

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society (LILSA)

Executive Meeting – February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM – Online via Zoom

In attendance:

Bernie Poulin - Chair	Candis Scott
Kelsie Norton	Jenna Carter
Connie Rogan	Michael Findlater
Connie Stonehouse	Uwe Brandt
Debbie Durocher	Megan Thompson
Sharon Beadle (Guest)	Keir Packer

Regrets:

Bernie states that Kevin Lovich has been appointed to LILSA.

Meeting started at 7:02 PM

Bernie provided a land acknowledgement.

1. Approval of the agenda

Connie S. moved the adoption of the agenda as presented, unanimously accepted - passed.

2. Approval of the November 22, 2022, minutes

Candis moved the adoption of the November, 2022, minutes, unanimously approved – passed.

3. February 2023 Financials

Bank balance as of Jan 2023: \$20,275.98

Still must pay back remaining Watershed Stewardship Grant funds: \$1,143.21.

Land Stewardship Centre has yet to inquire about it.

MOTION: *Debbie D made a motion for LILSA to pay \$1,292 for board liability insurance. Unanimously approved – passed.*

4. Outreach and website update

Kelsie provided an outreach update.

- Gaining followers steadily. Green Party of Alberta followed LILSA on Twitter. Our MLA, Shane Getson, shares our Facebook content regularly, it spikes the engagement sometimes to over 900 people. Usually only see this with paid posts.
- Alberta Invasive Species Conference is March 7-8, 2023, ~\$300 for a ticket and it's in Olds. No one from LILSA is attending this year.
- Lac Ste. Anne County, Alberta Beach and a handful of summer villages are completing regional trails engagement.
- Kelsie attended Lac Ste. Anne Counties Riparian Stewardship Workshop to support agricultural producers. Nice to see the county offer this programming since they dropped their ALUS Program.

- [Lake Stewardship Community of Practice](#) was formed by Alberta Lake Management Society, NSWA is supporting. New Facebook group that provides an opportunity to share information.
- Regional Lake Stewardship Project > [Restoration Demonstration Site Application](#).
 - Application is open until April 1, 2023
 - Chosen site receives an assessment, plan, maintenance, planting and educational signage.

5. Round Table Updates

Candis:

- Is stepping down as Vice Chair and unfortunately is resigning from LILSA. Kelsie taking on Zoom and email.
- Suggestion for Michael to take over website, he accepted.

Bernie thanked Candis for her time and key contributions to LILSA.

Bernie:

- Silver Sands will be able to hire the flowering rush 3-person team again. Hoping to concentrate flowering rush efforts more along the sturgeon river and west + east basin of LSA. Still concerned about pilgrimage site having a flowering rush infestation, need to consult Alexis First Nation. Should pursue hiring Indigenous youth to work on the team.
- Herbicide spraying is in year 2 of 5 year.
- Silver sands to apply for large grant to build a storage facility, need a non-profit society to be the agency that applies as a municipality cannot apply. Silver sands would do the proposal and LILSA would be provided with a proper storage space for equipment. Considering integrating renewable energy. Potentially put a LILSA sign on building.
- LSAC looking at sewage disposal. Should be supportive as there's an obvious issue of people putting grey water into the lake. SV of Silver Sands will be testing all the tanks in the summer village with \$10,000. Prioritize lake front. Kelsie noted that Wabamun Lake has outdoor shower issue. Kier notes that Ross Haven did visual inspection, doesn't catch the leaks necessarily. However, SV of SS will be applying a dye.

***Motion:** Connie Stonehouse made a motion for LILSA to sponsor the application and building, with no cost associated. Kier seconded – Unanimously approved – passed.*

Connie S: Will take over the membership list. Candis mentioned it's been updated since last AGM (Summer) all the emails in the contact list should be accurate and up to date.

Kelsie: Perused DataStream and came across a group, called Neighbours of the Sturgeon, that's been conducting water sampling for years under the CreekWatch Program. Trying to connect.

Megan: Pilgrimage site is still a potential site for habitat restoration. Funding from DFO. Is taking longer to finalize than anticipated. Project is currently on hold, however, DFO has added year extension. See what gets done this year, still in the plan just timing is tricky.

Jenna: Works under Dr. Hughie Jones with the Waka Mne Science and Culture Initiative that's connected to Alexis First Nation. Their initiative has water quality sensors, provides greenhouse gas monitoring at the west basin of LSA (Waka Mne) and Birch Lake.

6. Living Lakes Canada (LLC) Presentation:

Georgia and Rhia presented on LLC's [Foreshore Integrated Management Planning](#) project opportunity. They've applied to WRRP and are awaiting to hear if they were successful. Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne have been recognized as lakes of interest.

7. Adjournment @ 8:06 PM - Next meeting will be Mar 28, 2022