

**Minutes of the
Wasa Lake Land Improvement District AGM April 3, 2013
Held at Wasa Hall, Wasa British Columbia**

All trustees in attendance.
Recorder Kathy Boue (Volunteer)

Sandy Kay and Terry Marvel registered attendees. Those eligible to vote have their hand stamped so if an election is necessary, they can show their stamp to pick up their ballot. There is also a ballot box which has been completely wrapped. If it is needed, a slit will be made in the top so the ballots can be placed inside. This also shows that no ballots have been placed in it before the election.

1. Call to Order

45th Meeting of WLLID called to order by Chair Clay Tippett at 7:15 pm. Clay introduced trustees at the table. Presented Wilma with tiger lily and card as thanks from the Board for 6 years of service.

2. Approval of Agenda. Motioned by Sharon. Seconded by Wilma.

3. Minutes of 2012 AGM. Wilma moved motion to approve minutes, seconded by Naomi.

4. Annual Review

2012 will be remembered as the year of the flood but also as the year of overwhelming community spirit.

Jack D and other cleaned out beaver dam found in Hansen Channel. Recognition of high snow pack, late peak of Lewis Creek, etc. Flap gates in place stopped a lot of water coming back into lake. River peaked 3 X. McElhanney Study done to give preliminary options if anything can be done. Baker report also done from a number of years ago and will be posted online at wasalake.com.

Antoine Beriault, Deputy Inspector of Dikes (MOE) sent letter about:

-Trial mitigation gates are the only thing that stops water from returning into the lake

-were initially a 3 year experiment but have now been in place for 20 years

-Board looking into discussion with trustees and community member about suggestions made by both studies and Mr Beriault.

Aquifer study not completed as of yet but WLLID would like to find out how much sustainable draw down rate we can have. This could be used when planning new developments.

5. Financial Review (7:30 pm) by Clay.

Discussion of overdue taxes. Clay gave explanation of tax sale info from Surrey taxation law. Unpaid taxes of 3 years is major concern so he hopes people will decide to pay. It is on future agenda item for trustees to discuss and determine a plan of action to collect.

Clay read over balance sheet and Income Statements and explained each line item. Details available on request from Clay or any trustee. If reserve fund is filled and realized, and there is nothing that needs to be done, taxes will most likely be lowered. Always better to be pro-active than re-active.

Naomi moved financial report be accepted as presented. John seconded.

Carried. John motioned that Adams Wolley to be auditors for upcoming year.

Sharon seconded. Carried.

6. Lake Tests

Report by Laurie Kay

Twenty tests done throughout 2012. 56 to 40' (June-November). Temp of oxygen content tested as have tester on loan from BCLSS. 23.5 degrees C in Aug./5 degrees C in November. Clarity measured with disc, never less than 3.2 metres. Tests all indicate lake is healthy. Lab tests no longer free but perhaps one or two should be done. Plant growth increasing with algae bloom, but this is not toxic. Call Laurie if you want to volunteer to help with lake tests.

Jim Hill, Karen Markus and Naomi Miller measured river water heights. Annalise McRae did the test while Clay was gone. Thanks to Susanne and Fred for putting in lake marker extension. Thanks to Jack and Judy for recording lake levels.

New gauge in place now after 3 years of planning and permit wait time. No August readings from 2012.

7. Aquifer Study

Working with RDEK at this point, looking at aquifer protection through Official Community Plan. Invermere's study cost them over \$300,000.00. WLLID hopes to have aquifer use included in OCP. In 2003-04, the Govt did a study to test random wells around the lake, but no funds are available to perform follow-up studies this year. Perhaps if funds become available, this could be looked at. IH asked WLLID to do handout for Boil Water Advisory. RDEK looks after emergency/disaster planning and the WLLID acts as conduit, forwarding info, etc. IH can only test public beaches so no other lake testing was done.

8. Election of Officers

Clay turned meeting over to Sandy Kay to explain ballot procedures. Acting secretary received letter of nomination of new trustee, who gave it to Sandy but as it was from Laurie (who was in attendance), Laurie decided to do the nomination at the meeting. Laurie Kay nominated Alex Jensen, a resident of Cranbrook who has a cabin at the south end of the lake. He has lived here every summer for 25 years. Sharon Prinz seconded his nomination (as did Bill Walkley) Sandy called 3X for nominations from the floor. Nominations closed and so Alex is the new Trustee by acclamation.

9. Questions and Comments from the Public (2 min time limit for all parties)

Jim Abbott: here since 1973. Page 6 of McElhanney report in 1974 was 710.6 (in 1967) and 770.7 in 1967, so it was another 20". Concerned that report lists 3

recommendations but only has 50% of information. Surface ground water and river level are essential to determine water tables. Suggests trustees take well measurements from private wells for a period of 3 years min to record high water levels. Jim Abbott will be on committee.

Bill Wilson: the 20" lower lake measurement is due to the flap gates.

Bob Jamieson: from TaTa Creek studies flood plains. Wishes to point out that a) Culverts were initially put on old highway to prevent effluent from river coming into lake. Suggest that removal might help lake drain faster. Not a guarantee, though.

b) There are 2 watersheds in the area so anytime there is a large rainfall, it flows underground to lake. (600 gal per min can be pumped by Doug Ross)
Well studies would be great idea. Bob Jamieson will be on this committee.

Susanne Ashmore: Would it have been smarter to contact Antoine Beriault about levels first before approaching and hiring a private engineering firm? Does WLLID realize the area in question is not in the WLLID boundary? Clay answered that trustees are aware the property is not within boundaries and just asked engineer for "quick, down and dirty" overview. Has resulted in large community input so was not a bad thing to have done.

Stan Kneller: in 1974 railroad tracks were built up as water was running over them 6-12 ".

Bill Wilson: re Bob Jamieson's statement about Hanson Channel. In WLLID office is a map of Channel. Water won't run out unless major work is done to make the channel a lower grade so it drains.

Laurie Kay: Elevation level 772 metres and as is groundwater that makes lake higher. Not much can be done for high water levels. Pursue as a solution where water level can be lowered but not sure what can be done.

10. Adjournment

At 8:15 Chair Clay thanked everyone for attending meeting. Wilma adjourned meeting.