

Wabamun Watershed Management Council
Board Meeting
November 16, 2022 (Zoom)
Minutes

In Attendance: Sue Styles (Chair), Neil Fleming, Denny Thomas, Don Meredith, Michelle Foster, Randy Heil, Stan Franklin, Megan Thompson, and Natalie Birnie.

1. Welcome.
2. Review and approval of Agenda.
Denny/Neil Approved.
3. Approval of minutes from September 21, 2022 Board meeting.
Denny/Neil Approved.
4. Presentation by Georgia Peck, Living Lakes Canada.
 - Living Lakes Canada, a NFP stewardship organization has been active in British Columbia and is seeking to expand into Alberta. Toward this end LLC is partnering with NSWA to secure Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program grant funding for a Foreshore Integrated Management Planning Project (FIMP).
 - If the grant application is successful 2 lakes will be selected for the project. Wabamun Lake is one of the lakes that is being considered. A decision on the grant is expected in late December.
 - Georgia's Power Point presentation on FIMP will be provided to Sue for circulation.
 - Georgia's presentation to the Board was to determine whether the WWMC would be prepared to participate in the project if the grant is approved and Wabamun Lake is one of the lakes selected.
 - The consensus of the Board members present was that the WWMC would definitely be interested.
5. Board Governance.
 - Election of Executive for 2022/2023:

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| Chair | Sue Styles |
| Vice Chair | Vacant |
| Past Chair | Neil Fleming |
| Treasurer | Dave Ball |
| Secretary | Stan Franklin |
 - Appointment of Auditor – deferred to January Board meeting.
 - Signing Officers for 2022/2023
Sue Styles, Dave Ball and Stan Franklin (2 of the 3 required).
6. Executive and Committee Reports.

- Chair Report - As submitted as part of meeting package.
- Treasurer Report - As submitted as part of meeting package. Dave filed the Society's annual return on November 3rd.
- Communications Report – As submitted as part of the meeting package. Don is anticipating that there will be a January 2023 Newsletter. Submissions for content are welcome.
- Fundraising Report – As submitted as part of the meeting package.
- Board Governance Report – Sue requested that members review and provide feedback by Dec 15th on the 2022-2025 draft Operating Plan. Doug and Neil are working on a renewal or replacement of the current Insurance policy set to expire at the end of November.

7. Implementation of the Wabamun Lake WMP.

- WMP Steering Committee draft minutes from October 27th meeting circulated as part of meeting package. Sue advised that NSWA is in the process of developing a regional stewardship model for the NSR watershed.
- Educational Outreach – Neil will follow up with the Principal of Wabamun School regarding a possible joint project in 2023. It was also agreed that WWMC would plan to put on similar education programs in 2023 to those conducted in 2022.
- Winter Lake Keepers Program – samplings will be conducted at 3 locations in December, January, February and March. Stan will coordinate the volunteers and testing equipment.
- Emergent Aquatic Vegetation (bull rush) restoration project – seed pods have been collected from beds near Stan's cottage and discussions regarding a 2023 project are ongoing. Kristen Anderson will be making a presentation at the Board's January meeting. In the meantime, seeds will be planted to ensure that if the project proceeds in some form in 2023, necessary plant material will be available. There are no cost implications to the WWMC associated with the December planting of seeds.
- TransAlta – David Chanasyk has been reviewing the submission to the AER and further information has been requested from TransAlta regarding the water components of the reclamation. Once that information has been conveyed to Dr. Chanasyk, a further meeting with TransAlta will be convened to discuss next steps. TransAlta will also be providing further information regarding the Reclaimed Fly Ash project and the proposed solar project on the Highvale site.
- Wabamun Area Vision – Natalie will advise the Board when the presentation of the Plan will be made to Parkland Council.

8. Next Board Meeting: January 18, 2023