

Pine Lake Restoration Society - Board Meeting January 17, 2010

Hub Centre, Pine Lake 3 PM to 6 PM

Action items shown in ***bold italic***.

Note: upon review of the minutes before motioning for approval of them on Feb 21, 2010 an additional vote was confirmed for motions made. The amendments are noted in blue.

Attendance : Carol Moen, Patti Belbin, Ed Lawrence, Larry Housch, Dave Cawsey. Lack of formal quorum noted. The group discussed that turn out was very poor. An ongoing issue for this board is lack of engagement in meetings and key activities by a few board members.

Agenda reviewed, Dave motioned to approve, seconded Ed, passed.

AGM minutes reviewed, motioned to accept by Carol, seconded by Dave, passed.

Carol has put revised bylaws on the web site. Revision made following AGM where it was agreed that the make up of the board could have more flexibility. It was noted we are lacking a farming presence on the board, good for all to keep in mind as they interact in the community – new board members welcome! A revision log was added to bylaws in order to keep track of change. ***Carol will submit change to Provincial Bylaw Registry.***

Volunteer hours: Patti submitted summary of hours total for 2009 to Carol. Fishing Derby 90 hrs, Clean Lake Day 265 Hrs. Board Meetings 108, Ed Lawrence (weir & lake levels) 34 Larry Housch (bookkeeping, record keeping) 72 hrs, Carol Moen (administration, AB Env and RD Cty work) 40 hrs. Volunteer hrs from today's meeting 6 x 3.5 – 21.

Treasurers Report: Larry Housch presented report - account balances: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Note the group discussed including the financial numbers on the web site posting of the minutes and agreed that ***the actual dollars should be stroked out*** and publicly posted minutes however made available to anyone member who asks for an update. ***Larry will take books to accountant to be finalized for 2009.*** Patti motioned to accept report, seconded by Carol and passed. Colin's vote was added in Feb 21 meeting. Passed.

Lake Level Management Plans for 2010 - Ed Lawrence

Weir has all logs in currently. Note – with all logs in the level is .67.

- Plan to open pipe right after thaw and take out logs to .550 level and let water run over it. This should help prevent early high waters that can get complicated by Spring run off.
- The target lake level will be established at .550 and then maintained through the recreational season to Sept 15.
- It is expected that screens will need to be removed to manage weed, algae and run off debris. This requires approval from AB Env.
- The plan for freeze level of will be ~ .250 and will be targeted for Nov 1. Target to run pipe through the whole summer but can be dependent on water levels.

- We need to **update the strategy currently documented with Alberta Environment** to match the above strategy, in particular the length of time that the pipe runs. Carol will look into this AB Env documentation with Ed's help and ensure this gets updated. We also want to request that we be allowed to operate the pipe past September 30 or as long as possible into the Fall.

Ed agreed to continue to oversee operation of pipe and weir. We will continue our annual contract with Zane Nicholson.

The group agreed they would really like to **get the historical and new lake level data on the web site**. Carol had created an excel spreadsheet in the past with data provided by Ed.

Water Quality

We need to determine the optimum place for an effective upstream project and also in-lake project opportunities.

- ALMS test is composite testing and gives us a general idea of water quality but does not give us information on "hot spots" around the lake or at difference depths. **We will continue with ALMS testing and Carol will ask John Rawcourt to participate again this year.** We need to look for options to avoid the boat cost. [Upon clarification of minutes in Feb, Colin offered to support this activity with his time and boat.](#)
- Ed Lawrence would like to take soil/sediment samples at shore line inlet points and have them tested by Parkland Ag. The testing they do looks for nutrients that support crop life but the data is expected to be interesting relative to nutrient level that would encourage algae blooms etc. The group agreed we would target 12 locations around the lake – 7 creeks plus outlet and then 4 targeted areas of water quality concern. Cost would be around \$2500.00. Patti motioned for **Ed to undertake the sampling project** with a maximum cost up to \$3000. Seconded by Dave. [Colin's vote was added in Feb 21 meeting. Passed.](#)
- **Carol will contact Al Sosiak and Marilyn Montemayor for data on upstream creek water quality data.**
- The group also discussed needing to **better understand what the Cows and Fishes assessment is**. Ed will attempt to work through this based on some documentation that Larry Housch had passed onto the board previously.
- Ed and Dave will work on Watershed Stewardship Grant.
- Need to better understand what work Olds College is doing on their algae study. Carol to look into this.
- Need to understand and **confirm Ducks plan for an upstream project**. Ed to stay on top of this and provide the Board with updates.

Fishing Derby: Feb 14 Patti has committed to pancake breakfast and fish weighing at Scotty Derby. Will decide if we can participate in 50/50 based on available resources.

Roles of Board Members:

Carol Moen will continue as President, Ed Lawrence will continue as Vice President, Patti Belbin will be Secretary/Treasurer. Larry Housch will provide volunteer support to act as book-keeper.

Larry volunteered to stay on in a book keeping role while he will not sit on the board. The board agreed to consider an honorarium for each year that Larry provides book

keeping help up to a max of \$500.00 per year. This will be voted on by the board in the Fall meeting each year.

The PLRS roles and the honorarium for Larry Housch were motioned by Dave Cawsey, Seconded by Carol Moen. Votes in favor- Patti Belbin, Ed Lawrence, Carol Moen, Dave Cawsey, Scott Wearmouth (by phone). [Colin's vote was added in Feb 21 meeting.](#) [Passed.](#)

Moved that then signing authority of Rick McGregor and Larry Housch be removed and that bank account signing authority be added for Ed Lawrence and Carol Moen in addition to that currently held by Patti Belbin. Patti motioned, Dave second. [Colin's vote was added in Feb 21 meeting.](#) [Passed.](#)

Carol reviewed a summary of Board support roles that we require filling. They were discussed briefly and agreed on the draft shown below – confirm at next meeting.

2009 2010

Formal Board Roles

President	Carol Moen	Carol Moen
Vice President	Ed Lawrence	Ed Lawrence
Treasurer	Larry Housch	Patti Belbin
Secretary	Patti Belbin	Patti Belbin

Informal Board Roles

ALMS Lake Water Testing	Ed Lawrence	John Rawcourt
Up Stream Water Testing		Dave Cawsey
Up Stream Project Evaluation	Various	Dave Cawsey
In Lake Treatment Option Evaluation	Various	Dave Cawsey
Coordination with RDRSWA		Carol Moen
Operation of Weir/Pipe	Ed Lawrence	Ed Lawrence
Relationship management with landowners adjacent to weir	Larry Housch	Ed Lawrence
Fundraising - Casinos	Colin Acheson	Colin Acheson
Fundraising - Clean Lake Days	Patti Belbin	Patti Belbin
Fundraising - Corporate Contributions		Colin Acheson
Fundraising - Scotty's Derby	Patti Belbin	Patti Belbin
Fundraising - Grants		Colin Acheson
Web Site Management	Carol Moen	Carol Moen
Communications - Newsletter etc	Carol Moen	Carol Moen
Knowledgeable Link to other similar initiatives		Ed Lawrence
Link to Red Deer County	Various	Carol Moen

The group agreed that a Spring Newsletter would not be undertaken at this time. If we make progress on support for algae management at landfill or upstream project we will revise this decision and pull something together as appropriate.

All other agenda items were tabled based on available time and will be covered in future meetings.

The group agreed the format for meetings for the year would be to target the 3rd Sunday of each month. ***Next meeting is Sunday Feb 21 at 2 pm at the Hub.***

Dave motioned to adjourn meeting 6:30 PM