanding of thresholds of wakes on waterway. 2) Recreational Carrying Capacity at Lake Windermere – Pam Saunders, the Program Manager with the Lake Windermere Ambassadors, about monitoring, challenges, and recreational carrying capacity study insights at Lake Windermere. Both of these webinars are now up on the ALMS.ca website for viewing.

Outcome of these webinars: Josh Bishop, Reeve, County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 along with Leduc County are preparing a Terms of Reference to look into an application of a VORR [Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations]

Robert reported the plants on the islands at west end have washed out. Robert and Blake will investigate condition of islands.

2025 Park Day will be July 12, 2025 11am – 3pm. 'Sir Oliver', great horned owl will return. Blake asked for volunteers to assist in this event.

Discussions started on how to best raffle the Seahorse wooden carving. Further decisions are pending at this time.

ALMS Annual Conference is being held in Wabamun. Details as to date, etc have not been received. Blake spoke to Brad Peter, ALMS Director about having Lincoln Drynan do a presentation on water sampling to the delegation from a youth perspective. Details are in discussion.

Kate Daniel and Linda Bartlett will pick up flowers for the bulletin boards.

Attached is a chart of Wizard Lake lake levels.

Annual General Meeting is set for August 16, 2025 9am – 12am at New Humble Community School with the progress on the BATHTUB report. Motion to approve expenditures for this event along with date confirmation and location made by Robert Skwarok, seconded by LeVerne Ellsworth.

Next board meeting will be held after the AGM August 16, 2025 to elect officers.

Motion to close meeting by Kevin Cummings and second by Kate Daniel. Time 8:33pm