

WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY **April 29, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

WASA COMMUNITY HALL

MINUTES

Handouts: Agenda, Audited Financial Report for 2014

13 people in attendance.

Recorder: Kathy McCauley, Secretary WLLID

1. Call to order and Introduction of Trustees

Acting Chair Cliff Youngs called the meeting to order at 7:05. Cliff welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced the rest of the trustees: Sharon Prinz, Laurie Kay, and Bill Walkley.

2. Presentation of Agenda

Move to accept agenda by Sharon. Seconded by Bill. Carried.

3. Minutes of 2014 Annual General Meeting

Move to adopt Minutes by Sharon. Seconded by Laurie. Carried.

4. Annual Review

Acting Chair, Cliff Youngs, presented the annual review of 2014 Board activities which includes: regular water testing, repair of dike damaged in 2013 high water, Hanson Channel restoration, weed management in the water and on land, ongoing efforts to update tax roles and reduce the level of overdue property taxes, and the creation of a non-resident advocate position designed to provide a voice to non-resident property owners. Cliff pointed out that trustees, who receive no remuneration, volunteered approximately 440 hours in 2014. See full report at www.wasalake.ca

5. Presentation of Audited Financial Statement 2014

Move to accept 2014 Audited Financial Statements by Bill

Seconded by Sharon
Carried

6. Appointment of Auditor for 2015

Move to appoint Adams, Wooley Certified General Accountants as auditors for 2015 by Laurie
Seconded by Sharon
Carried

7. Presentation from Todd Larson Invasive Plant Council, Program Manager

Our appreciation to Todd Larson for providing a very informative presentation on invasive species, defined as non-native plants or animals introduced to a region which have negative impacts on their new environment, eg Zebra mussels and Knapweed. The focus of the Plant Council, which was formed about 10 years ago, is to reduce invasive species. The Council believes prevention, education and awareness are among the most important aspects of their mandate. Their activities including partnering with RDEK to assess properties and advise owners, loaning spraying equipment, and hiring summer students to education or spray weeds. This year, their staff will be attending boat launches to educate boaters and other areas such as Parks to speak to ATVers, and will have 3 roving boat inspection stations. Todd also mentioned that Wasa is slated for a lake monitoring project this summer.

Todd also talked about the July 19th Community Knapweed Pull event coordinated by RDEK Area Rep, Jane Walters, in which Wasa, St Marys, and Meadowbrook residents will pull knapweed in their communities and then meet at the Wasa Lions Grounds for a barbeque.

Comments from the audience brought up the presence of another noxious weed in Wasa, sulphur cinquefoil, and the need for boating signs (“Clean, Drain & Dry”) to be posted or replaced at the 5 boat launches, which Todd agreed to do.

Thank you to Todd for his valuable presentation and many brochures!

REPORTS

8. Water Quality

Trustee Laurie Kay reported that in 2014 trustees monitored the quality of the water in the lake and will continue to do so (as they have for many years) in 2015. Twice a month, between ice breakup and ice-on, trustees take a rowboat out to sites to measure water clarity, oxygen levels, and temperature. Comparison with historical data collection shows us that the lake continues to be healthy. In 2014, the board purchased a hand held Dissolved Oxygen Metre which saves results and can record at any depth level, making data collection more efficient.

Trustees collected samples for E coli testing, the most appropriate indicator of fecal contamination, at 2 week intervals in July and August at Wasa Provincial Park’s Main Beach and Campers’ Beach and 4 other lake front risk sites where septic fields and well heads were

submerged during flood years. All 20 samples came back stamped “no water quality issues.” Results can be found at www.interiorhealth.ca under Recreational Water—Beach Water Quality. The Board is grateful for the assistance of Interior Health Authority and RDEK in helping with shipping costs and arrangements.

9. Taxes

Trustee Sharon Prinz reported that over the past year, the WLLID’s goal has been to bring the tax records up to 100% accuracy and although it is an ongoing endeavour, we are very close now. Trustees have continued to work with BC Assessment and Land Titles Office to correct names, addresses, and verification of WLLID boundaries. At this time only 2 properties remain with taxes over 2 years overdue whereas last year there was 18. More efficient tax collection procedures have allowed us to increase our reserve fund to maintain capital works and to lower the taxes and interest rates in 2015.

10. Communication

Cliff Youngs reported that in 2014 trustees continued to place a high importance on communication with property owners. Improved communication was achieved through the development and ongoing maintenance of the website, monthly electronic newsletters and articles in the local newspaper, advance posting of all meetings, and the creation of the non-resident advocate position designed to improve dialogue between the board and non-residents. Cliff promised that communication will continue to be a high priority in the future.

11. Plants in Lake

Trustee Bill Walkley reported that a resident contacted the WLLID in the fall of 2014 to report the presence of weeds in the lake. Upon investigation, trustees determined that the weed was Northern Native Milfoil, which although not technically an invasive species, could possibly cause some issues if it spreads. Trustees will monitor and report on its growth in 2015.

All reports are posted (in full text) on the website as of May 15, 2015

12. Trustees for 2015

Cliff gave recognition of our past chairman, Alex Jensen, who provided tremendous leadership and worked tirelessly to maintain the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District. He resigned in December but we have not forgotten his contribution.

There were 3 available trustee positions and we received 3 nominations by the April 15 deadline. Nominations were:

Sharon Prinz nominated by Val Dmytriw. (3 year term) Seconded by Bill Walkley. Accepted.

Cliff Youngs nominated by Sharon Prinz. (3 year term) Seconded by Bill Walkley. Accepted.

Paul Dixon nominated by Laurie Kay. (1 year term) Seconded by Bill Walkley. Accepted.

There will be no election as all 3 positions are filled by acclamation.

13. Questions and comments

Naomi Miller asked if the brush piles from the Hanson Channel restoration project were going to be burned.

Bill replied that Wildfire Management advised him that burning is not necessary.

Judy McPhee asked name of long tall weed in water on north side of channel.

Todd Larson offered to come with Judy to identify it.

Bev Rauch thanked the board members for continuing to serve the WLLID.

14. Date of Inaugural Meeting of new board will be Tuesday May 12, 7 PM.

15. Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Sharon at 8:20 pm

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