

## **Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes**

**Saturday, June 5, 2010**  
**Turtle Lake Mission**

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

### **Call to Order**

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

Jim Range opened the meeting and welcomed the members. After introductions Jim reviewed the agenda and asked for any additional items. Fueling boats on the water and all-season road surfacing were included on the agenda.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the April 24, 2010 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 April 30, 2010 was \$7,756.33. 2009 membership fees are still due from: Indian Point-Golden Sands, Sunset View, Powm Beach, and Turtle Cove. Representatives were asked to remind their boards. The 2010 Membership Fee invoices will be going out in late June or July.

Bob moved the financial report be adopted as read. Bernie Lukan 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 students had submitted a spreadsheet that compiled all of the information collected and had prepared a DVD in which they presented the information. The board reviewed the DVD and presented Nancy and the students with a framed photo and a sincere thank you.

#### **2010 Shoreline Clean up.**

George Rozdilsky had submitted an email proposing the 2010 Shoreline clean up take place beginning Thursday, July 1 until Friday, July 9. Given the severity of the storm over the May long week end and the degree of material washed up on beaches around the lake this year, many on the board thought a clean up will be required. Scott McRobbie motioned the Shoreline clean take place on the dates proposed by George, seconded by Jack Phillip. Carried by a show of hands. Those hamlets planning clean up activities can contact George Rozdilsky for a clean up kit.

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

Bob Gourlay reported that a short instructional sheet on the management of “grey water” has now been included in the answer to the FAQ – What do I need to know about sewage? The document can also be downloaded and printed for a handout.

Jim Range suggested that an idea to improve traffic might be to include historical photos and stories about Turtle Lake. Bob Gourlay reported that there is plenty of unused space on the website and it would be worth a trial. Bob will build a page and request visitors to the site to submit their stories and photos. Don Taylor also informed the board that SERM had historically published information about the fish stocking and net testing that had conducted on Turtle Lake. He thought the information was still available on-line at the SERM website. Bob Gourlay volunteered to see if he could find it and provide visitors a link to it.

### **Preparations for July 17, 2010 Annual General Meeting**

Bob Gourlay reported that John Cameron has made arrangements with the mission to rent the church for Saturday, July 17, 2010, 10A.M. – Noon. Also that Gord Sedgewick, Fisheries biologist for Sask Environment, has agreed to present on the state of the Turtle Lake fishery. Bob volunteered to contact the local hamlet boards and prepare a slate of Director nominees for those director positions that will be expiring on July 30/10. Bob will announce the AGM on the website and produce and place posters. Bob will also work with John Cameron to arrange for a BBQ lunch following the AGM. Representatives are encouraged to promote this AGM as the presentation of the fisheries should be of great interest to many.

### **Road Surfacing Materials**

Bernie Lukan reported that the RM of Mervin has revised the road maintenance agreement with the RM of Parkdale. The RM of Mervin will be placing an oil surface on the grid road from Evergreen Acres 1.5 miles south, to the south lake access road and then 2 miles west to the Fairholme Community Pasture corrals. Bernie was informed by the RM that the oil surfacing would not be continued into the Hamlet of Evergreen Acres because of environmental concerns. This would leave the hamlet to apply calcium chloride, which he thought would be even more of an environmental concern. Bob Gourlay volunteered to conduct some research on environment threat these and other similar products represented.

### **Water levels and related issues**

Scott McRobbie reported that the current lake level was running 15.5 inches above full supply. A discussion followed focusing on the degree to which the high water levels and the wind during the May long week end had caused so much damage to docks, boats and lakeshore improvements. Bob Gourlay reported that the lake had been at 19 inches above full supply in 2007. Alden Halseth reported that Ducks Unlimited had removed a plank in the weir draining into Turtle Lake from Horse Neck Lake to provide relief for flooding hay fields in that area.

### **Next Regular Board Meeting**

Don Taylor motioned that the next regular board meeting to be set for Saturday, August 28, 10:00 A.M. – Noon at the Turtle Lake Mission. Seconded by Alden Halseth. Carried by a show of hands.

Motion to adjourn, B. Lukan, carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.