

Turtle Lake Watershed Inc. Board Minutes

Saturday, June 13, 2015, 10:00 A.M., Turtle Lake Mission

Board Members Present: George Rozdilsky, Dave Blackwell, Bob Leslie, Louis Bossaer, Bob Gourlay, Don Taylor, Court Peddle, Bernie Lukan

Guest: Reeve of Mervin Tom Brown, RM of Mervin Community Planner Yvonne Prusack,

Visitors: Les Gagnon

Call to Order

Vice President George Rozdilsky called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Introductions were conducted after which George welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda for additions and deletions.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the April 25, 2015 board meeting. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. None were cited. Bob moved that the minutes be adopted as read; seconded by Dave Blackwell and carried by a show of hands.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Louis Bossaer reported that he had received the boat launch signage from Jim Range and will be installing it at their local marina/ boat launch.
- Bob Gourlay reported that he did not contact WSA regarding water testing, but will attempt to do so in the next month.
- Bob also reported that the 2015 Membership invoices had not been sent as of this date, but would be mailed out later in June.

Financial Report

Bob Gourlay presented the financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2015. Revenues were \$1,012.50 and expenses were \$1,209.24 resulting in a net loss of \$196.74. The balance sheet indicated a net equity of \$7,996.93 in the form of a cash balance in the Turtleford Credit Union. The audit was conducted by Sheila Rindal a cabin owner at South Bay and posted on the TLWI website. It will also be presented at the July 28, 2015 AGM and filed with the Corporations Branch of the Provincial Dept. of Justice. Bob asked if there were any questions. None were made, to which Bob motioned the Audited Financial Statements be adopted. Seconded by Bob Leslie, carried by a show of hands.

Jurisdictional Responsibility Related to Drainage in Subdivisions

Reeve of the RM of Mervin, Tom Brown and RM of Mervin Community Planner Yvonne Prusack led a discussion and responded to questions from the board related to drainage issues within lake subdivisions. Of specific concern to the board was the importance for the municipality to proactively regulate development that impacted on drainage within subdivisions. The board thanked Reeve Brown and Yvonne Prusack for their attendance and their forthright discussion on the challenges of the issue. The TLWI Board requested that a representative from the RM of Mervin provide a 30-40 minute presentation regarding development activities and RM policies, at the TLWI AGM. on July 28, 2015. Yvonne requested that the board make a written request to the RM Council. Bob Gourlay volunteered to prepare and forward that written request.

Resolution 02-2015 – Bernie Lukan moved that the TLWI Board send a letter to the RM Council of Mervin, requesting that they apply their development permitting and enforcement policy to all development, including any excavation, filling and landscaping that could materially impact the drainage on the property in question or other properties. Seconded by Don Taylor, carried by a show of hands.

- Bob Gourlay volunteered to prepare a draft of this letter and distribute it to the board for input. Bob will present a final draft to the board for adoption, prior to sending it to the RM of Mervin.

New Business

- **Resolution 03-2015** – Bob Gourlay moved that 3 cases of the “Living by Water” handbooks be purchased at an estimated cost of \$600. Seconded by Court Peddle, carried by a show of hands.
- A boat launch sign is required for the new RM of Mervin boat launch. Defer action until we see if Jim Range has more signs.
- Dave Blackwell requested that area codes be included on the website Director’s List to avoid confusion.
- Bob Leslie inquired as to the pros and cons of proactively controlling water levels on Turtle Lake. Bob Gourlay volunteered to invite a representative from the WSA to attend the August 22 Board meeting and provide some background on this topic.

- Bob Leslie inquired as to the handling of “grey water” around the lake. “Grey water” from activities such as showering or washing dishes is legally defined as sewage and is required to be stored, hauled and treated as sewage under Provincial Health & Environmental Law. Ken Startup, The Public Health Inspector, with the Prairie North Health Region, is responsible for inspection and enforcement of these laws and can be contacted at 306-446-6420.
- Reference Information can found on the “Resources” page at www.tlwi.ca
 - PowerPoint Presentations - *Public Health Inspector Water & Sewage 2008*
 - Books, Photos & Printed Materials – *Sewage in Shoreland Areas*
 - FAQ Page – *What do I need to know about sewage handling ?*
- Court Peddle inquired as to the role of Wild Life Federation (WLF) - Fish Stocking Volunteers (Cochin). The WLF under the authority and direct supervision of the Ministry of Environment assists in stocking fish throughout Saskatchewan. They get their “fry” stock from the Ministry of Environment facility at Lake Diefenbaker and store them at locations throughout the Province. At the direction of the local Fisheries Biologists with the Ministry of Environment they stock local lakes. The objective is that it saves the government the cost of human resources and the WLF people get more fish in the lakes.
- Court Peddle requested that the Statement of Provincial Interests Handbook be posted on the Resource page of the TLWI website.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

The Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, July 28, 2015 – 7 P.M. at the Turtle Lake Mission. Once the agenda and speakers have been finalized a poster and tentative agenda will be emailed to board members to notify their respective communities and the information will be posted on the website at www.tlwi.ca