

Annual General Meeting - Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

Saturday, August 25, 2012, 10:00 A.M.

Turtle Lake Mission

Attending Board Members: John Cameron, Bob Gourlay, Bernie Lukan, Jim Range, Nancy Range, Bob Leslie, Court Peddle, Alden Halseth

Guest Presenter : Tanya Johnston, Aquatic Ecologist, Ministry of Environment, Topic: *Invasive Aquatic Species*

Call to Order

President Jim Range called the meeting to order at 10:10 and welcomed the members and visitors.

Because of the late start to the meeting, Bob Gourlay motioned the minutes of the June 16, 2012 Board Meeting be adopted as presented and posted on the website. Seconded by B. Lukan / Carried

Invasive Aquatic Species Presentation: Tanya Johnston, Aquatic Ecologist, Ministry of Environment
This presentation will be posted on the "Resources" page at www.tlwi.ca

Financial Report – Bob Gourlay

Bob Gourlay presented the bank statement and reported that as of July 31, 2012, the balance of the TLWI account was \$8,753.04.

Bob reported that over the past 4 years, invoices for annual membership fees have only be sent out every other year. This level of revenue has been ample to fund all program activities and still maintain a reserve in excess of \$8,000 throughout that time.

Motion 01-12 – Gourlay/Halseth, motioned that a letter be forwarded to all TLWI Members, thanking them for their support and informing them that the annual membership fees will be reduced by half in 2013 and will be reviewed by the board and adjusted as required going forward., Carried

The re-registry of the TLWI has not yet been completed, but is expected to be processed in the next few weeks.

Rights of Landowners directly adjacent to the lakeshore

At the July 21, 2012 AGM, the board inquired as to "What exclusive rights landowners directly adjacent the lakeshore have, in respect to the beach and lake bed."

August 24/12 - Colleen Reddekopp – Compliance Officer, Ministry of Environment, replied in a telephone conversation that landowners directly adjacent to the lakeshore do not have any more, or less rights to the use and enjoyment of the beach and lakebed than the general public. She also provided a letter that indicated that since the fall of 2009, municipalities do have the authority, by way of a bylaw to regulate the use of the foreshore and lake bed adjacent to municipal and environmental reserve lands.

August 2/12 - Dave Babuik – Transport Canada, Upland property owners adjacent to lakeshore do not under federal legislation have any exclusive rights from the high water mark into the lake. However, people needing to cross their property to access the shoreline, do need permission of the landowner.

Update on Turtle Lake Water Levels

The water level on Turtle Lake as of August 25, 2012 was 11.5 inches above full supply. This is similar to levels in 2008 and 2009, prior to the beaver dams on the south outlet, causing restrictions.

Website Traffic Report

As of August 24, 2012 there were 8,491 visitors to the TLWI website in the previous 12 month period. These visitors viewed 64,102 pages. The current daily average number of visitors is 28 viewing 216 pages.

Dates for the 2013 Board Meetings and AGM

Motion 02-12 Cameron / Leslie: That the 2013 Board Meetings be held on Saturday's April 27, June 15, July 20 (AGM) and August 24, 2013. The meetings will be held at the Turtle Lake Mission and begin at 10:00 A.M. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at noon. Next Board Meeting: Saturday, April 27, 10:00 A.M., Turtle Lake Mission.