

Turtle Lake Watershed Inc. Board Minutes

Saturday, August 23, 2014, 10:00 A.M., Turtle Lake Mission

Attending Board Members:, Bob Gourlay, Court Peddle, Bernie Lukan, Jim Range, Nancy Range, Dave Blackwell, Bob Leslie, Don Taylor, Louis Bossaer

Call to Order

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

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the June 14, 2014 Board meeting and the July 29, 2014 AGM. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. It was noted that the July 29, 2014 AGM minutes incorrectly showed that the next board meeting will be August 23, 2013. This will be corrected to read "2014". Nancy Range motioned that the minutes be adopted as read and corrected, seconded by B. Lukan and carried by a show of hands.

Financial Report

Bob Gourlay reported that as of July 31, 2014, the balance of the TLWI bank account was \$8,438.27. Bob moved that the financial report be adopted, seconded by Dave Blackwell. Carried by a show of hands.

Website Traffic Report

Bob reported that the website had received in excess of 10,000 visitors over the period from September 2013 to August 2014. This about 1,000 visitors less than the previous year and was expected due to the site being down in early June.

2014 Water Levels on Turtle Lake

The recorded lake levels show that Turtle Lake peaked at 18.5 inches above full supply on July 2, 2014. Although lake levels started out this spring below the previous two years, they returned to higher levels in early summer and remained well above the 40 year average.

Water Security Agency (WSA) Information Materials

Board members were provided copies of the WSA presentation in April. The materials provide an overview of the WSA mandate and contacts. All board members should ensure they have a copy in their binders for reference. Extra copies were available for distribution as required.

New Business

Municipal District of Lakeland Policy re: docks, lifts etc.

Board members had been provided with a copy of the Municipal District of Lakelands Policy on docks and lifts for informational purposes. There was a general discussion on the history and process that went into the development of the policy. The board was concerned about the increasing traffic in the south end of Turtle Lake and the impact that "Wake Boats" could be having on the shoreline. It was suggested that this could make a good article on the website.

Divide Forest Advisory Committee (DFAC)

Bob Gourlay reported information provided to him by Larry Anderson, chair for DFAC. Mystik Management had planted 1 million trees in the area of the Sundance fire guard road earlier this spring. L&M Wood Products had planted 100,000 trees east of highway #4. They will monitor the progress and report at regular DFAC meeting. The board requested that Larry Anderson be invited to our April 2015 meeting to update our board on activities within the forest regions of the Turtle Lake drainage basin.

Dates for 2015 Board meetings and AGM

Bob Gourlay moved the following dates be established for the 2015 Board and AGM meetings:
April 25, June 13, AGM Tuesday, July 28-7:00 P.M., August 22, 2015. Seconded by Bob Leslie. Carried.

Don Taylor commented that he had difficulty hearing the presenter at the AGM, and suggested that future presenters wear a microphone.

Election of Vice President to replace John Cameron

Calls for nomination for the position of vice president to replace John Cameron who is moving. Don Taylor nominated George Rozdilsky. No other nominations were put forward. George Rozdilsky was acclaimed the new vice president of the Turtle Lake Watershed Inc.

Jim Range moved that a gift of not greater than \$200 be purchased and be presented to John Cameron in appreciation for his 11 years of service on the board. Seconded by Court Peddle. Jim Range volunteered to arrange for the procurement of the gift.

Swimmer's Itch Inquiry

Bob Gourlay reported that he had received an inquiry about potential swimmer's itch at a number of beaches. Bob directed the inquiry to Ken Startup, the Public Health Inspector for the Prairie North Health Region. Ken informed Bob that they would be contacting the person inquiring and follow-up on her inquiry. He said he would also let Bob know if there were cases of swimmer's itch detected. The Health Region also provided a detailed article on Swimmer's Itch and the board agreed it could be posted on the Frequently Asked Questions page of the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

The next Board meeting is Saturday, April 25, 2015 – 10 A.M. at the Turtle Lake Mission