

Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

Saturday, May 21, 2005
Terry Kotyk's residence
Indian Point, Turtle Lake

In attendance:

Terry Kotyk	Merle Robinson	Jim Range
Bob Gourlay	Charles Bodnar	Arnold Thiessen
George Rozdilsky	Tom Halpenny	
John Cameron	Gary Wacker	
Bernie Lukan	Una Faber	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 P.M.

Terry asked if there were any errors, or omissions in the April 16 minutes. Charles Bodnar noted that he was not present at the April 16 meeting and the minutes were corrected. John Cameron moved the minutes be adopted with corrections, Bernie Lukan seconded, motion carried by a show of hands.

Business Arising from April 16/05 minutes:

Terry reported that he and Merle Robinson had attended a Ducks Unlimited session earlier in the month. Terry explained that the organization is working toward a goal of zero tolerance on the loss of wetlands and that wetland reserves were being established in urban centers. He sighted a recent example in Saskatoon and Regina.

Preparations for July 23 AGM and Workshop and July 24 Lake Tour

The TLWP – Annual General Meeting will be held from 10:30 A.M. – Noon, Saturday, July 23 at the Turtle Lake Mission. The purpose of the AGM is to present the Audited Financial Statements, and elect individuals to open positions. The AGM will be followed by a light lunch catered by the Livelong, 50 Plus Club. There will be a charge for the lunch.

Following lunch at 1:00 P.M. until 4:30 P.M., Dennis Lawson of Lawson Environmental Services, and sponsored by Nature Saskatchewan will be leading a workshop covering topics related to protecting Turtle Lake's aquatic ecosystem. The workshop is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. The following day, Sunday, July 24 at 9:30 A.M. participants will be asked to reassemble in the parking lot at the South Bay restaurant to participate in a tour of different locations around the lake. The cost to the TLWP for Dennis's services will be \$200.

On July 7, In preparation for this workshop, Dennis will be conducting a tour of the lake to review specific issues such as shoreline construction projects and septic systems.

Bernie Lukan reported that the posters for the AGM and workshop are ready to print, and he will bring copies for all the representatives to the June board meeting.

Terry reported that he has arranged for an insert in the Circle the Northwest publication. The insert will inform readers of the upcoming AGM and workshop. Una Faber moved to approve \$200 to cover the cost of 2,300 inserts, seconded by George Rozdilski, carried by a show of hands. There are no direct charges for placing the inserts into the publication, but a few volunteers from the TLWP are expected to attend a supper and workshop to insert and assemble the publication, prior to its distribution. The supper and workshop will be held in the St. Walburg, Elk's Hall at 6:30 P.M., on June 16, 2005. There will be a \$5.00 charge for supper.

TLWP Signage

Jim Range presented a proposal for the TLWP signage that will be placed at road and beach access locations around Turtle Lake. The signage will include simple and succinct copy that projects the TLWP mission, along with the TLWP logo and a local contact telephone number. The board supported Jim's

proposal, and asked that we wait until the logo is has been approved and determine who's telephone number will be placed on the sign. Terry proposed that SNOW's might be a good choice to route calls to. Others felt that someone locally from the TLWP should answer and respond to inquiries. The board doesn't see any urgency to this issue and would like to discuss it further at the next board meeting.

Website

Tom Halpenny reported that the www.tlwi.ca website is up and he is getting input from a variety of sources. He had asked that the board appoint a single contact person to which board members can submit information.

Positions up for re-appointment or re-election on TLWP Board

There was some discussion as to open positions on the board and the upcoming AGM. Barry Pollets would like to continue as the representative from Powm Beach, Jim Range agreed to remain as member-at-large. South Bay needs a representative. In preparation for the July 23, AGM, Bob Gourlay agreed to contact the various member groups whose representatives are up for re-appointment.

Turtle Lake Centennial Shoreline Clean Up Project

George Rozdilsky discussed issues related to the shoreline clean up project set for the week of July 3 – 9. He is still waiting for liability waivers and funding opportunities discussed by Ainslie at the April meeting. He requested that the TLWP allocate some funds for garbage bags, hauling of materials etc. The board was supportive this idea, and George will make a specific proposal at the June meeting. As far as how and when the clean ups would be conducted, the board agreed that the representative from each beach would appoint some one locally to lead the exercise.

New Business

Lakeshore Issues

Terry said that he will report on concerns related to the Sadlowski property and the lack of a buffer zone at the June meeting.

Jim Range reported on the widening of a creek bed in the Moonlight Bay-Kivimaa Beach town site. Heavy equipment was used to widen and dredge a creek in an effort to drain a marsh area. This resulted in a great deal of silt and debris being flushed into the lake. The board reviewed some photographs. This situation will be brought to the DFO's attention and Dennis Lawson will be asked to talk about it at the upcoming workshop. Jim also had a picture of a situation where he believed that Round Up was being used along the lakeshore.

On a related topic Una Faber identified that the store and laundry operator at Moonlight Bay was placing sewage on farmland that drained into Turtle Lake. The board will ask the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority to test the water on this particular creek.

SNOWS Report

Terry provided the board with copies of the SNOWS Newsletter that outlines the various activities that the organization will be involved in this summer. Terry also announced that he has been offered the position of Coordinator for SNOWS and as a result will be resigning as the President and the representative for IP/GS following the July AGM. Although disappointed that we would be losing Terry, the board thanked him for his leadership in establishing the TLWP and wishes him well in his endeavors with SNOWS.

Next Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Bob Gourlay's - #15 Mathews Cres., Turtle Lake Lodge

Meeting Adjourned: 4:20 P.M.