

Lac La Nonne Watershed Stewardship Society

Meeting Notes

Date: Monday, March 17, 2008. Time: 7:00 p.m. Place: Seniors' Lakeside Clubhouse.

Present: Jeff McCammon –Pres.; Lorna McFadzen – Sec.; Mel Dietrick –Seniors; Jim Craig – PFRA; Barbara Kleespies – Seasonal Recreation; Stan De Zaeyer – Agriculture; Ed Petrie – Agriculture; Tim Clarke – Treasurer; Kerri O'Shaughnessy – Cows and Fish; Bryan McCammon –Recreation; Dwayne Wilmer – S.V. Nakamun; Jim Allan - Seasonal Recreation; Janet Tomalty – LEPA; Harvey Thompson - LEPA

Absent: Mike Dickie– Councillor LSA: Marcel Gauthier- Councillor Barrhead.

Special Guests: Glen Gustafson and Kerry Aldrige from the Wabamun Watershed Management Council (WWMC).

1. **Call to Order: 7:04 p.m.** Introductions were made and then the guests did a power point presentation on the progress of developing the Wabamun Watershed Management Council
 - Have not as yet registered as a non-profit Society
 - 16 members thus far. (Seba Council, Non-gov't organizations; Industry; Business; and Agriculture
 - Concentrating on the Village of Seba Beach.
 - Hope to communicate more with residents, especially agriculture in time.
 - Finalizing the Structure and Organization of Council. Concentrating on Vision, Mission and Goals as well as filling vacancies on the Council(See attached/enclosed copies of power point presentation.)
2. **Replacement of Treasurer:** Bryan McCammon volunteered to take on the duties of Treasurer. Thank you Bryan.
3. **Ag Capture:** Jim Craig. The report is narrowed down considerably and the Board is to look it over and report back to Jim with in a week. Next meeting will have the final product.
4. **Newsletter:** Content and submissions was discussed
 - Jeff will submit a Chairman's report
 - Barbara will report re: the Wetland Educational Day
 - Kerri will report re: the Riparian Health Inventory
 - Jim will report re: Ag Capture
 - Jeff will submit info on grants received/applied for thus far.
 - Paleo progress – Jeff will submit report.
 - Report from County Planners-awareness of changes in land use and how it effects water quality and pressure on water quality.
 - Noxious weeds: Milfoil is a noxious weed. Should be removed. What can be done, who can do it. Jeff is going to ask DFO.
 - Picture suggestions: before and after Home Site Assessment; Awards received.
 - Announcements: submitted by everyone or anyone.
 - **TWO WEEKS TO HAVE INTO LORNA IF NEWSLETTER GOES OUT AT THE END OF APRIL.**
5. **Grant application:** The ASA grant was sent in asking for about \$27,000.00. Response came back, offering only \$14,000.00. Subsequently, application was sent in to the Community Initiative Program Grant. Should hear from them by mid April. This is to cover the cost of the Riparian Health Inventory. The ASN grant application for \$5000.00 was

accepted for 'capacity building/behaviour change and a little extra for recognition and awards.

- The SV of Nakamun has agreed to share half the cost of advertising, hall rental, catering, etc. LEPA has been asked to share the other half. Due to communication breakdown, there has not been a response from LEPA.

6. Riparian Health Inventory:

- Half the grant money has been confirmed.
- Application sent in for other half. If not forthcoming, may have to adjust criteria set out by Cows and Fish to do only 14 sites instead of the planned 30 sites
- LEPA can tie in with the RHI on Lac La Nonne if they so chose, then LWSS grant money can go towards other lakes.
- Dr. Wolfe (U of A) got very excited about this program. He will analyse water and rock samples taken at the time of the riparian assessment. LWSS will take the samples, results will tie in with the RHI report.
- Jeff and Kerrie are meeting with SV of Nakamun on Wed. March 19. Will work with Dwayne to get more involvement from Nakamun.

7. Athabasca WPAC – LWSS (Jeff) will be making a presentation. Other directors can attend, April 15th and 16th, Sherwood Park. There should be one rep. from LWSS sitting on this Board. Place of meetings has not been decided yet.

8. Announcements:

- NALMS (North American Lake Management Society) has invited LWSS (Jeff) to make a presentation at their 28th Consortium to be held at Chateau Lake Louise. This is a three-day affair and an excellent opportunity for LWSS to get more exposure.
- Going to ask the Counties for planning meeting to present SoW report and discuss Water Management, but probably not until after the Paleolimnology report is out.
- DFO- Stewards in Motion Grant Retreat – Jeff attended.
 - Jeff came from the retreat with many exciting events or actions to carry out. One was an awards program/gala event, which was started immediately
 - Categories:
 - Partnership Recognition went to LEPA. Janet Tomalty (VP) and Harvey Thompson (Pres.) accepted on behalf of LEPA.
 - Technical Aid Recognition went to Kerri O'Shaughnessy from Cows and Fish
 - Individual Recognition went to Lorna McFadzen, Secretary of LWSS.
 - Next step: how to get public buy-out, plans for awards night/day; etc. Barbara Kleespies volunteered to Chair a committee, Dwayne Wilmer will sit on the committee as well.
 - Suggested date – August 16th, 2008 .
 - Alberta Environment Conference – April 22. (Check with Jeff for time and place). Jerry and Lorna attended the last one.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2008 7:00 p.m. Seniors Lakeside Club House.

Report prepared by: Lorna McFadzen – Sec.