

**Wabamun Watershed Management Council**  
**Board Meeting**  
**August 18, 2021 (Zoom)**  
**Minutes**

In Attendance: Don Meredith, Stan Kobylko, Dave Ball, Neil Fleming, Stan Franklin, Kelly Aldridge, Sue Styles, Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Doug Thomas.

1. Welcome and Introduction.  
Dave introduced Doug Thomas, former Mayor of the Summer Village of Seba Beach.
2. Review and approval of Agenda.  
Stan K/Sue Styles                      Approved.
3. Review and approval of minutes from June 16, 2021 Board meeting.  
Minutes accepted as presented.

Dave confirmed that Board Minutes have been transferred to a restricted access page on the website. Access is through a link that Dave will send out to Board members.

4. Website, Mail Chimp and Facebook Reports.
  - Don submitted his report in advance of the meeting. Visits to the website continue to increase and popular sites over the past couple of months have been Fisheries, the WMP and the WMP summary document. Don notes that there has not been a Newsletter since 2020. Don agreed to draft a Newsletter to cover recent events and will submit it for review.
  - Neil advised that at last count the Facebook page continues to draw more members, the current total being 580.
5. Treasurer's Report.
  - Dave submitted the Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting and the report was approved as submitted. The year end Financial Statement will be prepared for Board approval prior to the October AGM.
  - With the resignation of Carman McNary, who was one of three signing officers, Dave moved/seconded by Neil that:

*The Signing Officers of the Society shall be the Board Chair, Dave Ball and the Board Secretary, Stan Franklin.*

6. Board Resignations.
- Dave reported that since the last meeting Jordyce Van Muyden and Carman McNary had submitted their resignations from the Board.

7. Election of Doug Thomas as Board Member.
- Moved by Dave, seconded by Kelly:

*Pursuant to Article 4 of the Bylaws, the Board of Directors elect Doug Thomas as a member of the Board effective August 18, 2021 for a term extending to the 2021 AGM.*

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Corporate Members.
- Neil, Sue Styles and Michelle Foster will be meeting this Friday to finalize the details of the fundraising initiative from corporate members.
  - The meeting was advised that Samco Development had submitted an application through the website for a corporate membership and had included a \$100 donation. The history of the company's development activity in the watershed was considered inconsistent with the mission and goals of the WWMC. Motion from Dave, seconded by Neil:

*The WWMC will respectfully decline to accept the company's application for a corporate membership at this time and will refund the company's donation.*

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Watershed Management Plan.
- Stan advised that NSWA is attempting to convene a WMP Steering Committee meeting during the 2nd week of September. Stan has indicated that he is prepared to assume the role of Cochair of the Steering Committee in light of Carman McNary's resignation from the Board.

10. Highvale Mine Reclamation.
- Stan advised that TransAlta has agreed to make a presentation to the Board regarding its proposed revised reclamation plan for the Highvale Mine. The presentation will take place on September 15th between 2:00 PM and 4:00PM. Dave will send out the link to the meeting. In addition to members of the

Board, members of the WMP Steering Committee who are available will also be invited to attend.

11. ALMS Water Sampling
  - The final Lake Watch sampling for the summer will be conducted in early September with the assistance of the Sunshine Bay Yacht Club.
  - The final satellite sampling will be undertaken in September when weather conditions and the satellite flight over the area coincide. Stan will transport Caleb Sinn and Tina MacLean provided that his boat will still be in the water. Failing that, Sue Styles and SBYC will transport Caleb and Tina.
12. Land Stewardship Grant.
  - The final report on the grant is due to be submitted to the LSC in early September. Carman McNary had discussions with Michael Short to produce 2 videos that would be funded by the grant. Dave will speak with Carman to find out what the status of the arrangement with Michael Short was prior to his leaving the Board. Arin will be in touch with NSWA regarding he invoicing for various expenditures made by NSWA relative to the WMP which are covered by the grant.
13. NSWA Summer Students
  - Neil advised that the two summer students are planning on setting up at the Wabamun boat launch this Friday. The focus will likely be on invasive species. It is hoped that some Board members will be able to attend and assist (possibly Randy, Kelly or Stan).
14. Pigeon Lake Watershed Association AIS Inspection

Neil and Stan attended PLWA's "pop up" AIS inspection at Mulhurst Bay on August 7th. The primary objective of the PLWA was to elevate awareness of the risks posed to Alberta lakes by the importation of invasive species such as mussels and Eurasian Milfoil. A number of watercraft were inspected by AEP staff and their canine staff member. Cindy Sawchuk, the AEP canine staff handler was very informative and would be interested in conducting a similar inspection next year at Wabamun. Most of the AEP staff present were volunteering their time on a Saturday in August.
15. Next Meeting:

September 15th from 4:00PM to 6:00PM (following the TransAlta zoom presentation).