

Annual General Meeting - Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

Saturday, July 20, 2013, 10:00 A.M.

Turtle Lake Mission

Attending Board Members: John Cameron, Bob Gourlay, Louis Bossaer, Jim Range, Nancy Range, Alex Opperman, Bob Leslie, Dave Blackwell,

Call to Order

President Jim Range called the meeting to order at 10:00 and welcomed the members and visitors.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the July 21, 2012 AGM and asked if there were any errors or omissions. None were identified. Bob motioned that the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by B. Leslie, carried by a show of hands.

President's Message

President, Jim Range reviewed the TLWI's mission to maintain the health of the Turtle Lake aquatic ecosystem and the general health of the lake and shorelines. He emphasized the importance and impact that Turtle Lake has had on thousands of families in the past 100 years. Jim noted that the pressure for development and change can be expected as time goes forward, creating an even greater role for the TLWI to educate both existing and new generations of lake users and property owners.

Education Committee Report

George Rozdilsky submitted a written report on the Education Committee activities over the past year. His report focused on the use and distribution of the Living by Water Handbook, where the board has the objective of providing a copy in every home, cabin and farm residence in the drainage basin. This year 136 more copies of the publication were distributed. The Education committee also provided an information table at the June 30, Silent Auction fund raiser at Kivimaa Moonlight Bay. There were many questions and 68 copies of the handbook were distributed.

George also reported on the importance and use of the tlwi.ca website and some of the features where people can get questions answered and find resources. In the past 12 month period, there have been 12,799 visitors to the website, viewing 37,070 pages. This represents a 53% increase in visitors over the previous 12 month period. It is also noted that although the number of visitors are increasing, the number of page views has decreased by 41%, perhaps indicating that the visitors are repeat visitors and have read much of the existing material on the site.

George's full report can be viewed or downloaded on the resources page of the www.tlwi.ca website.

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

Bob Gourlay presented the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending March 31, 2013. The Income Statement for the period ending March 31, 2013 indicated revenues of \$2,475.00, expenses \$1,673.47 with a net income of \$801.53. The Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2013 reported total assets of \$8,357.07, total liabilities of \$0 and total equity of \$8,357.07. Bob motioned that his report be adopted by the board. Seconded by John Cameron. Carried

The Audited Financial Statement for the year ending March 31, 2013 can be viewed and downloaded from the Resources Page of the www.tlwi.ca website.

Nomination and Election of Board Members

The list of all board of directors whose term of office will be expiring on August 1, 2013 was presented and discussed. President Jim Range called for nominations of board members for those positions that would be expiring.

Nancy Range nominated Alex Opperman to replace Peter Van Ginneken as the representative for Parkland Beach. Bob Gourlay nominated all the existing directors, whose terms of office ended August 1, 2013 as representative of their respective communities for an additional two year term, ending August 1, 2015.

Jim motioned that nominations cease and be accepted as presented. Carried
Jim declared the nominees elected by acclamation.

See www.tlwi.ca , Membership and Board page to see a full list of the current and recently elected directors.

Open Discussion

- Water levels
 - There was a discussion regarding the current water levels on Turtle Lake. In mid July the levels appeared to have peaked at 23.5 in., above full supply or the top of the wier. This is the highest level since 1964 when lake levels first began to be recorded.
 - The water flow at the outlet continues to be very strong, indicating little restriction downstream. The board would like to be informed of the removal of beaver dams downstream and would be interested in discussing water level issues with the RM of Mervin. Jim Range volunteered to contact Reeve Tom Brown to join us at the Aug. 24, 2013 Board meeting.
- Water Quality
 - Water quality testing was last completed on Turtle Lake in 2007. The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority conducted the work at that time. The board is interested in conducting a new round of water quality testing next year and would like to speak to the new Water Security Agency about how to best go about it. Bob Gourlay will re-contact Bev Hathaway, from the Water Security Agency about this issue so she can speak to it when she attends the August 24, 2013 Board meeting.
- DFO Grant
 - The DFO has a new grant program called the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Program. The program is looking to partner with outside parties on projects that will restore, rebuild and rehabilitate recreational fisheries habitat. The board has expressed interest in this program and agreed to discuss the matter further with Bev Hathaway at the Aug. Board meeting.
- Signage at All Seasons Resort
 - Louis Bossaer requested that a Beach/Boat Launch sign be erected at All Seasons Resort. Jim & Nancy Range agreed to see if any more signs and frames remained and Bob Gourlay would see if he had any extras.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM:

Next Board Meeting: Saturday, August 24, 2013, 10:00 A.M., Turtle Lake Mission.