

Clear Hills Watershed Initiative  
Annual General Meeting  
May 12, 2008  
Minutes

People present: Peter & Joann Frixel, Linda Richardson, Don Thomas, Ernie Riemer, Pete Nykolyshyn, Francis Davis, Alison Frixel, Dallas Bjornson, Mike Rudakewich, Rhonda Bjornson, Mary Hayes and Sherri Larsen

Peter called the meeting to order @ 7:10

Sherri read minutes from previous meeting and gave treasurers report. Linda motioned minutes be adopted as read, Don Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> – all in favour. Sherri mentioned we have rec'd full grant funding from ASN of \$7500.00. Mike made a motion for 2008 membership fees to stay @ \$10.00 Mary 2<sup>nd</sup> – carried. Don made a motion to pay outstanding bills, Ernie 2<sup>nd</sup> – carried.

Election of Officers – Rhonda made a motion for Lindsey to remain as President, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup> –carried. Peter was voted to remain as Vice President by acclamation. Don made a motion that Sherri be Treasurer Rhonda second – all in favour. Donna Shilka was nominated as Secretary, Don 2<sup>nd</sup> - all in favour. Directors will remain the same.

Trade Fair Report – Peter mentioned our participation in the Trade Fair was very successful and commended Mike for taking on the project. Discussion of 2009 Trade Fair participation was tabled to a time closer to the event.

Water Testing – Much discussion took place involving what to test for – a great comment was ‘our testing should reflect what could possibly come from a particular industry – eg. oil & gas, mills, nuclear, hog barns. Linda suggested sending out Peace Country Health information to the public requesting that they would have their water testing done (bacteria \$10/chemical\$25) and we will keep a record in our data base. This should be kept separate from what we are doing and labelled Home Water Tests. Joann will get sample containers and keep them at the bank. Francis suggested contacting Carrie Robertson @ AB Environment in PR as a form of consultant. Alison and Sherri will work as a committee to determine when to test and what for – Mike will help with testing.

Newsletter – Next one will go out in June. Mike mentioned having some positive feedback from the last one. Mary suggested adopt-a-ditch program, thank you's to various groups for donations etc. Mike made a motion to include adopt a ditch announcement in the next newsletter, Don 2<sup>nd</sup> , all in favour. Francis mentioned to contact Irene Gellings as the County is already looking at doing this as well.

Recycling – Mike will write a letter to Minister Rob Renner on behalf of the CHWI requesting help with the recycling issue and forward to the secretary to type and send.

Website – Alison and Peter will look after this.

Woodlots – Linda and Mary picked up 1000 pine seedlings donated by Woodmere Nursery in Fairview and delivered to HC and Worsley school, will do Menno, Colony and German schools tomorrow. Sherri made a motion that Linda would find watershed thank you cards to send out to those who donate – Rhonda 2<sup>nd</sup> - all in favour.

AWQA Day – Sherri will contact Aaron @ County to see if he is doing anything for AWQA day within the county.

Public Info. Night/Fundraiser – Tabled til next meeting

Delegation to County – Francis suggested that we prepare our ‘plan’ and present to County. Part of it was Mike made a motion that we would ask County to look into having the lab in Fairview reactivated as a water testing centre. Ernie 2<sup>nd</sup> - all in favour. The motion was made after discussion that County could work with other Municipalities to do this.

Other – Mary made a motion to invite representatives from the Village of Hines Creek, County, George Lake Aquatic Assn, Eureka River Ag. Society (Running Lake) and Cleardale area to our next meeting, Rhonda 2<sup>nd</sup> – all in favour.

Francis gave an excellent report on behalf of the Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer group.

Mary shared information regarding all kinds of funding and awards available for groups such as ours and offered to look into these for us.

Pete N brought up for discussion the way waste from towns is currently handled, suggesting that we test rivers, creeks after the waste is let go. Also that the county is currently looking for water supplies for Worsley and Cleardale – will drill wells to check. County is looking at a regional water supply. Suggested that we be pressuring provincial government to have oil co.’s abide by the rules that are out there.

Rhonda motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Sherri 2<sup>nd</sup> – all in favour.