

WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Box 133, Wasa, B.C. VOB 2K0

**Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2007 – 7:00 PM
WASA COMMUNITY HALL**

In attendance: 21 – 6 Wasa residents, 2 Kimberley seasonal residents, and 13 Calgary seasonal residents.

Hand outs available: meeting agenda, 2006 AGM minutes, Financial Audit statements,

Recorder: Kathy Miles-Boue, Secretary of the WLLID

1. Call to order by Chairperson, Susanne Ashmore (7:05 PM)

2. Minutes of AGM 2006 (7:05 – 7:12)

Kathy read the minutes of the last AGM, held on April 26, 2006. Minutes adopted as read by Judy McPhee. Seconded by Wilma Croisdale. A question was asked on the 2006 minutes about what is it to be considered a seasonal resident with voting rights – a certain no. of days spent in Wasa? Susanne explained that a seasonal resident is someone who owns property within the WLLID tax roll boundaries but has a permanent address outside of the province of B.C. and therefore has no voting rights.

3. Financial Report (7:12 – 7:17)

As the WLLID is currently operating without a Treasurer, Susanne reviewed the audited financial statements. She explained that although the WLLID records indicate ownership of mosquito control equipment (an old mosquito fogger), it has, in fact, been turned over to Kendra Lewis. Susanne then reviewed other details listed in the statements, giving a brief descriptive of each. Alan Askey motioned the financial statements be adopted as read, this was seconded by Jim Croisdale.

4. Reports (7:17 – 7:35)

A. Introduction by Chair

Susanne introduced herself as Chairperson, and then introduced the attending Directors – Pete Pelletier, Marite Askey and Secretary Kathy Miles-Boue. Director John Nesbitt is away. Tribute was made to Treasurer Pete McGaw who passed away suddenly in November.

Susanne reviewed for those attending that the WLLID is an advocate on behalf of the community and gave a brief overview of what boards the WLLID has been in contact with over the past year. She also stated that she holds an Advisory Chair position on the RDEK board for advocacy on community issues. Susanne also advised meeting attendees that the WLLID has membership in the KRNB (Kootenay River Network Board) and the EKILMP (East Kootenay Integrated Land Management Program). She then introduced Director Marite who advised the meeting that the EKILMP brings together federal and provincial government agencies, First Nations representation, resource councils, Wildsight and other interested community groups. This group was initiated to discuss issues, concerns and prepare ideas and studies by pooling their resources to better protect lakes against being overdeveloped. The group's mandate continues to be a work in progress, and it supported by many other groups and organizations as well as community members throughout the East Kootenays. Susanne introduced Greg Hladun, a seasonal resident. Greg advised everyone that there is now a Wasa Lake Cottage Owners Association, with 23 members at this time. Many of these association members hope to retire to Wasa and therefore want to take a part in being active members of the community. Anyone wishing to join this Association or ask questions, can contact Greg by e-mail at greg.hladun@apachecorp.com. Thank you, Greg.

B. Lake Levels 2006

Susanne introduced Pete Pelletier who indicated that this data is extremely important as it graphs how high we can expect lake levels to rise and how the lake level relates directly to the river levels. He has the stats available if anyone wishes to review them. Gathering this data also helps with mosquito control in that he is able to determine if there are high levels of larvae and then advise Kendra Lewis accordingly. Mosquito spraying on the duck ponds at Bummer's Flats is being looked into by several government agencies, as it is fast becoming a health issue rather than an environmental issue. Bert Berg has now retired from data gathering so Pete will be doing it solo for 2007. Pete recognized Bert for his many years of service and that to gather this data, Bert walked 1.5 miles every day. Thank you, Bert!

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C. Lake Testing Program

7 full lake tests were done in 2006. Susanne passed around information on data

obtained from the lake samples. She advised that a lake-specific document should be generated by the BCLSS within the next year as the WLLID currently has 3 years worth of data. Susanne also explained that this water sampling may assist with Wasa getting a SHIM map done. A SHIM map (Sensitive Habitat Inventory Mapping) takes information from shoreline data and photos and puts it all together. These maps assist lake communities with developing a lake management plan, and pinpoint any problem areas within the lake.

D. Report on Foreshore Issue Follow Up

The WLLID now has a lawyer (Bill Andrews) to report any non-permitted work or lack of enforcements to. The lawyer will speak on behalf of the WLLID to the appropriate government agencies for any work not being done properly, or for any other infractions.

E. BCLSS Conference June 22 - 24

Susanne introduced the title of the conference "On the Beach - A Skinny Dip into the Sustainable Lake and Watershed Development". To date, the WLLID has received \$5,000 from Columbia Basin Trust Water Initiatives, \$500 from the RDEK and is seeking \$2,500 from the other 5 RDEK Area Directors. This conference is important as it brings forth issues and concerns from other lake groups as well as solutions to these problems. One lake has such a problem with boating that the beachfronts are imploding and snow fences are required to prevent further damage. Susanne advised those in attendance that the WLLID is seeking billeting for conference delegates so anyone able to assist with this should contact Judy McPhee. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome, but they must pre-register.

5. Election of Director

(7:44 – 7:47)

At this time, Susanne asked local resident Judy McPhee to take the floor and direct this portion of the meeting. Judy advised that the position being elected was not only for a Board member, but was for the position of Treasurer as well. Judy opened the floor to nominations. Wilma Croisdale nominated Jim Croisdale for Treasurer. Pauline Seymour seconded this nomination. No other nominations were received so Jack McPhee moved that nominations close. Karl Guggisberg seconded this. Jim Croisdale is elected Treasurer of the WLLID by acclamation. Thank you, Judy for your assistance. Congratulations, Jim!

6. Comments and Questions from the Floor

(7:47 – 7:55)

It was asked if a Public Address system could be utilized for the next meeting as some attending this meeting experienced difficulty in hearing what was said. This will definitely be addressed for the next AGM. It was also suggested that revising the set-up of the chairs to another area might allow the sound to carry better and help alleviate this problem.

It was asked if other community members have seen the structure built in the lake, just past Robinson's Roost. Pete Pelletier responded that it was a home-made water ski jump made this past summer by some young persons. They had asked permission of one of the nearby cottage owners, who seemingly granted them permission. This structure is not only unsafe, but is unlawful. Permission for any structure to be built anywhere but within private land boundaries needs to come from the appropriate government authorities, in this case B.C. Parks and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The WLLID will notify the appropriate authorities and monitor the results. It is certain that this object will be removed.

One last comment was that the seasonal residents found it helpful to have the AGM on a long weekend, which allows them to attend. Please continue to schedule any meetings on a long weekend.

7. Adjournment

Jim Croisdale moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Alan Askey. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Thank you to all who attended.