

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

Executive Meeting – November 22, 2022 @ 7:00 PM – Online via Zoom

In attendance:

Bernie Poulin - Chair	Candis Scott
Kelsie Norton	Uwe Brandt
Michael Findlater	Connie Rogan
Connie Stonehouse	Keir Packer
Debbie Durocher	Megan Thompson

1. Approval of the agenda

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

2. Approval of the October 25, 2022, minutes

Keir moved the adoption of the October 25, 2022, minutes, unanimously approved – passed.

3. November 2022 Financials

Bank Balance as of Oct 31, 2022 - \$20,502.13

Deposit from Alberta Beach. Put the website development through the Watershed Stewardship Grant.

Mileage was given to Candis.

Uwe moved to accept the November 2022 financials as presented, unanimously approved – passed.

4. Priorities of the year

1. Invasive species (flowering rush)
2. Events
3. Riparian areas

LSA Metis Community Association has recently launched their [new website](#). They cover numerous topics other than environmental. On September 29, 2022, the Alberta Government announced that LSAMCA had been successful with its credible assertion application. LSA MCA currently has funding to implement aquatic habitat restoration. Megan met with Bernie + Kelsie and discussed the weir and the possibility of restoring riparian habitat. Internal discussions came back to pilgrimage site, the landowners on side of the creek that would be interested in restoration. Haven't submitted the proposal for funding yet. Working with the church and opportunities for public access.

ACTION: Bernie will connect Megan with John at the pilgrimage site. There is still concern around flowering rush being present at this location.

The cost of hiring a 3-person flowering rush crew would cost under \$35,000, the ACP grant has been spent, however, the 3-year contributions (~\$30,000) are remaining from summer villages and lac Ste. Anne County (municipal dollars) over 3 years. Bernie will speak with Nicole Kimmel to see what kind of support she may need.

Himalayan balsam present at Alberta Beach, needs to be eradicated before it gets to seed. Ideal location for a site for restoration.

Kelsie mentioned her NSW Regional Lake Stewardship Project that will open restoration site applications in the new year. She won't be able to apply on behalf of LILSA due to conflict of interest. Other components of this project include communications, lake stewardship community of practice in partnership with ALMS and workshops.

5. LILSA Objectives

Go to website and look at the 'About LILSA'. There's a need to provide the community about LILSA's stance on water quality, quantity and that we have no authority and are a stewardship and best practices organization. We are not involved with the weir and don't believe on controlling naturally fluctuating water levels. Objectives and by-laws can't be updated until 2023 AGM.

Join meetings as response to concerned community members. Shane Getson recently dissolved the weir working group.

6. Webpage

ACTION: Go through the website and offer suggestions and other resources we can add.

Candis provided website engagement and insights.

- 22% are returning visitors.
- Most popular traffic source is through Facebook.
- Most popular page is the 'about' webpage.
- Visitors stay longer if they came from Facebook.
- Need to keep events page updated.

Kelsie has a list of resources that can be utilized. Add a tab on information on weir.

7. Outreach update

Kelsie provided outreach update.

- Doubled following on all social media platforms within a year. Watersheds Canada has followed us on Twitter.
- Kelsie will be attending the Carnivore + Working Well Workshops hosted by Lac Ste. Anne County. Welcome any other LILSA members to join and grow our presence.

Bernie has seen people feeding 25-30 deer. Not illegal but attracts predators.

LILSA does not have a newsletter. Membership list on email account. Contact us on website goes to the LILSA email. Michael offering help with getting communications organized. Put events and opportunities out to members. Plant giveaway didn't share planting success; however, it was only the first year - how can we better achieve engagement? Potentially partner with summer villages and do a giveaway.

8. Other

WSG final report has been submitted. Worked around the accounting to even out the grant funds.

9. Adjournment @ 7:46 PM - Next meeting will be Feb 28, 2022