

## Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

**Saturday, April 16**  
**Terry Kotyk's residence**  
**Indian Point, Turtle Lake**

### **In attendance:**

Terry Kotyk	Merle Robinson	
Bob Gourlay	Charles Bodnar	
George Rozdilsky	Ainslie Macbeth	
John Cameron	Brian Manegre	
Bernie Lukan		

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 A.M.

A quorum of the majority of directors was not attained, however those present agreed to go forward with a meeting so that information could be captured in the minutes and distributed.

The minutes of the October 2, 2004 were adopted. Motion by George Rozdilsky and 2<sup>nd</sup> John Cameron.

### **Business Arising from October 2 minutes:**

Jim Range had proposed the placement of signage at strategic locations around the lake to increase the awareness of TLWI and its mission. Anyone with suggestions as to the design, manufacture and placement of these signs is asked to contact Jim. The Turtle Lake Nature Sanctuary has plans to install various signs at that location and there may be an opportunity to joint tender with them. Merle Robinson will look into it.

### **New Business**

Terry Kotyk reported that the TLWI website was now up and running. The URL is [www.tlwi.ca](http://www.tlwi.ca). The website includes the mission, history and governance of the organization, newsletters, publications, water level and water quality information about Turtle Lake, upcoming events and links to other related sites.

George Rozdilsky presented an article summarizing the make up and mission of the TLWI, along with the website address. The article also included the dates of the Centennial Lakeshore cleanup (July 3-9), the AGM, July 23 and the Living by Water workshop that will follow the AGM. George suggested it be placed on local bulletin board and included in hamlet newsletters. Other suggestions were to include the information in the Circle the Northwest publication, and to contact Bernice Edwards who is responsible for articles in the Turtleford and Maidstone papers.

### **CWRA Conference Report**

Terry Kotyk reported on his attendance at the CWRA Conference in Regina last November. Representatives of watershed stewardship organizations across Canada were in attendance. Terry said that he had gained many good contacts. One of the conference themes was the 7:1 return on investment of aquatic ecosystems. Also the importance of reconnecting youth to the environment and recognizing them for their contributions.

### **Lake Tour with DFO and SWA representatives**

Terry reported on the October 2, 2004 tour of numerous locations around the lake. DFO and SWA representatives joined the tour to assist and educate members as to the nature and types of ecosystem threats. At South Bay the parking lot drains directly into the lake and there was some debris along the outlet river. At Parkland there was a large cleared and grassed area that drained directly into the lake and some questionable lakeshore development. At Moonlight Bay/ Kivimaa debris along the shore including tires were noted. A Sunset View a review of the marina and drainage related to a recent lakeshore development was conducted. Terry emphasized that we need to communicate to people the fines related to unauthorized lakeshore development.

There was a discussion about the Sadlowsky lakeshore property between Sunset View and Evergreen Acres. There is now buffer zone and cattle are allowed into the lake at this location. The board believes that we should talk to the owner to see if there is an opportunity to create a riparian area along the lake at this location.

### **Financial Report**

Bob Gourlay provided the financial report. For fiscal year end March 31, 2005 TLW Inc. Had \$5,342 revenues and \$928.67 in expenses resulting in \$4,414.33 net income. Bob reported an additional \$500 cheque was received this month from DFO as the third and final payment for the stewardship program funding last year. Bob will arrange for Diana Baerg to conduct and audit for the July AGM.

### **Saskatchewan Water Authority Programs Report – Ainslie Macbeth**

Ainslie Macbeth from SWA reported on a number of upcoming programs that may impact the TLWI in the coming year. A number of new watershed stewardship groups have been formed through out the Province in the past year including one at Brightsand Lake. Their membership fee has been set at \$5.00 per cabin. Ainslie also informed the TLWI Board that the Water Quality Report is now finished and is expected to be available to the public this summer. The report includes the results of water testing at numerous lakes around the province including Turtle Lake. There is a water quality index that scores water quality on a variety of parameters. Turtle Lake scores an 87 out of 100 and is one of the highest scoring lakes in the study. This will greatly assist in interpreting the water quality sampling data currently on the TLWI website.

Ainslie also reported that Turtle Lake will be part of an upcoming project that will use satellite technology to monitor water quality. This means that water quality sampling will have to be coordinated with the satellite pass overs. She will let us know what the schedule will be.

6 versions of the Living by Water” workshop in a box have been developed by Nature Saskatchewan. Ainslie reported that a summer student has been hired to prepare and present these workshops, along with a Home Visit Assessment that lakeshore property owners can request to help them identify and address ecosystem threats on their property. Ainslie needs to know if the TLWI wants this student to come and do presentations. She emphasized the earlier we book the summer student the greater the chance of getting her would be.

Ainslie applied for a \$1,500 Stewardship in Action grant sponsored by the DFO, that could be used for the Lakeshore Clean up or any other meritorious stewardship initiative. She also reported that she is researching liability issues related to the clean up and will let us know her findings before the clean up begins. She said SaskEnergy has a traveling BBQ promotion that goes around the province and BBQ’s for various community gatherings. We might want to approach them for the clean up.

### **Education Committee Report – George Rozdilsky**

George was seeking advice from the board as to which educational materials would be most suitable for the TLWI to inventory and what the best way to distribute it would be. After discussion the board suggested that the Education Committee should review the various free DFO and SWA publications to determine those most suitable to provide as handouts at workshops, presentations and AGM meetings. It was also suggested that reference to the TLWI website and its related links would also be a good resource to direct people to. Another suggestion was to approach local retailers for space to place literature.

### **Planning for the AGM and Living by Water Workshop – July 23, 2005**

The TLWI Annual General Meeting is planned for Saturday, July 23, 10:30 A.M. – Noon. The Living by Water workshop will follow from 12:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Proposed locations are the Turtle Lake Mission or Dexter Hall. It was also suggested that from noon to 12:30, a local group could provide and charge for hot dogs and drinks, or sandwiches as a fundraiser. John Cameron agreed to make arrangements.

To promote the AGM, Bernie Lukan agreed to design a poster and all of the board members are to post them in their respective communities. Bernie will send it to Bob Gourlay to distribute by email

### **Next Meeting**

Saturday, May 14, 2005, 9:45 A.M.  
Terry Kotyk’s, Indian Point

**Meeting Adjourned: 1:20 P.M.**