

**Wabamun Watershed Management Council
Board Meeting
April 21, 2021 (Zoom)
Minutes**

In Attendance: Don Meredith, Stan Kobylko, Dave Ball, Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Carman McNary, Neil Fleming, Stan Franklin, Michelle Foster, Robert Fernandez, Randy Heil, Jordyce Van Muyden

1. Welcome and Introduction of Guests.
Carman and Dave introduced Sue Styles from the Sunshine Bay Yacht Club.
2. Review and approval of Agenda.
Stan K/Neil Approved
3. Review and approval of minutes from February 17, 2021 Board meeting.
Minutes accepted as presented.
4. Website, Mail Chimp and Facebook Reports.
 - Don submitted his report in advance of the meeting. He also indicated that the WWMC currently has 223 members and that in March there were 266 visitors to the Website.
 - Neil advised that at last count the Facebook page has 521 members.
 - Neil and Dave confirmed that they now have access to manage the website (in addition to Don).
5. Treasurer's Report.
 - Dave reported that the Land Stewardship Centre had sent the final installment of the WMP rollout grant. The current cash balance in the TD account is \$10,601.80 of which \$3950.00 is considered encumbered by the terms of the LSC grant.
6. Watershed Management Plan
 - Carman reported on his discussions with NSWA and the meeting that he and Arin had with Leah Kongsrude, Executive Director of the NSWA. Items discussed included the roll out of the WMP, potential use of the LSC grant in the rollout, the WMP Steering Committee and possible longer term support and cooperation from NSWA.
 - Roll out of the WMP:
NSWA has taken the initiative to start the process of establishing a Steering Committee for the WMP. Toward that end a meeting of key stakeholders was held on March 30th. As

a follow up to that meeting NSWA has scheduled a meeting in June to confirm membership and select a Chair or Co Chairs. WWMC was encouraged to appoint a member to the Steering Committee who would be prepared, if requested, to sit as Chair or Co Chair.

NSWA confirmed that it will produce a 2 page summary of the WMP that will be able to be used to promote the Plan. Further discussions will take place regarding the printing and distribution of the summary. The summary is intended for use by both the WWMC and the Steering Committee, once that Committee is operational.

NSWA's consultant who is producing the Plan summary is also working on graphic design options to be incorporated into the Plan before printing. Further discussions will be necessary (at the Steering Committee level) once the Plan is ready for printing to address the number of copies to be printed, where they will be printed, how printing costs will be addressed and how copies will be distributed.

7. Land Stewardship Centre Grant.
 - Given that the projects identified in the original grant application could not be undertaken because of the pandemic, consideration of other possible projects consistent with the roll out of the WMP will need to be considered. That will include further discussions with NSWA regarding possible projects. Once we have a proposal regarding alternative uses for the grant monies, it will be necessary to submit that proposal to LSC for approval.
8. ALMS Water Sampling.
 - 2020/2021 Winter sampling was completed in March. Results will not be available until late spring.
 - Summer Sampling will consist of the normal 4 boat samplings in June, July, August and September. Randy will coordinate the scheduling of the samplings with ALMS and assign boat operators from a list of volunteers to be established by mailout to members.
 - Satellite Imaging is a new project for Wabamun that is being conducted by ALMS. This will involve 3 multi site samplings on days when calm conditions and clear sky conditions align with the anticipated pass over of the satellite. Randy will also coordinate with ALMS for boat operators who will need to be available on short notice.

- Robert Fernandez indicated that it would be helpful to some senior planning staff at Parkland County to tour various sites along the lakeshore by boat. This should not be a problem to arrange for a boat and driver. Robert will follow up when the lake becomes more accessible.

9. Municipal Elections.

- Municipal elections in the Summer Villages will be held in July and all other Municipal elections (including Parkland County) will be held in October. As discussed at the last Executive Meeting, it would be useful to pose strategic policy questions to candidates, receive those answers and publish the questions and answers in conventional and social media. The candidates would be advised that their answers would be published.
- Dave will reach out to Board members for questions that they think should be asked.

10 Corporate Sponsors.

- Neil indicated that our corporate sponsorship donations have dropped over the last year. We will need to revisit fund raising strategies over the next few months.

11. Next Meeting: May 19, 2021 (4pm - 6pm)