

Lac La Nonne Watershed Stewardship Society

Meeting Notes

Date: Monday, February 4, 2008. Time: 7:00 p.m. Place: Seniors' Lakeside Clubhouse.

Present: Jeff McCammon –Pres.; Lorna McFadzen – Sec.; Mel Dietrick –Seniors; Jim Craig – PFRA; Mike Dickie– Councillor LSA; Barbara Kleespies – Seasonal Recreation; Marcel Gauthier- Councillor Barrhead; Stan De Zaeyer – Agriculture; Ed Petrie – Agriculture; Tim Clarke – Treasurer.

Absent: Kerri O'Shaughnessy – Cows and Fish; Bryan McCammon –Recreation; Dwayne Wilmer – S.V. Nakamun; Jim Allan - Seasonal Recreation.

1. Call to Order: 7:04 p.m

Ag Capture Report:

- Jim Craig finished a summary of the power point presentation in consultation with Jason Vanrobaeys. There was still some confusion as to just what could be done with the summary. Lorna suggested that it be put on the web site, fill a gap in the State of the Watershed Report and it could be useful in the future in the Social Marketing program.
- Stan De Zaeyer wondered if a similar report could be done on past or historical "land use". It was felt that a past picture of the land use in the watershed could only be garnered from aerial maps. However, there is no reason a similar report could not be done in two or five years as a comparison to today's land use.

2. LEPA Report: The January meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13, 2008. Jeff will attend the meeting.

3. Athabasca WPac Workshop:

- Postponed from February 6 & 7 until early April. You will be notified.
- Jeff is committed to make a presentation
- Jeff would like as many directors as possible to attend.
- Consensus: there should be a representative from LWSS on the Athabasca WPac committee.
- 2-day workshop at the Best Western , Sherwood Park.

4. Riparian Assessment/ ACA Grant : Due to the postponed meeting in January, a quick decision had to be made by the executive re: which Riparian Option to take as the grant application for this was due on January 31. "C" Option was chosen – perennial lakes as it was felt that due to the uncertain precipitation in past years, there would not likely be any perennial creeks to do an assessment on. Lorna sent in the grant application with a great deal of input from Kerri. The Society is asking for about \$26,000.00 with Cows and Fish matching with in-kind contribution.

Un-confirmed partners are S.V. Nakamun Lake and LEPA. Each has been asked to confirm involvement and a contribution of about \$450.00 each to cover costs of a newsletter/ hall rental, etc.

The ACA has responded saying that the application will be looked at in mid-February and the Society should know by March 13. Lorna is the contact person.

5. ASN Grant: One available to apply for by February 14, 2008. Jeff and Lorna will be working on this grant. Funding is needed for Wetland Educational Day; second phase of the Riparian Assessment; hiring a Professional Social Marketer; Paleo project.

6. **WERG:** The January meeting was postponed until Feb. 14th. Consideration is being given towards a booklet being done on Lake Nakamun, with the belief this would have more value to create more interest from that area. Funding has not been established. Tim will try to garner more information to clear up the confusion.

7. **Report on Paleo:**

- Dr. Wolfe has been in touch with Jeff and made a progress report. It is about six pages long, so if anyone wants a copy, please contact Lorna.
- Nathan Ballard is doing a thesis on the project, and requires funding from LWSS. The Society has the requested \$7500.00 to forward as soon as Jeff and Dr. Wolfe get together again.
 - A. Pb dating at Mycore Scientific - \$1500.00 per lake X three + \$4500.00
 - B. Monthly salary top-up for Ballard - \$500.00 per month X6 + \$3000.00
- LWSS only requires the practical but the U of A is doing the academic as well.
- In return, the Society gets the phosphorus budget, extra testing, Pro-water geography testing; solid phase diatoms (spikes in water problem); and pigment analysis from the Biological Sciences department U of A.

8. **Annual General Meeting:** Much discussion on this re: membership/attendance/interest.

- a. Lorna gave a summary of the reading material suggested by Counsellor Dickie. She was helpful in giving an over all account of what is expected and needed to have a successful social marketing campaign.
- b. It was decided to try and hire or find a government Professional Social Marketer or Facilitator. Jim Craig is going to try and contact someone for the next meeting.
- c. Concept is to get the whole of the watershed involved whereby stakeholders would have a hands on opportunity to see the problems; suggest ways to solve them; and arrive at a final solution.
- d. Break the stakeholder population into smaller pockets based on demographics i.e. agriculture X 2 (mid-south to west of Lac La Nonne and mid-south to east of Nakamun); permanent recreational; seasonal recreational; and subdivision.
- e. Consider SWOT concept (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) and the KISS method (Keep it Simple and Singleton).
- e. Make use of surveys (several different types); focus groups; public meetings; news media (several different types), etc.
- f. Lorna strongly urged the Directors to read the material although much of it overlaps, but there is too much for one person to pass along.
- g. Consensus: There will be no public annual meeting. The AGM will be the regular April meeting at which time elections of officers will take place and the audited financial report will be presented.

9. **Financial Report:** Everyone was handed a copy of the year-end financial report. Tim Clarke resigned his position as Treasurer and has left the Society. Brian McCammon has agreed to serve as Treasurer. Thank you Brian.

10. Wetland Educational Day – Barbara reported that all plans are going well. There will be about 45 grade five students from Dunstable and Rich Valley on the shore June 5 (June 11 – back up day if weather is bad on June 5). She requires helpers and about \$800.00-\$1000.00 in funds. It was suggested she draw from the community for helpers as well, Ed, Lorna and Jeff volunteered to be there.

11. Next meeting: Monday, March 17th 2008. Lac La Nonne Senior's Lakeside Club House. 7:00 p.m.

Report presented by:

Lorna McFadzen – Sec.