

WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY **March 30** at **7:00 PM**

WASA COMMUNITY HALL

MINUTES

Handouts: Agenda, Minutes from 2015, Audited Financial Statement for 2015

17 people in attendance.

Recorder: Kathy McCauley

1. Call to order, Welcome, and Introduction of Trustees

Cliff Youngs, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 and welcomed everyone in attendance. Cliff introduced the attending trustees, Paul Dixon and Laurie Kay, and expressed regrets for Sharon Prinz who was unable to attend as she is in Prince George awaiting the arrival of a new grandchild. Trustee Bill Walkley was also unable to attend due to health concerns.

2. Presentation of agenda

Move to accept agenda by Laurie. Seconded by Paul. Carried.

3. Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting

Move to accept minutes by Paul. Seconded by Laurie. Carried.

4. Annual Review

Cliff reported that WLLID monitored lake levels as usual throughout the past year, watching for changes in water quality and quantity as per our Mandate described in the Letters Patent. Last year's low water level appears to have contributed to the growth of Native Milfoil and the board, with community input, is currently working on a plan to reduce its spread through mechanical means, and its prevention through public education.

5. Presentation of 2015 Audited Financial Statements

Move to accept Financial Statements (Audited by Adams Wolley Chartered Professional Accountants) by Paul. Seconded by Laurie. Carried.

6. Appointment of Auditor for 2016

Move to appoint Adams Wolley Chartered Professional Accountants as auditor for 2016 by Laurie. Seconded by Paul. Carried.

REPORTS:**7. Water**

Laurie reported that he and other volunteers have continued to measure water temperatures and oxygen levels in Wasa Lake throughout the past year. In addition, ecoli is measured in the summer months and will again be monitored in 2016. All water testing has shown that the quality of water remains at acceptable levels.

8. Taxes

Cliff reported that the WLLID continues to work with BC Assessment Authority to keep tax roles up to date. Tax rate is set by annual bylaw and remains at \$50.00 in 2016. The current interest rate is 5.7%, set by the Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development, and will be charged on overdue 2015 taxes beginning March 1st 2016.

9. Communication

Cliff reported that the board has continued to place a high priority on communication throughout 2015-2016. Besides monthly articles in the Tri-Village Buzz, the community newsletter, WLLID has maintained its website www.wasalake.ca as the main source of all news and documents, and a monthly electronic newsletter that highlights the current activities of the board. There are 189 subscribers on the newsletter mailing list and page views of the website range around 300 per week. The open rate of the newsletter is 55-65% compared to the industry average of 24%.

10. Milfoil Presentation

Laurie reported in response to community requests to deal with the excessive growth of Native Milfoil in the lake, trustees and others have met several times over the past months to formulate a plan. Much energy has been expended on gathering information from the web, Ministry experts, and others in order to come up with the most reasonable and likely successful plan of action. This project will require ongoing participation from the community.

The above notes are brief summaries of the reports presented at the AGM. The complete versions, as submitted by the trustees, are posted under the ABOUT tab – Annual General Meeting at www.wasalake.ca for the public to view and/or download to read. AGM documents are submitted to the Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development by May 15 2016 and are kept on file.

11. Announcement of new trustees for 2016-17:

There were 2 trustee positions available in 2016-17 and we received 2 nominations by the deadline of March 15. Annelise McRae was nominated by Sharon Prinz and Nowell Berg was nominated by Laurie Kay. Since there were 2 positions available and 2 nominations submitted, the new trustees took their positions by acclamation. They join current trustees: Cliff Youngs, Laurie Kay, and Sharon Prinz.

12. Questions and comments

Q. Any chance of holding a “motor boat free” day?

A. Cliff responded that this may be beyond WLLID’s authority as the lake is under federal jurisdiction. Someone else in the community is working on designating certain areas as low speed zones but we are unsure how far this has got.

Q. How do you make changes to regulations?

A. It begins with petitioning the residents then following the government process. Shawna Jimenez has been working on this in the community.

13. Goodbye and presentation of gifts to retiring trustees: Paul Dixon and Bill Walkley

Cliff thanked Paul Dixon for his service over the past year to WLLID and presented him with a card and gift. Bill Walkley, who retired from the board recently on account of health issues, was also recognized for his service with a card and gift.

14. Inaugural meeting of new board

Cliff announced that the meeting will be held immediately after the AGM. People are welcome to stay for it if they wish.

15. Adjournment

Move to adjourn meeting at 8:05 PM by Laurie.