

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

**Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2006 – 7:00 PM
WASA COMMUNITY HALL**

In attendance: 16

Hand outs available: meeting agenda, Fire Smart Manual

Recorder: Kathy Miles-Boue, Secretary of the WLLID

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

2. Minutes of AGM 2006 (7:00 – 7: 05)

Kathy read the minutes of the last AGM, held on April 25, 2005. Minutes adopted as read by Frances West. Seconded by Judy McPhee.

3. Financial Report (7:05 – 7:15)

Treasurer Pete McGaw explained that the WLLID did not have available an audited financial statement of the account. The auditor has had the information for a month and has not processed it. As soon as it is completed, anyone who would like a copy is to leave his or her name with the Secretary and we will mail a copy out. Pete reviewed the tentative budget for 2006. There was a question from Frances West regarding insurance on the gates, and it was established that the WLLID does pay insurance for the one gate, but this insurance covers the other two as well. There was no adoption of the financial report as no audit was available.

4. Reports

Susanne reviewed for those attending the meeting that the WLLID is an advocate on behalf of the community. She gave a brief overview of what governing boards the WLLID has been in contact with over the past year. They include our MLA, our MP, Ministry of Health, Ministry of the Environment, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Columbia Basin Trust, the RDEK to name a few.

- A. Introduction by Chair

Susanne introduced herself as Chairperson, and then introduced the attending Directors – Pete Pelletier, John Nesbitt, Pete McGaw (Treasurer), and Secretary Kathy Miles-Boue. Director Marite Askey is away.

- B. Lake Levels 2005

Susanne introduced Bert Berg who has been reading our river levels and lake water levels for the past number of years. Bert indicated that levels have been consistent until this year, and this year we should expect high water levels. He has the stats available if anyone wishes to review them. Bert expressed that he wishes to retire from this activity and asked if any one in the community would be interested in taking over. Pete Pelletier is interested and will meet with Bert to discuss.

- C. Drought Study Report

The report by Rob McArthur is finished and we have one copy. If anyone would like a copy, please let the WLLID know and we will have copies made up. Rob McArthur may be able to come back and do another presentation, if the community wants it.

- D. Lake Testing Program

Three half tests and eight full tests are done annually. The WLLID also records the dates of "ice-in and ice-out" for data tracking purposes. This helps the BCLSS track the effects of global-warming on water levels. The lake testing assures the quantity and quality of the lake, one of the mandates of the WLLID.

- E. Observation Well
Susanne passed out photos of the well and invited participants to come out when Monty is downloading the data from the data tube. If anyone is interested, please let the WLLID know and we will call when he comes out next.
- F. Report on Foreshore Issue
Susanne explained that the WLLID has allocated \$3,750 for 30 hours of legal advice. This was based on a recommendation made to the WLLID by the West Coast Environmental Law office. The lawyer the WLLID has hired will look at the past records of non-permitted work being done and the non-enforcement of permit work by the government. The WLLID is asking the lawyer for a legal opinion on how best to proceed so we can ensure the continued health of the lake for all community members.

5. Comments and Questions from the Floor

There was a question as to why the 2005 AGM minutes did not indicate an increase in WLLID taxes from \$25 per parcel to \$35 per parcel. Susanne explained that the WLLID did not address the increase until after the AGM.

Patty King, a season resident, asked about a Cottage Association for seasonal residents. These residents have no vote with regard to WLLID or RDEK issues, but their input should be considered. If a letter is sent out to an agency or organization on behalf of an Association of Cottage Owners, it will have more impact. This is of great importance as the year-round residents make up only 37% of the total number of homes owned in Wasa and they cannot be expected to do all the work on behalf of the seasonal residents. WLLID would be happy to help assist such an association and may look at co-hosting a meeting for all interested seasonal residents. Currently, the demographics of ownership break down as 37% year-round permanent, 19% B.C. seasonal owners, 42% Alberta seasonal owners and 2% out of country owners.

Frances West had a question regarding signage for the turtle crossing areas at the south end of the lake. There were to be signs put up warning drivers to watch for turtles crossing the road. There were apparently 15 turtles killed last year while crossing the roads, so the signage may decrease this number. Susanne asked Frances to contact Ursula Kaufman to follow up on this. The Girl Guides and Brownies had been given task to make up the signs but have not finished yet. Frances will ask them when they will be done and put up.

6. Adjournment

Frances West moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Patty West. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. Thank you to all who attended.