

Annual General Meeting - Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

Thursday, August 20, 2015
Turtle Lake Mission

Attending Board Members: Bob Gourlay, Jim Range, Nancy Range, Bob Leslie, Bernie Lukan, Scott McRobbie, Louis Bossaer, Bob Leslie, Clint Johnson, Court Peddle, George Rozdisky

Membership: 32 people registered at the AGM.

Call to Order

President Jim Range called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. and welcomed the members and visitors. Jim provided a brief overview of the history and mission of the TLWI.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes from the July 29, 2014 AGM and asked if there were any errors or omissions. None were identified. Bob motioned that the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by Bob Leslie and 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 education 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. Jim also pointed out the decreasing role the federal government and specifically the dept. of fisheries in recent years.

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

Bob Gourlay presented the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending March 31, 2015. The Income Statement for the period ending March 31, 2015 indicated revenues of \$1,012.50, expenses \$1,209.24 with a net income of -\$196.74. The Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2015 reported total assets of \$7,996.93, total liabilities of \$0 and total equity of \$7,996.93. Bob asked if there were any questions. None were put forward. Bob motioned that his report be adopted by the membership. Seconded by Red Pearce. Motion carried by a show of hands.

The Audited Financial Statement for the year ending March 31, 2015 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, 2015 was presented and discussed.

Bob Gourlay nominated all the existing directors, whose terms of office ended August 1, 2015 as representative of their respective communities for an additional two year term, ending August 1, 2016. There were no further nominations.

Jim motioned that nominations cease and be accepted as presented. Seconded Red Pearce, 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 1: Lake shore Development Regulations, Activities and Issues – Ben Wilson, Aquatic Habitat Protection Specialist – Water Security Agency of Saskatchewan.

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Ben spoke to a range of issue related to the protection of shorelines, jurisdictions and the importance of getting aquatic habitat protection permits before doing work in or near the lake shore. Ben's presentation is posted on the Resources page of the TLWI website.

Presentation 2: Controlling Lake Levels Policy – Abul Kashem, Manager Northwest Regional Services, and Water Security Agency of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Kashem provided a brief history of Turtle Lake's water levels and the weir that was installed at the South Bay outlet in 1986. Using lake level data back to the 1960's he discussed lake level variations and impacts of the weir. He also pointed out that western Canada is currently into a "wet cycle" and the data on the graphs supported his findings. Mr. Kashem reviewed the process of how municipalities could establish legal bodies with the authority to control and adjust lake levels. He discussed a number of municipalities that had such boards in place under the authority of Water Regulations Act.

President Range opened the floor for Questions & Answers. After a lively discussion the Annual General Meeting was brought to a close.

President Jim Range thanked both Ben and Abul 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 12:17 P.M.

Next Board Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015, 10:00 A.M., Turtle Lake Mission. All board meetings are open to the public