

Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

Sunday, May 2, 2004
John Cameron's residence
Kopp's Kove
Turtle Lake

In attendance:

Terry Kotyk IP/GS	Tom Halpenny IP/GS	Jack Anderson Powm Beach
Arnold Thiessen IP/GS	John Cameron Kopp's Kove	Bob Gourlay TLL
Merle Robinson TLL	Merv Brand South Bay	Jim Lawrence TLL
Harold Nesbitt SSV	Una Faber Horseshoe Bay	Don Taylor South Bay
Bill Turtle SSV	David Schuh GS	Bernie Lukan
Darrell Newton Moonlight Bay	Keith Maguire Powm beach	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M.

October 26, 2003 Minutes

- The minutes were adopted as submitted.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Terry Kotyk has purchased a case of 34 "On the Living Edge" books. Copies purchased were: Turtle Lake Lodge 5, South Bay 5, Kopp's 5, Powm Beach 4, Moonlight – Kivimaa 4, Evergreen Acres 4
- Terry Kotyk submitted changes to pages 2 and 7 of the preliminary constitution, and informed the group that a limited number of copies will be available at the Public meeting for reference. It was agreed that it would be the Board of Directors first duties to adopt the Constitution.

Discussion & Preparations for July 3rd Public Meeting

Action Items	Assignment												
Chairs, tables, lighting & ventilation	John Cameron												
Registration Desk	John Cameron												
Seating Arrangement (theatre style)	John Cameron												
Door Prize Tickets & Draw Box	Merle Robinson												
Flip Charts & Pens	Terry Kotyk												
Audio Visual Computer	Terry Kotyk												
Projection screen	Terry Kotyk												
PA system	John Cameron												
Extension cords	John Cameron												
Press Release	Terry Kotyk & Don Taylor												
Agenda													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Opening Remarks - Terry Kotyk • SNOWS Presentation – Merv Swanson • Agriculture our cottage & us - Terry Kotyk • Big Shell Lake Watershed Assoc. – Doug Wilson • Question Period • Motion to approve TLWP Assoc. • Nominations to Board of Directors • Draw for door prize 	<p>Budget:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Hall Rental</td> <td style="text-align: right;">35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coffee Service</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Projection Screen</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Honorariums</td> <td style="text-align: right;">75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Printing & Stationary</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>60.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$220.00</td> </tr> </table>	Hall Rental	35.00	Coffee Service	25.00	Projection Screen	25.00	Honorariums	75.00	Printing & Stationary	<u>60.00</u>	Total Expenses	\$220.00
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Discussion on Membership structure of TLWP;

There was some discussion as to how to best define the TLWP memberships. Some felt that memberships should be made available to the general public at a nominal fee (i.e. \$5), while others felt that the various Hamlets, Villages, and RM's are the members. It was agreed that the Hamlets, Villages and RM's would select individuals to represent them on the Board of Directors. The notion of a general membership available to the public would be left to the newly selected Board of Directors to determine.

Appointments and nominations as per preliminary constitution and bylaws.

It was agreed that the hamlets, villages and RM's within the Turtle Lake watershed would submit their nominees for the TLWP Board by June 25/04. Darrel Newton, Don Taylor and David Schuh volunteered to canvass the various hamlets, villages and RM's and prepare a list of nominees for the July 3 meeting.

2004 SNOWS Watershed Stewardship Award

Terry Kotyk reminded the representatives that they were accepting nominees for the 2004 SNOWS Watershed Stewardship Award. This award will be presented annually by SNOWS to an individual, or organization; (professional or non professional) for outstanding contributions to watershed stewardship in Saskatchewan. Accomplishments may include managerial, educational, scientific, political and legal successes. For more information contact Ed Dean, Sask. Environment edean@serm.gov.sk.ca, or call him at 306-787-7812.

Turtle Lake Water Test Reports: October 2003 & March 2004

Merle Robinson provided water test results, collected in October 2003 and March of 2004, by Sheldon Ofukany of the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority. All readings were well within the Saskatchewan Surface Water Quality Objectives. Some questions were asked as to the dramatic change in pH results over the five month time frame. I was also agreed that we needed to present these results in a format more easily understood by non-experts.

DFO Sediment and Erosion Control Workshop Report

Una Faber reported on a DFO sediment and erosion control workshop she attended in March. Participants learned about sediment impacts on fish and various techniques that are being used to provide effective sediment and erosion control for works in and around water.

The North Saskatchewan Watershed Report

John Cameron reported on the North Saskatchewan Watershed meetings he had attended over the winter. The group is comprised of the 13 RMs, 4 First Nation Communities, and numerous villages and hamlets. The meetings focused on the impacts of agricultural and industrial development, and provided a form for participants to brainstorm solutions.

DFO's Fish Habitat Stewardship Action Program

Terry Kotyk reported that there was grant money available to organizations such as the TLWP for fish habitat programs, but applications had to be submitted by May 15. It was agreed that Terry would make a submission on behalf of the TLWP. The new Board would define and manage the program once they are elected.

Turtle Lake - Lakeshore Management Update Study – Crosby, Hanna & Associates.

Tom Halpenny reported that the Turtle Lake – Lakeshore Management Update Study is now complete and spoke to highlights:

- The current water quality of Turtle Lake is good and does not appear to be impacted as a direct result of lakeshore development. It is improbable that the fish residing in Turtle Lake are impacted by existing water quality.
- Water levels have declined to the point where SE officials are concerned about Northern Pike spawning habitat in north end of lake.
- 27.7% of Turtle Lake's shoreline has been developed

- Current boating levels in the southern basin of Turtle Lake may be approaching capacity and with a full build out of already-approved subdivisions, safe boating capacity will be exceeded in this portion of the lake.

Miscellaneous Items

- Terry informed the group that he has an extensive list of contact information for government and non-government agencies.
- Terry has an inventory of the Water Watch Dog - Children's Education Kits should anyone wish to provide this program in their community.
- The CWRA/SNOWS Workshop is planned for May 11-13, Registration is \$30
- PARCS Convention, October 2-4

Next Meeting

The next TLWP meeting will be the July 3, 2004 Public meeting, 10:00 A.M. – noon at the Livelong Community Hall.