

Wabamun Watershed Management Council

Board Meeting

September 16, 2020 (Zoom)

Minutes

In Attendance: Randy Heil, Jordyce Van Muyden, Don Meredith, Stan Kobylko, Dave Ball, Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Kelly Aldridge, Carman McNary, Neil Fleming, Stan Franklin, Petra Rowell

1. Welcome and introduction of guests.
Neil introduced Sharon Blais who is interested in the work of the work of the WWMC and has a sailboat moored at the Wabamun Marina.
2. Review and approval of Agenda.
Dave/Stan K Approved
3. Review and approval of minutes from May 20, 2020 Board meeting.
Stan K/ Dave Approved
4. Treasurer's Report.
Kelly submitted his Treasurer's report indicating cash on hand of \$11,357.00. There are currently 9 paid corporate memberships and he is waiting to hear from a few other corporate members.

Kelly will be preparing Financial Statements for the October AGM and will have the statements audited by Sue Evans.

Kelly indicated that in the future he will submit his Treasurer's reports with an effective date being the last day of the month prior to the Board Meeting.

Kelly/Dave Approved
5. Website, Newsletter, Facebook.
Don indicated that there were 727 visitors to the website last month, and increase of 7.4%. 1665 pages were viewed with the blue /green algae page being viewed 374 times.

Neil reported that the Facebook page now has 440 members and that each posting gets about 350 views.

6. Watershed Management Plan Update

As there has not been any feedback to the Plan requesting clarification or amendment, Petra will finalize the document and it can be published as a completed document.

The WMP communication plan is still a work in progress, however in the interim copies of the Plan will be formally sent out to Municipalities and members of the WMP Steering Committee and key stakeholders. Some of the costs of production and printing of copies of the WMP are probably within the terms of the LSC grant.

The Land Stewardship Centre grant was intended to be used primarily for the roll out of the WMP. COVID has effectively prevented any in person presentations or consultation. Stan will complete the request for extension of completion of the project to September 2021 (the request was submitted after the meeting and the extension has been granted). Arin will prepare the required Interim Report on the progress of the project to be submitted to the LSC by the end of September

7. ALMS Water Testing

Neil and Stan assisted Kyra Ford from ALMS with the September water sampling.

Discussions with ALMS regarding phytoplankton taxonomy of current and historic samples. This may be possible and could provide an inventory of cyanobacteria and algae species that appear in the lake regularly or periodically. Arin to look into what is available and make an overview graph.

8. Strategic Planning Initiative

Carman elaborated on the written presentation that he had circulated before the meeting. He felt that the Board would need to consider three basic questions in the development of a strategic plan:

- What is important.
- What is achievable with existing or projected resources.

- Within the realm of important and achievable objectives, what type of work would particular Board members be interested in and commit to doing.

Dave and Carman will arrange for a round table discussion this Fall to start the process. In the meantime, potential funding sources will be looked at as well as the logistics of the WWMC applying for charitable status with the CRA.

9. AGM

The AGM will be held on October 21, 2020 using Zoom. Arin and Neil will meet to work out logistics and a possible speaker. The notice for the AGM needs to go out 30 days before the AGM. The Notice of the AGM and the AGM itself will attempt to recruit new Board members and greater support from the community.

10. Seba Beach Pavilion

Neil is communicating with Sue Evans regarding a possible demonstration project for the site that would incorporate low impact development principles (storm water management) into the landscaping plan.

11. Edmonton Yacht Club Board Member

With the retirement of Len Eddy from the Board, Carman will contact EYC regarding the nomination of a replacement for Len Eddy.