

Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

Saturday, October 1, 2005

Sportsman Inn

South Bay

In attendance:

Lynne Van Ginnekin	Merrill Robinson	
Bob Gourlay	Charles Bodnar	
Bernie Lukan	Barry Poletz	
John Cameron	Bruce Pahl	
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M.

Bob Gourlay chaired the meeting and began with a review of the agenda and moved that it be adopted. ,
2nd by Bernie Lukan: carried

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the Aug. 22/05 meeting, asked for errors and omissions and moved they be adopted as read, 2nd Charles Bodnar

Business Arising from the minutes

TLWI Logo Proposals

The board members were asked if they had prepared TLWI logo submissions as requested at the last board meeting. No one had any to submit. Bob Gourlay reported that Terry had forwarded two submissions from George Rozdilsky, but Bob had not brought them along, assuming George would be presenting them. It was agreed to table the logo selection until the April 15, 2006 meeting. All board members are again asked to prepare and submit a logo.

TLWI Signage

Since the logo selection has not been completed it was decided to table the TLWI signage decision until the April 15, 2005 meeting.

Outstanding election of President for 2005/06

A request for volunteers for the position of President was announced. No one put there name forward. It was agreed to table this issue until the April 15, 2006 meeting.

Committee Reports

Financial Committee

As of Sept 30, 2005 TLWI has \$5,187.41 in the checking account. (cheques for \$125 were still outstanding)

Water & Riparian Committee

Terry Kotyk submitted a written report outlining information he had collected from Dan Dunn of Ducks Unlimited regarding drainage in the Horseneck Lake area. Terry's report is as follows:
I talked to Dan Dunn who is familiar with the area. He stated that the beaver dams in the area were removed about a month ago (late August 2005). There were about 12 in total, but they could not access all of them as Harold Kivimaa who owns land in part of the area has no trespassing signs posted. Dan is available to talk and show slides of the area to our group at one of our future meetings.

Bernie Lukan reported that Jean Marc Davies from the Sask Watershed Authority and himself spent 3 hours conducting water quality tests on September 14/05. There was some discussion as to why SWA had not yet made their report public.

New Business

Summary of Accomplishment to the fall of 2005

To stimulate a discussion and identify the accomplishments of the TLWI, Bob asked the group “What can we tell the people who we represent and who fund us, about our accomplishments?” The following is a summary of that discussion:

1. Incorporated a representative entity of stakeholders, with a board of directors and a constitution
2. Engaged and assisted the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority to conduct regular and comprehensive water quality testing for the past two years.
3. Provided educational services to lakeshore property owners through educational workshops and printed materials.
4. Initiated and executed the Turtle Lake Lakeshore Cleanup July 3 -9, 2005.

Summary and Focus of Activities for 2006

In a further discussion about the TLWI board’s focus for 2006, there was a consensus that we need to advance our understanding of the key factors that impact the aquatic ecosystem within the Turtle Lake drainage basin. Of significance are the objectives of the various Provincial agencies whose policies regulate activities within the ecosystem. For example the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, SERM Forestry Branch, Mining & Resources, Municipal Affairs – Community Planning, and Sask Health – Community Health Officers, etc. By better understanding the issues these regulators face and the objectives they seek to accomplish, we can better assist our constituents and influence their activities at the local level. To accomplish this, representatives from these provincial government agencies and non-governmental groups such as Duck Unlimited, Sask Wildlife Federation, and the Divide Forest Group will be invited to Board meetings to present and discuss their initiatives.

Announcements & Requests

Request from SNOWS for newsletter articles

Announcement of the 2006 SNOWS / CWRA Workshop, January 25 & 26, Regina

The focus of the workshop is: *Watershed Stewardship: Management Instruments for Success*, for more information contact Pauline Nysrtom 306-780-8312, pauline.nystrom@ec.gc.ca

Meeting Adjourned: Noon

Lunch and social followed the meeting

Next Meeting

Saturday, April 15, 2006, 10:00 A.M.

Location: TBA