

## TLWI Board Meeting - Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

Saturday, April 27, 2013, 10:00 A.M.

Turtle Lake Mission

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

**Guest:** Colleen Reddekopp, Conservation Officer, Ministry of Environment

**Visitors:** Clarence Manegre, Walter Manegre

### **Call to Order**

President Jim Range called the meeting to order at 10:05 and welcomed the members and visitors.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes of the August 25, 2013 Board meeting and asked if there were any errors or omissions. He then motioned to have them adopted, seconded by B. Lukan. Carried

### **Financial Report – Bob Gourlay**

Bob Gourlay presented the bank statement and reported that as of March 31, 2013, the balance of the TLWI account was \$8,357.07.

Bob reported that over the past 4 years, invoices for annual membership fees have only been 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. As a result of motion 01-12, President Range forwarded a letter to all TLWI Member Organizations, thanking them for their support and informing them that the annual membership fees will be reduced by half in 2013 and it will be reviewed by the board and adjusted as required going forward.

Bob also reported that the re-registry of TLWI has now been completed, by the Corporations Branch.

### **Update on Ministry of Environment Activities – Colleen Reddekopp, Conservation Officer, Ministry of Environment**

Colleen provided a photograph of an ice fishing shack that had not been removed off the ice. She and Ministry staff will be undertaking to remove the shack in the coming week. A photo of the shack and a request to the public as to the owner will be placed on the TLWI website.

Colleen Reddekopp reported that starting this year angling licenses and hunting licenses can now be issued and paid for on line. Colleen will provide Bob Gourlay a copy of the news release that can be placed on the TLWI website. She also reported that the Water Security Agency will now be the approving authority for Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit Applications. Bev Hathaway is the new contact person. Ph. 306-787-9296, Fax 306-787-0024, email: [bev.hathaway@gov.sk.ca](mailto:bev.hathaway@gov.sk.ca) The Water Security Agency has primarily taken over the responsibilities of the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority. Their website is [www.wsask.ca](http://www.wsask.ca). Bob will put an article on the tlwi website and update the information.

Colleen also reported that new environmental protection legislation is to be introduced this year that impacts a wide variety of environmental issues from spills, to lakeshore alterations, sewage lagoons and landfills. The new legislation shifts much of the burden of diligence from the regulator and stiffens fines for convicted polluters.

### **Request from Resort Village of Kivimaa-Moonlight Bay**

Mayor Steve Nasby of the Resort Village of Kivimaa- Moonlight Bay has invited representatives from TLWI to provide information and field questions at an event that they have planned for Noon on Sunday, June 30, 2013. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for a planned playground upgrade. There will be a silent auction, entertainment and other activities of interest to the residents. Bob Gourlay has accepted the invitation on behalf of the board and will contact George Rozdilski for assistance. Bob will also investigate acquiring a display board to exhibit TLWI information at this event. This display can be set up at various Hamlet and RM events to educate the public on the activities of TLWI. Clarence Manegre suggested that his company may have such a display and he will investigate TLWI borrowing it.

### **Update on Turtle Lake Water Levels**

The water level on Turtle Lake as of April 22, 2013 was 10 inches above full supply. This is similar April levels prior to the May 2012 removal of the beaver dams on the south outlet, causing restrictions.

### **Website Traffic Report**

As of April 26, 2013 there were 11,675 visitors to the TLWI website in the previous 12 month period. These visitors viewed 42,895 pages. The current daily average number of visitors is 35 viewing 76 pages.

### **2013 AGM Preparations**

The 2013 – TLWI AGM will be held on July 20, 2013, 10:00 A.M. at the Turtle Lake Mission.

John Cameron has booked the Chapel area of the Turtle Lake Mission and will make arrangement for lunch.

Bob will contact Gord Sedgewick, Biologist, Ministry of Environment to determine if he will be our guest presenter at the July 20, 2013 AGM. Ken Startup, Public Health Inspector, Prairies North Health Region will be approached if Gord is not available. Other alternatives will be the RM's of Mervin and Parkdale regarding their development plans at Turtle Lake.

4 cases of Living by Water handbooks will be ordered.

**The meeting was adjourned at noon. Next Board Meeting: Saturday, June 15, 2013, 10:00 A.M., Turtle Lake Mission.**