

Turtle Lake Watershed inc. AGM Minutes

Saturday, July 23, 2005

Turtle Lake Mission

Call to Order – Terry Kotyk

The meeting was called to order by Terry Kotyk at 10:36 A.M.

Terry reviewed the agenda and motioned that it be adopted. 2nd by John Cameron, carried by show of hands.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the July 3, 2004 AGM meeting, asked for errors and omissions and moved they be adopted as read, 2nd Muriel Carlson, carried by a show of hands

Financial Statements & Auditor's Report – Bob Gourlay

Bob Gourlay presented the financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2005. Total revenues were \$5,343 and expenses were \$939.60 resulting in a net income of \$4,403.40. TLWI has \$4,403.40 in cash assets and \$0 liabilities. An auditor's report provided by Diana Baerg was provided. Bob requested a motion from that floor that the financial report be adopted as presented. Motion by Don Taylor, 2nd Merrill Robinson, carried by a show of hands.

President's Report – Terry Kotyk

Since its establishment TLWI has engaged and assisted the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority in conducting regular and comprehensive water quality testing, provided educational services to lakeshore property owners through educational workshops, and printed materials; and initiated the Turtle Lake Lakeshore Cleanup July 3 – 9, 2005, which engaged individuals and groups around the lake in an effort to remove refuse from the lakeshore. In May 2005, the TLWI Website: www.tlwi.ca was launched providing all stakeholders and the general public with access to watershed information including: water quality data, historical water levels and activities of interest. Terry reported that to date the site had received 2,464 hits, 136 of being unique.

Terry also reported on The Saskatchewan Network of Watersheds (SNOWS) progress in the past year. There are now 11 watersheds through out the province with more interested groups. SNOWS and the Canadian Water Resources Association (CWRA) are planning a provincial conference in Regina for January 24 & 25, 2006 and encourage all interested parties to take it in.

Terry requested a motion from the floor that his presentation be adopted: Charles Bodnar motioned as such, 2nd John Cameron, carried by a show of hands.

Education Committee Report – George Rozdilski

George provided an overview of some of the tools that his committee is using to convey watershed news and educational information to people within the watershed. George presented and talked to a number of educational booklets and brochures provided by the Department of Fisheries (DFO) and Saskatchewan Environment. He informed the audience that his committee has these publications available to any interested parties around the lake.

George discussed a number of current educational initiatives underway such as the 2005 Lakeshore Clean Up, the Living by Water workshops and the Water Watch Dog program sponsored by Nature Saskatchewan. He also reminded the membership of the Turtle Lake Watershed Inc. website now on line. George was eager to solicit ideas from the membership that might improve the dissemination of educational information to users of the watershed.

Turtle Lake Water Quality Report – Ainsley MacBeth - SWA

Ainsley MacBeth, with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority (SWA) presented and discussed the results of the water quality testing at Turtle Lake conduct from the spring of 2002 to the fall of 2004. Based on the Canadian Water Quality Index (CWQI), Turtle Lake water quality was rated "good" with a CWQI rating of 90.1 out of 100. This rating was well above the requirements for recreational use and is defined as –

water quality is protected with only a minor degree of threat or impairment; conditions rarely depart from natural or desirable levels. Water quality data can be accessed on the TLWI website www.tlwi.ca.

Ainsley also informed the board that SWA had chosen Turtle Lake as one of two experimental tests sights that would be used to synchronize the water testing dates with satellite fly over dates so that research could be conducted to improve water quality surveillance via satellite photography.

Nomination of Directors at Large

Jim Lawrence, Jim Range and Barry Poletz were nominated for two years terms of Directors at large. Terry Kotyk requested a motion from the floor to declare the nominees as board members. Motion: Peter VanGinneken, 2nd Brian Managre. Carried by a show of hands.

Terry Kotyk invited the members to stay for lunch and the Living by Water workshop that will be presented by Lawson Environmental following lunch. Terry requested a motion to close the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 P.M.