

## **Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes**

**Saturday, April 24, 2010**  
**Turtle Lake Mission**

**Board Attendees:** B. Gourlay, J. Cameron, J. Range, N. Range, G. Rozdilsky, J. Phillips, B. Lukan, A. Halseth, G. Polinsky, D. Taylor, S. McRobbie, G. Rosdilsky

### **Call to Order**

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

Jim Range opened the meeting and welcomed the members and visitors. After introductions Jim reviewed the agenda and asked for any additional items. None were presented.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the August 29, 2009 Board meeting and asked for errors or omissions. No errors or omissions were noted and Bob motioned the minutes be adopted as read. Seconded by Nancy Range. Carried by a show of hands.

### **Financial Report**

Bob Gourlay reported that the TLWI bank account as of February 28, 2010 was \$7,815.30. 2009 membership fees are still due from: Indian Point-Golden Sands, Sunset View, Powm Beach, Turtle Cove and Horseshoe Bay. Representatives were asked to remind their boards.

There were a number questions from the board focused on bank service charges and the long-term investment of surplus funds.

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

### **Business arising from minutes**

#### **Ice surface user report**

Nancy Range reported that the student volunteers had completed the ice user survey and have compiled their report. However, they were not able to present at this meeting due to other commitments. The report will be tabled for the next board meeting.

#### **Shoreline Signage**

All representatives reported that shoreline signs are now installed. Jim Range reported that he believes he has a few sign frames remaining. Don Taylor has 2 extra ice fishing signs at South Bay. TLWI representatives were reminded to change the signs to the summer message.

#### **Improvements to the TLWI Website**

Bob Gourlay reported that a new feedback page has been added to the website where visitors can submit questions and suggestions. The board discussed the degree of interest hamlet boards might have in having pages on the website to convey information regarding hamlet items. No real interest has been conveyed by the hamlet boards to date. Don Taylor suggested that a "Community Events" pages might be of interest, where everything from hamlet AGM's to garage sales could be posted.

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

Bob Gourlay reported and apologized that he was not able to dedicate any time to this initiative over the winter months. Bob asked that the project be tabled for a future board meeting.....

## **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 requested the item be tabled at a future board meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Invitation to the Divide Forest Advisory Committee meeting – April 27**

In March 2010, Mistik Management published its 2011 Operational Plan that involves forest harvesting activities in the Four Mile Creek / Miskinac Lake area. Merv Swanson asked Mistik if they would be interested in presenting their plans at the 2010 TLWI AGM. Mistik declined the invitation and directed the TLWI board to the Divide Forest Advisory Committee (DFAC). The DFAC extended an open invitation to the TLWI board to attend any of their public meetings, held the four Tuesday of the month (except in July & August) 7:00 P.M. at Dexter Hall. A number of the TLWI board members indicated were planning to attend the next meeting on April 27.

### **Environmental Assessment and removal of contaminated materials at Turtle Lake Lodge gas pumps.**

As an information item, Bob Gourlay reported that as a result of the sale of the store and private campground at Turtle Lake Lodge an environmental study related to the gas tanks and pumps was conducted over the winter months under the direction and supervision of Saskatchewan Environment. The testing determined that there were low levels of contaminants around the pump area and that some soil would need to be removed. This work was completed in early April 2010.

The board discussed the implications of how no longer having refueling service on-the-water, will increase people's need to fill their boats with jerry cans and other portable containers, increasing the risk of gas spillage in the lake. A number of commercially available hand pump and gravity type portable gas handling units were discussed. Board members were asked to identify any type of suitable portable units they are familiar with so they can be identified on the TLWI website to inform boat owners.

### **Election of new TLWI President**

Jim Range informed the board that Merv Swanson would be stepping down as president and that the board would have to elect a new president to replace him. Bob Gourlay motioned that the board elect the new president following the July AGM when any new board members would be in place; and that Vice-President Jim Range take on the president's duties until then. Seconded Alden Halseth. After a short discussion the motion was carried by a show of hands.

### **Date & details of 2010 AGM**

The board discussed some suitable dates for the 2010 AGM. Jim Range motioned that the 2010 AGM be set for July 17, 2010, 10:00 A.M. – Noon, at the Turtle Lake Mission. Seconded by Bob Gourlay, carried. Bob Gourlay suggested that the DFAC may be in a position to present the Mistik harvesting plans or, short of that we might approach the RM of Mervin's new development officer to come and present on the plans and issues related to development at the lake. Bob agreed to report back at the next board meeting with a proposal.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.**

### **Next Board Meeting**

Saturday, June 5, 2010  
10:00 A.M. – Noon

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