

## Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

**Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007**

**Turtle Lake Mission**

**Attendees:** M. Swanson, B. Gourlay, B. Lukan, G. Wacker, S. McRobbie, G. Rozdilski, J. Philip

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M.

Merv Swanson opened the meeting and welcomed the members and visitors.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the July 19, 2007 Board meeting and asked for errors or omissions.

None were sited. Bob motioned the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by Bernie Lukan. Carried by a show of hands.

### **Turtle Lake – Historic Water Levels – Don Dill - SWA**

Don Dill, Regional Manager for the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority provided a slide presentation.

His presentation discussed the following topics:

- The characteristics of the Turtle Lake Watershed
- SWA's involvement with Turtle Lake's water levels since 1984
- SWA's role in watershed management

Don provided handouts that included a map of the drainage basin and a graph of water levels since 1994. Q & A session followed Don's presentation. Of note was that after significant controversy and consultation, SWA placed a weir at the outlet on April 25, 1986 and established the lake level at 654.78 meters above sea level. It is still in place at this level to date.

Don also provided a CD of his presentation to the board and approved it's placement on the tlwi.ca website.

### **SNOWS – Grant Preparation Workshop**

Merv Swanson reported that he had received an email from SNOWS announcing a "Grant Preparation" workshop planned for Oct. 30, 2007 at the Eco-Centre in Craik. All stewardship groups were invited to send a representative. Bob Gourlay volunteered to attend the workshop on behalf of the TLWI. Bob would contact Terry Kotyk for more details.

### **Financial Report**

Bob reported that the TLWI bank account as of Aug. 31, 2007 was \$6,646.24. DFO funding of phase 2 (\$2,500) and phase 3 (\$500) is yet to be applied for. Bob reported that he will be applying for these remaining phased this fall. The 2007 membership dues have yet to be billed, and would be sent out later in the fall. Merv Swanson agreed to provide an updated President's message to include in the invoices.

Bob also reported that \$24.95 will be the monthly charge from SaskTel for hosting tlwi.ca website.

### **Purchase of Living by Water Handbooks**

Bob Gourlay reported that the supply of "Living by Water" handbooks had been depleted. He distributed the remaining 13 copies at the Sept. 27 Information Day held at the Livelong Community centre. Merv Swanson motioned that another case of the books be purchased, George Rozdilski seconded the motion. Carried with a show of hands. Bob agreed to pick up a case on his next trip to Regina.

### **Request for submission of 2008 Initiatives**

President Merv Swanson requested all board members to submit any new initiative for 2008 to Bob Gourlay by Nov. 30, 2007. These ideas will be discussed at the next board meeting set for April 12, 2008.

### **Placement of Ice Fishing Signage**

Just a reminder to the local board members to place their Ice Fisher signs up once the lake surface is frozen and can safely support vehicles.

### **New Items**

#### **Development Issues impacting the Lake**

Merv Swanson asked an open question to the board about the TLWI position on development around the lake. The question discussed: At what point does development start to impact the aquatic ecosystem? After some discussion Gary Wacker volunteered to prepare a discussion paper on what some of the issues are and where the TLWI might consider policy development. Gary will present this report at the April 12, 2008 meeting.

#### **Reference Binders for Board Members**

Bob Gourlay submitted a motion that a reference binder be assembled for every board member. The binder would include handy reference information that would be useful for board members in carrying out their duties. It would include items such as: board meeting minutes, financial statements, contact information, water testing results, water levels, maps and reports. The binder would be passed on to future board members as they came on board. Bob estimated a cost of \$20 per binder and volunteered to gather and assemble the information over the course of the winter. The motion was seconded by J. Philip and carried with a show of hands.

#### **Next Meeting**

Saturday, April 12, 2008

10:00 A.M. – Noon

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