

Annual General Meeting - Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

These minutes have been reviewed by the Board at the Aug. 23, 2014 Board meeting, but will require presentation and adoption at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

Tuesday, July 29, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
Turtle Lake Mission

Attending Board Members: John Cameron, Bob Gourlay, Jim Range, Nancy Range, Bob Leslie, Bernie Lukan, Dave Blackwell, Colin Davidson, Scott McRobbie, Don Taylor, Alex Opperman

Guests: Gord Sedgewick, Fisheries Biologist-Ministry of Environment, Colleen Reddekopp, Conservation Officer – Ministry of Environment

Membership: approximately 20 people were in attendance.

Call to Order

President Jim Range called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and welcomed the members and visitors.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the July 20, 2013 AGM and asked if there were any errors or omissions. None were identified. Bob motioned that the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by S. McRobbie, 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. Jim noted that the pressure for development and change can be expected as time goes forward. This creates an even greater role for the TLWI to educate both existing and new generations of lake users and property owners, Jim highlighted the TLWI's emphasis has been to modify lake user's behavior through communications and the exchange of information. *No written report was submitted.*

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.

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. 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, 2014. The Income Statement for the period ending March 31, 2014 indicated revenues of \$1,437.50, expenses \$1,600.90 with a net income of -\$163.40. The Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2014 reported total assets of \$8,193.67, total liabilities of \$0 and total equity of \$8,193.67. Bob asked if there were any questions. None were put forward. Bob motioned that his report be adopted by the membership. Seconded by John Cameron. Motion carried by a show of hands.

The Audited Financial Statement for the year ending March 31, 2014 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, 2014 was presented and discussed. President Jim Range called for nominations of board members for those positions that would be expiring.

Bob Gourlay nominated all the existing directors, whose terms of office ended August 1, 2014 as representative of their respective communities for an additional two year term, ending August 1, 2016.

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.

Presentation: A Discussion on the Factors Affecting the Health of Fish Populations in the Region – Gord Sedgewick – Fisheries Biologist, Ministry of Environment

(A brief article and Gord Sedgewick's presentation is posted at www.tlwi.ca)

Q & A Session: Colleen Reddekopp – Conservation Officer-Ministry of Environment

Colleen Reddekopp led a discussion on a variety of conservation issues that included aquatic habitat protection permits, and bears at large and garbage.

President Jim Range thanked both Gord and Colleen on behalf of the Board and Membership for their contribution in educating people in the community on issues related to protecting the lake and natural resources.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Next Board Meeting: Saturday, August 23, 2013, 10:00 A.M., Turtle Lake Mission. All board meetings are open to the public