

WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY April 26 2017 at 7:00 PM

WASA COMMUNITY HALL

Trustees present: Cliff Youngs Chair, Laurie Kay, Annelise McRae, Nowell Berg.

Regrets: Sharon Prinz

Recorder: Kathy McCauley

In attendance: 9

1. Call to Order

At 7:05 PM Chairman Cliff Youngs called the meeting to order and introduced the trustees: Nowell Berg, Annelise McRae, and Laurie Kay.

2. Presentation of agenda

Move to accept agenda by Nowell
Seconded by Laurie
Carried.

3. Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

Move to accept minutes by Annelise
Seconded by Nowell
Carried

4. Annual Review by Chair

Cliff presented a brief review of the events of 2016-17, which included ongoing lake testing, native milfoil removal project, shoreline cleanup, culvert cleaning, RDEK meetings re rezoning, and safe boating practices. The board is currently working on an information package for Wasa Lake.

Move that annual review be accepted by Nowell.
Seconded by Laurie.
Carried

5. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements for 2016 (prepared by Adams Wolley Chartered Professional Accountants)

Move to accept by Nowell.
Seconded by Annelise.
Carried.

6. Appointment of Auditor for 2017

Move to appoint Adams Wolley Chartered Professional Accountants to audit the 2017 financial records by Laurie.
Seconded by Annelise
Carried

REPORTS: (The following notes are brief synopses of the reports presented by the trustees at the AGM. Please go to www.wasalake.ca and select Annual General Meeting under the ABOUT tab to read the reports in their entirety.)

7. Taxes

Nowell reported that there has been very little change since 2016. Taxes have remained at 50.00 for several years and there will be no increase in 2017. Tax rate is set through annual bylaw established in January. Notices are sent in September and taxes are due November 30. Property owners are encouraged to pay through Interac Etransfer at their bank if possible.

8. Communication

Annelise reported that the board has continued to place a high priority on communication with tax payers. A newsletter containing updates on activities and upcoming meetings and events continues to be emailed to nearly 200 subscribers each month. Laurie submitted an article to the Buzz every issue and the website continues to be the definitive resource for all documents related to the WLLID.

9. Water Quality

Laurie reported that as in previous years, spring and summer testing for water quality has continued throughout the past year. Tests are done for ecoli, dissolved oxygen, and temperature; the latter two are indicators of a healthy lake. Tests have always indicated that there are no water quality issues. This summer, there will also be tests for chemical nutrients in the lake.

10. Milfoil

Laurie reported that at the last AGM, there was considerable public interest in the growth of native milfoil in the lake and the board was asked to investigate the possibility of its removal. Trustees not only investigated the growth, but also took measures to remove some of the areas of greatest growth, the account of which is posted (with photographs) at www.wasalake.ca in Projects and Initiatives under the LIBRARY tab. Although the project did meet with some success, further work is beyond the scope of what the Improvement District can accomplish without a great deal of community involvement. We anticipate that a public meeting will be held shortly to discuss what, if any, further action is advisable.

11. Boating

Nowell reported on boating starting with the history of boating on Wasa Lake. In 2012-13 RDEK asked boaters to voluntarily avoid boating during the period of spring flooding because the foreshore and flooded homes are further compromised by wave action. RDEK director, Jane Walter, has scheduled a meeting on May 20 at 1:00 at Lions' barbeque grounds to discuss safe boating. No one is seeking a boat ban. The WLLID board is in favour of safe and legal boating and will be sending a letter to the RCMP asking for increased enforcement of safe practices on the lake during the summer boating season.

12. Flood Watch

Laurie reported that according to the Snow Survey and Water Supply website (<http://bcrcfc.env.gov.bc.ca/bulletins/watersupply/current.htm>) the likelihood of flooding this year is not higher than normal. Consequently, there is no immediate cause for concern regarding flooding; however, that can change quickly with a high precipitation event. Should that occur, the trustees will monitor water levels and respond accordingly.

13. Announcement of new trustees for 2017

Prior to the April 12th deadline, Cliff Youngs nominated Nowell Berg for the vacant 3 year position and Nowell has accepted the position by acclamation. There were no eligible nominations for the other vacant position so the board will continue in 2017-18 with 4 trustees: Cliff Youngs, Annelise McRae, Nowell Berg, and Sharon Prinz.

14. Questions and comments

Q. Can financial statements be put on the website earlier?

A. Financial statements were posted on Monday before the meeting but will be posted earlier next time if that is what people want and if it is legal to post them before they are formally accepted by the trustees at the AGM. Kathy will ask the accountant what the rule is.

Q. RDEK Campground rezoning

Were people aware that the property in question was given to the former owner by government, then turned around and sold to someone else?

A. This information was unavailable at the time of the RDEK public meeting.

15. Goodbye to retiring trustee

Laurie Kay has finished his 3 year term on the board and has decided to retire. Laurie has taken the lead on a number of projects, including the native milfoil removal project, testing for water quality, and writing regular articles for the Buzz. He will be missed.

Cliff thanked him for his dedicated service to the board and presented him with a card and gift.

16. Date of inaugural meeting of new board

May 23 11:00 AM at Wasa Hall

17. Adjournment

Cliff adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

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