

**WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**BOARD MEETING**

**For Meeting at 7 PM, June 15, 2023**

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| **Topic** |  |
| **Call to Order** | Sharon called the mtg to order at 7:02 pm |
| **In Attendance** | Sharon Prinz, Tom Braumandl, Nowell Berg, Lori Vandette (CO), Penny Flegel  Darren Plested did not call in |
| **Addition of Late Items** | none |
| **Adoption of Agenda** | Motion to adopt June agenda by Tom, seconded by Nowell |
| **Adoption of Minutes** | Motion to adopt May 10th minutes tabled until everyone has read them |
| **Correspondence** | Update on Tom’s correspondence with SGRC Summer Mapping Program – nothing to report, he hasn’t heard anything back – assumes Wasa was not selected.  Thank you note and cheque for $100 from Lazy Lake Environmental Society for O2 analyzer passed around.  Email from taxpayer RE: tax penalty – distributed to trustees. Sharon concerned taxpayer is writing when the property is owned by another. Fee dates back to Dec 2020. Sharon offered to call her to clarify, Nowell and Tom okay with it.  It was suggested we waive the fees and penalties, but if we do this for one taxpayer, we are obligated to do for all. |
| **Financial Reports:**  **Aged overdue receivables:**  **$11,402.32** | Tax payments slowly trickling in. Some have paid their arrears in full, some refuse. Planning on sending out statement reminders by the end of June. |
| 1. **Land Title Transfers -** | 6268 poplar rd, 6344 ponderosa rd, 3 unidentified – right of way, easements?,  6616 larch rd, 6419 ponderosa rd, |
| **2. Communication** | Revisit pamphlet distribution in light of RDEK article in the Buzz.  Sharon would like to get the informational pamphlet out to the taxpayers as soon as possible - so we are transparent and give the community a heads up before AGM. It will be reviewed by both Nowell and Tom to be distributed by August. Nowell is still opposed to the pamphlet going out as is.  No feedback from the community on WLLID article in Buzz or RDEK article in Buzz.  Lori will send word version out to Nowell, Tom etc. for further revisions.  Lori will call Karen to book hall for AGM September 27th.  Nowell would like to see communications going out to members – same info that is in the Buzz should go out in a newsletter.  Nowell agrees communication should go out to taxpayers before the AGM, but any decision on the future of WLLID should wait until the AGM. It is now too late to organize informational public meetings, so the pamphlet becomes our only method of outreach at this point.  Sharon reiterated her concerns about the lack of interest within the community – only 36% within our boundary are eligible to be trustees with most of these involved in other organizations, retired, etc. There appears to be no interest in a 3yr term with WLLID |
| **3. Financials -**  **Bank balance: $21,296.62**  **Capital Reserve: $8,193.33**  current interest rate = 0.450%  **Contingency Fund: $10,217.26**  current interest rate = 1.350%  **12M Bond: $15,097.50**  interest rate = 4%  **18M Bond: $10,399.83**  interest rate = 2.5% | A cheque was written to the PO for stamps $444.38.  Lori’s invoice, which includes the monthly Weebly payments totaling $63.30 (May & June) $1,200.80  Reimbursement to Nowell for boat battery and photocopies $325.22  Motion by Tom, seconded by Nowell, all in favour  Invoices approved. |
| **4. New Policies/Bylaws** | n/a |
| **5. Lake testing** | Email from Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society inviting individuals to take cabin training was circulated – does anyone know of anyone who wants to take it?  Nowell was asked if Lorraine & Jan came out to learn testing – yes. This Saturday will be the fourth session – Lorraine has been there each time, Jan will be available in July. Nowell sure all 12 tests will be done in time.  Water peaked; rain has helped keep the level up. Lake level is a meter and a half lower than last year. Snowpack done, all moisture from precipitation now. Gate at Cameron Pond is good.  Sent Becky forms from Interior Health for the lake testing.  Sharon shared the newspaper article based on Lake Windermere testing. Nowell hasn’t had a call back from anyone.  Lake Windermere tested high for arsenic, copper and lead levels. It is a shallow lake, and the concern is how Wasa may test, since it is even shallower. There is evidence of increasing phosphorous in Lake Windermere – Sharon asked if can we do phosphorous testing more consistently to measure any trend? Nowell can to that. Last time sample taken at campers beach in the fall – this time take it in the summer.  Tom – why the algae bloom in Ida’s Bay? Part of the reason is because it is landlocked. Sharon remembers a green algae bloom by Elm rd 3-4 yrs ago.  Lake water is very warm at this point (23 d). surface was 19d at the deepest point last Saturday. Sharon - what is our water temperature trend? Nowell only has info from about 2012. Hand off data to a hydrologist to get answers from all the data? Sharon would like to see a graph to show the trend – if Lake Windermere is getting warmer, what about us? |
| **New Business** |  |
| **Tom’s report on recent algae bloom – green filament. Non-toxic No sample sent in.** | Update from Tom RE: algae bloom – nothing has reappeared. It was a green filament, non-toxic algae. No sample was sent in for testing. It’s appearance was likely due to the area being landlocked, with no fresh flow, low water warming quickly. Cyanobacteria is always present and these conditions can cause a bloom.  Jocelyne’s email – how to respond. Tom would like to see additional E.coli testing in Ida’s cove. Check with Becky to do multiple location testing. Sharon suggested doing phosphorous and E.coli. Nowell, herbicide testing? People spraying their lawns, etc and it leaches into the water. Nowell – test before/after long weekend for E.coli  Sharon will write email and put it by Tom and Nowell before sending to Jocelyne.  Core sampling – Nowell will be looking through the info again, put together a summary. Do boat launch, deep station, Ida’s cove, cedar road? Shallower areas? End of Hansen’s channel. Looking to do a total of at least 6 different locations.  Nowell would like to do another water survey, gather more samples  Sharon was wondering if the sampling done early morning = true data? By end of day, lake is considerable muddier. Do sechi readings later in the day?  No foreshore reclamation at this time. |
| **Date of Next Meeting:** | July 12 |
| **Adjournment** | move to adjourn by Nowell, seconded Tom, all in favour |