

## Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

**Saturday, April 29, 2006**

**John Cameron's**

**Kopp's Kove**

### **In attendance:**

Terry Kotyk	EM Robinson	<b>Guests:</b>
Bob Gourlay		Lorelei Benoit – (SWA)
Scott McRobbie		Wade Briant (Waka Watershed)
John Cameron		Jeremy Brown - SWA
George Rozdilsky		

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.

Terry Kotyk chaired the meeting and began with a review of the agenda.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the Oct. 10, 2005 board meeting. He asked for errors and omissions, and then moved they be adopted as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> George Rozdilsky, carried

### **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. It was agreed to table the logo selection until the June 3, 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 June 3, 2006 meeting.

#### **Outstanding election of President for 2005/06**

Once again Terry polled the board to determine if anyone was interested in taking on the President's role. No one put their name forward. It was agreed to table this issue until the next board meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Financial Committee**

As of March 31, 2006 TLWI has \$4,842.47 of cash on hand

## New Business

### **An overview of policy and process to address cattle watering in lakes**

Jeremy Brown, a range Agrologist with the SWA discussed the issues relating to cattle watering in lakes and streams, along with steps that could be taken to inform and assist the cattle owners as to how to improve cattle watering abilities without causing undo environmental damage.

Following his presentation Bob Gourlay motioned that Jeremy be provided with a list of locations where people have identified cattle and horses watering in the lake where riparian health assessments could be conducted. 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott McRobbie. Motion Carried.

The Board provided Jeremy Brown with 5 locations along the Turtle Lake Shoreline where a Riparian Health Assessment should be conducted by himself and the landowners.

These locations are:

- The New Thunderchild IR, Parcel 115C
- NW & SW 11-19-53, McCaffrey
- NW 31-18-52, Sadlowski
- NE & SE 17-18-53, Manegre, Martens
- NW 34 -18-53, Crown Land
- SW 3-18-54, Crown Land

### **Drainage Channel Extension at Turtle Lake Lodge**

Bob Gourlay reported that the Hamlet of Turtle Lake Lodge has plans to clean out an existing drainage channel and extend this channel 500 feet to improve drainage within the Hamlet. They have sought and received permission from the DFO, Sask Environment and SWA. The DFO has provided the hamlet with a letter of instruction detailing the precautions that must be taken, along with a description of the necessary preparation of the channel bed where it enters into Turtle Lake (PA-06-0655). These preparations require 50 ft of geo-tech cloth and crushed rock to prevent channel bed scouring and silt deposition in the lake.

Bob made a motion that: “When the hamlet is ready to begin work on this project, members of the TLWI be invited to assist in placement of the geo-tech cloth and crushed rock. The TLWI could also place a sign adjacent to the site and it could be used in the future to educate others as to how to prepare ditch outlets. The hamlet would pay for the costs of materials and equipment. TLWI would provide volunteers and the sign.” 2<sup>nd</sup> John Cameron. Motion Carried

### **Turtle Lake Clean Up**

George Rozdilsky announced that the 2006 Turtle Lake Clean Up will take place the week of July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Board members were asked to begin planning and to especially focus on those areas between properties that are not regularly maintained by local property owners. George will assemble the “clean up” materials and bring them to the June 3 meeting. George also reported that the Vancouver Aquarium Society had sent him the “Thank-You” Cards for the 2005 Turtle Lake Clean Up. If anyone would like one for volunteers from last year they can see him.

### **On the Living Edge**

Bob Gourlay reported that he has 2/3's of a case of the “On the Living Edge” books. He distributed a number of them among the members to sell, or give away at their upcoming AGM's.

EM Robinson – 1, Scott McRobbie – 2, George Rozdilsky – 2, John Cameron – 3, Terry Kotyk - 4

Bob make a motion “that the local TLWI Representative should provide every new lake front cabin owner with a free copy of “On the Living Edge”. 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Robinson.

Discussion: It has become apparent that damage to the riparian areas around the lake is often a result of new lake front cottage owners who have not been properly informed of the importance of riparian buffer zones. Motion Carried.

### **CWRA / SNOWS Conference, Regina - Jan. 25 & 26, 2006**

Bob Gourlay reported on his attendance at the 2006 CWRA/SNOW Conference. The theme was “Watershed Stewardship: Management Instruments for Success” David Forbes, Minister for SE and SWA opened the conference with the unveiling of the “State of the Watershed Reporting Framework”. The Minister said that Saskatchewan is the first jurisdiction in Canada to create a comprehensive plan for assessing the health of watershed and aquatic ecosystems. Using a report card model, future State of the Watershed Reports will use a standardized set of indicators that recognize the relationships between human activities, the condition of the watershed, and associated management activities. These indicators will provide a picture of a watershed’s condition and whether the condition is getting better or worse. It will identify problems, and measure progress toward management goals. Bob passed around a copy of the report. Extra copies of the “State of the Watershed Framework” can be obtained by contacting Dr. Terry Hanley, SWA – 306-787-9982.

Bob also discussed how after attending the conference he better understood how Lake stewardship and specifically the TLWI fitted into the grand strategy and went on to describe the topics of a number of key speakers at the conference.

Bob’s gross expenditures to attend the 2006 Canadian Water Resources Association Conference in Regina, January 25 & 26, 2006 totaled \$451.28. The CWRA subsidized these expenses by \$200. The registration fee of \$107 was paid for by the SWA.

### **North Saskatchewan Water Shed Planning Cmte Report**

John Cameron and EM Robinson reported that the North Sask Watershed Planning Cmte is getting near to the completion of its planning. Many of the watershed groups throughout the province have now completed their plans. John pointed out that there are many common themes among the watershed groups. These plans will be the basis for ongoing watershed policy and initiatives.

### **2005 Water Quality Report and 2006 Initiatives**

Lorelei Benoit from the SWA introduced herself as the new SWA representative to assist the TWLI. She will be responsible for the water quality reports and will also be conducting the water quality testing going forward.

Lorelei reported that the 2005 Water Quality Report for Turtle Lake is now complete and will be distributed once all internal approvals have been complete. She informed the board that Turtle Lake’s water quality index was at 94.9 %, which is up from 90.1% in the 2003-03 Report. Lorelei also reported that the satellite program to assess the correlation between water quality and satellite images will be taking place again in 2006. The dates for water sampling and satellite fly-overs have been synchronized and are now set.

### **Guests for next Board Meeting**

Terry asked the board who they would like to invite to the next board meeting as a guest presenter. It was suggested the Ken Startup, the community health inspector be invited to present on issues and policy from his perspective. Bob Gourlay agreed to contact Ken and invite him to speak at the June 3 board meeting.

### **Invoicing of membership**

Bob Gourlay agreed to send out the 2006 membership invoices. Bob’s concern was the need to demonstrate value by communicating last year’s accomplishments and this year’s upcoming programs. It was suggested that Bob draft a letter outlining this information along with a copy of the 2003-4 Turtle Lake Water Quality Report to include with each invoice to show TLWI progress and plans.

**Meeting Adjourned: 12:20 P.M.**

### **Next Meeting**

Saturday, June 3, 2006, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Bob Gourlay’s garage, #15 Mathews Cres., Turtle Lake Lodge