

## **Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes**

**Saturday, August 29, 2009**  
**Turtle Lake Mission**

**Board Attendees:** M. Swanson, B. Gourlay, J. Cameron, C. Davidson, J. Range, Nancy Range, G. Rozdilsky, M. Robinson, J. Phillips, B. Lukan, A. Halseth

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

Merv Swanson opened the meeting and welcomed the members and visitors. After introductions Merv reviewed the agenda and asked for any additional items.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the June 6, 2009 Board meeting and asked for errors or omissions. Errors noted were: the date of the pocket calendars should read 2010, the date of next year's ice fisher survey should read 2010 and Kathleen Gazey name was spelled incorrectly. Bob motioned the minutes be adopted with the corrections noted. Seconded by Bernie Lukan. Carried by a show of hands.

### **Financial Report**

Bob Gourlay reported that the TLWI bank account as of July 31, 2009 was \$8,114.95. 2009 membership fees are still due from: Turtle Lake Lodge, Indian Point-Golden Sands, Sunset View, Powm Beach, Turtle Cove and Horseshoe Bay.

Bob reported that the membership and board page on the tlwi.ca website has been revised to provide the status of membership payments and the terms of board members. Bob also reported that the 2009 DFO Funding application had been declined.

Bob moved the financial report be adopted as read. Colin Davidson seconded, motion carried by a show of hands.

### **Business arising from minutes**

#### **Shoreline Cleanup**

George Rozdilsky reported on the plans and results related to the 2009 shoreline clean up efforts.

#### **Shoreline Signage**

Shoreline signs are now installed. Jim Range reported that they have 3 sign frames remaining. Don Taylor has 2 extra ice fishing signs at South Bay. TLWI representatives were reminded to change the signs to the winter message after hunting season around Dec. 1. It was also discussed that the wing nuts on the signs should be changed out to regular nuts to prevent theft of the signs.

#### **2010 Winter Ice User Survey**

There was a discussion on plans to conduct another ice user survey in 2010. The primary objectives of the survey is to collect information on people's use, understanding and respect of the environmental impact of winter activities on the ice. The survey also serves to educate this target audience. The 2010 survey will provide those participating with a 2010 pocket calendar, developed by the Ministry of Environment. The calendar has many tips on preventing environmental damage and there will be a place where the TLWI stamp can be situated.

Bob Gourlay will contact Nancy Range in early 2010 to review plans and to arrange for volunteer student surveyors.

#### **2010 Work Plan - Vegetating riparian areas on farmlands adjoining Turtle Lake**

Bob Gourlay reviewed an email from Jeremy Brown, Range Agrologist, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority. The email was in response to a letter sent to him from Bob seeking his input into the idea of vegetating riparian areas on farmlands adjoining Turtle Lake. Jeremy was supportive of the idea and provided a number of cautions along with contacts that could help. Following a discussion Bob agreed to contact Jeremy over the winter to develop a project proposal to present to the board in early 2010.

### **New Business**

#### **Website Enhancements**

The TLWI website continues to have steady traffic and serves as a useful reference for many people around the lake. In an effort to create even more traffic, Bob Gourlay suggested that a page be offered to each hamlet, village and the RM of Mervin, where they could post messages and information of importance to their respective communities, a bulletin board of sorts. Bob said he would work on a proto-type for review at the spring board meeting. In the mean time representatives were to approach their respective hamlet board to determine if there was any interest.

#### **Constitutional Changes**

The current constitution envisioned a membership structure that was based on individual membership vs. hamlets, villages and RM. Bob Gourlay suggested that the constitution be modified to reflect the reality of how membership of the TLWI is structured, priced and governed. Any changes to the constitution would need to be presented for a motion at the AGM. Bob Gourlay volunteered to review the constitution and present a proposal at the spring board meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.**

#### **Next Board Meeting**

Saturday, April 24, 2010  
10:00 A.M. – Noon  
Turtle Lake Mission