

WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Pineridge Golf Course

Time: 6:30 PM Date: July 12th, 2017

In Attendance: Kelly Aldridge, Paul Cardinal, Art Erickson, Stan Franklin, Neil Fleming, Don Meredith, Stan Kobylko, Jack Latham, Tracy Muloin, Dan Saunders, Jordyce van Muyden, Don Waterman, Renee Bliss

1. Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests:
2. Review and approval of meeting agenda: Moved: Neil Seconded: Paul
3. Review and approval of minutes from June, 2017 Board meeting.
Moved: Renee Seconded: Stan K
4. Executive Report - the Executive Committee has not met since the June 21, 2017 Board meeting.
5. Treasurer's report: Neil Fleming reported a bank balance on May 15th was \$18,188.93

Income was:	Interest:	\$ 1.52	
	Corporate Sponsor	<u>100.00</u>	101.52
Expense	Executive hosting expense		<u>104.45</u>
	Current Balance		<u>\$18,186.00</u>

There is one new corporate sponsor, Edmonton Yacht Club

6. Wabamun Watershed Management Plan Update

NSWA are still working on setting up the WMP steering committee. They have scheduled a meeting with TransAlta for August 8th to discuss their engagement with the WMP planning process. Following this meeting NSWA will move to formally form the steering committee (SC) and schedule the first SC meeting in September. They have commitment for the SC from Sue Evans for the Summer Villages of Seba Beach, Lakeview and Betula Beach (she will also represent Dwight Moskalyk of Kapasiwin), Jim O'Brien of Point Alison, Shawn Patience of the Village of Wabamun, Arin MacFarlane Dyer from AEP, and Dave Trew from NSWA. The Alberta Energy Regulator has been invited to participate and a response is likely to come next week. WWMC members will be Don Meredith with Neil Fleming acting as backup. NSWA will also be working with GOA facilitators to try to establish contact and build a relationship with the Paul First Nations (PFN).

7. Boat Launches

Parkland County is planning public consultation in the late summer or early fall regarding the management and potential closure of "informal" boat launch sites on the lake.

Stan Franklin and Jack Latham met with TransAlta about the south shore boat launch issues.

8. Fresh Water Lake Concerns Meeting June 24, 2017

Kelly discussed his June 24th workshop called by Yellowhead MP Jim Elginski (see his report distributed earlier. We discussed a possible initiative to establish a "Citizens on Patrol" group on the lake, and concluded that it is a suggestion that may be included in the recreation section of the WMP. Kelly noted that Jim Elginski encouraged those present to write to their MPs, MLAs and Ministers about the need for more attention and funding for the protection and management of lakes

9. SV Seba Beach municipal election - July 8, 2017.

Rick MacPhee, Doug Thomas and Gary Schultz were all re-elected.

10. Wabamun Dragon Fly Festival

Art Erickson reported that the festival was well attended. There was a music jamboree on Friday night, followed by fireworks. On Saturday there was a parade, and Art Walk, and a Midway. On Sunday there was the annual UP Fest (99.3 FM), with PRISM and TROOPER bands. The boat launch was closed all weekend, much to the chagrin of many boaters.

11. Shoreline assessments: Art indicated this year's Love Your Lake water-based shoreline assessments are under way, and his boat was used for Kapasiwin and Point Alison. They will continue this week. As well, Neil reported that he and several of his neighbours had individual and confidential property assessments completed on their properties completed by Nature Alberta.

12. Summer Shoreline Walkabout

Neil distributed samples of the handouts we will use for the walkabout. He suggested we should start our visits by telling people that our emphasis this year is to encourage them to make improvements to their riparian area. He then passed out a list of talking points to help volunteers in answering questions that may come up. We had a lot of discussion about each point. Although many of us had differing opinions about how to respond, to questions, we agreed that it is best not to get into debates, and where in doubt, refer cottagers to our website or to AEP. If cottagers see anyone removing aquatic vegetation (natural lake weeds, reeds, bull rushes, etc.) from the lake or the shoreline, they should report it to AEP via the hotline number.

At the end of the meeting Neil helped volunteers to collect their handout materials along with a "state-of-the-art" **WWMC Lake Steward** T-shirt! Stan suggested we make a note of any owner with an excellent riparian area as we may wish to recognize their efforts to protect the lake.

13. Adjournment: 8:25pm Next Meeting: August 16, 2017