

Pine Lake Restoration Society Meeting and Notes - Oct 20, 2009

Attendance and Board status:

Carol Moen – finishing 2nd year
Ed Lawrence – finishing 1st
Larry Housch – finishing 4th
Jim Klug – finishing 1st
Colin Acheson – finishing 1st
Scott Weirmouth – finishing 3rd year

Status of those not in attendance:

Patti Belbin – finishing 2nd
Shane Oulette – many years – to be confirmed
Guy Tremblay – many years – to be confirmed

Reviewed and **approved agenda**. All action items captured in *blue italic*.

Reviewed and approved **minutes from last meeting** – Aug 29, 09. *Carol to post on web site.*

Reviewed accumulated **committee volunteer hours** since last meeting

All members spent about 10 to 20 hours each on Clean Lake Days prep, set up and execution.

Patti – wrap up of Clean Lake Days – many hours – *Carol to follow up with Patti and get her hours added.*

Larry – 4 hours – treasury duties from Clean Lake Days.

Carol – planning for the AGM, AB Environment dialogue, web site – 6 hours

Reviewed and approved **Treasurer's report**

- Clean Lake Day profit:
 - *Larry to email summary following meeting to include in minutes.*
- Revenue and Expenses for year

[REDACTED]

- Audit status – books audited in July for 2008 and didn't yield any issues – good job Larry!
- Motion to accept Treasurers report – Ed made motion and seconded by Colin.
- Motion to pay bill for RFX for web site set up and renewal - Jim made motion and seconded by Ed. *Larry will forward payment to RFX.*

Progress on evaluation of opportunities for **casino opportunity** and other fund raisers

Colin gave the group a status update on the casino opportunity. We have a license with Gaming and Liquor Commission already. A casino license requires application that takes up to a year. Generally it looks like we meet all the conditions.

Application must be done by officers of the board. The group must be offering services to a broad range of community members and entirely volunteer organization – we clear this. Have to use Red Deer casinos and unfortunately

average take is only around \$20 K. *Colin to send the package out to Carol to initiate filling it out and then she will solicit input from other committee members.*

Reviewed **lake level management** through summer, current status and plans

Ed gave a comprehensive review of the data for the past season – thanks to him and Zane for all their work!

- Freeze up was complete Nov 23rd, 2008.
- Apr 7, 09 - lake level at ~ .420
- Ice off May 2nd - .530
- No rain – dry
- May 18 high point for season - .550
- Jul 1 - .440 - rain
- Aug 5 - .460 - rain
- Opened pipe Aug 5 to Sep 1
- Sep 1 - .400 - hot days and wind
- Oct 15 - .250
- Oct 19 - .260
- Currently accumulating level with rain/snow
- Lots of waterfowl in lake area due to general dryness in region

Inventory of issues that PLRSC needs to be aware of and possibly evaluate action on

- Cattle on edge of water feeding just South of Ed Lawrence property. Multiple property owners around Colin have complained to PLRS and AB Environment. When the cattle projects were done by PLRS there was a pumping system put in place to move water from the lake to an upper dug out on this property which did not work. The land owner/lesor has now moved the cattle back to the lake for watering. There was no additional work to attempt to rectify the technical difficulties with the pumping system. Similar strategy was followed for watering sheep and cattle at other locations on the lake. All of these however relied on gravity vs pumping. Ultimately a new pumping system or well may be required as well as fencing to then keep the cattle off the lake. *Colin to draft a letter and send to Carol and others for input and ultimately sending off to the landowner to simply initiate some dialogue.*
- Spreading of manure near creek running into lake. Duncan Smith cleaning manure out of dairy barns which is then spread by the creek prior to cultivation into the ground. Colin spoke with him openly about this issue but unfortunately there are few other options available. We will maintain our awareness but not initiate any further discussion right now.
- Existing septic fields around the lake should be tabled by PLRS at some point in the future as well.

Future meetings?

Plans for AGM – Friday Nov 20, 09 7:00 pm

- Welcome and review of agenda – Carol
- Key Note Speaker – Marilou Montemayor – Red Deer River Water Shed – Strategic Plan review focusing in on details around the sub region that Pine Lake sits within
- General meeting

- Summary of seasons activities - Patti
- Treasurers report (2008) – Larry
- Future planning and activities – Carol
- Board Member Elections - Ed
 - Plans for existing PLRSC board members
 - We need to check intentions of a few existing board members. **Ed to contact Shane, Carol will contact Larry Dyck, Larry will call Guy.**
 - New board members? **Larry has approached Sadie Mackay – from Whispering Pines. Dave Hazard might also be a good option – Carol will call him.**
 - **Larry to send Carol an electronic copy of last years AGM mail out for editing.**
- Discuss plan for winter 09/10 meetings – next meeting. We should probably consider a face to face meeting in January to discuss roles on board following AGM and elections. **Carol to organize January meeting following elections.**

Web Site

- Invoice for services to be paid. Carol will attempt to also get some outstanding technical support on a few issues and higher resolution logo.
- Carol working on advertising form in 2010. **Carol will finish draft and share.**

Round Table – all board members

- Ed – lake froze over and thawed again last week! ALMS water sampling – Ed spent time with Johnie in the boat this summer when ALMS was taking their water samples for testing – very interesting. Procedure they use has them testing all over the lake. Some concern about whether this testing will help us understand priority areas of the lake or streams coming in – likely not! Instead it gives a combined or averaged test result for overall lake water quality. Likely need to maintain this testing (worth confirming though) but compliment it with additional upstream tests to fully understand our issues starting in the Spring. Carol will engage Al Sosiak and Ed to understand current available information and what else is needed for us to prioritize inlet streams to the lake. **Include on next agenda for additional discussion – January meeting.**
- Carol advised the group that she is working with the County on support for paying tipping fees for algae/weeds removed from the lake. AB Env has provided a written recommendation for this and the County (Jim Woods) has suggested support for managing the tipping fees if this follows AB Env's recommendation. Al documentation has been forwarded onto the County. Stay tuned!



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