

Clear Hills Watershed Initiative Minutes – Feb. 11, 2008 meeting

The meeting was held @ Larsen's house. In attendance were Lindsey Wasylciw, Peter & Joann Frixel, Donna Shilka, Rhonda Bjornson, Mike Rudakewich, Dave & Sherri Larsen

Lindsey called the meeting to order @ 8 pm.

Sherri read minutes and gave treasurers report. Rhonda motioned the minutes be adopted as read, Donna 2nd – all in favor.

Old Business: Sherri made a motion to refund members for expenses of \$463.90 re: Alberta Water Council workshop, printing supplies, water testing expense etc. Joann 2nd the motion – all in favour.

Discussion went to the newsletter that is still to go out from last years grant. Mike suggested there be something from our area, who we are and what we have done to date. Peter will help Lindsey with the first couple. Will follow a format similar to Hines Creek Chit Chat.

Peter brought up a discussion on a website that could be linked to County/ Village of Hines Creek etc. Should include general info., our mission stmt./purpose, photos, water testing results, our collected data, and definitely a bulletin board for feedback, comments etc. Also, a couple of different sections one for members one for general public. Dave mentioned having a kids game on it. Will talk to ASN, Bill Willis and perhaps M. Buitendyk with regards to building it.

County trade fair in Hines Creek. Mike Rudakewich suggested he would like to look after a booth there, pending help from Marvin/Vicki or other members. Joann said she would have a couple of hours. Donna will check and get back to us. Will need to make displays, get brochures, info. to handout and something for a draw.

Partnering with Gerard was discussed and decided it is important to retain a distinct entity. Will probably participate in AWQA day again. Don't really have someone available to present at his meetings.

Will continue water testing. We will test the same creeks/streams as last year and add the Clear River and Rambling Creek – possibly more. Mike made a motion to repeat the sampling in early run off and at a later interval staying consistent with baseline testing. Sherri 2nd - all in favour. Must get some kind of advisor to interpret/share results with community.

Discussed having a public meeting in Nov. 2008. Some suggestions for speakers were ? from Species at risk – Mike R, Philip Shaw (Linda R.) Brad Stelfox – Dave, Nov. being better timing than April –more time to plan.

Discussion regarding the ASN grant included Awareness in the form of: County Trade Fair, Newsletters (3), Essay/logo contest @ the schools, a public meeting in Nov. with keynote speaker, Water under Fire series, and website construction. Team Building: quad trip/hot dogs, recycling, and seminar participation. Water Quality – continue with baseline testing and add more rivers. [Mike made a motion that we prepare and submit grant form for the available funds as per discussion. Donna 2nd – all in favour.](#)

Lindsey gave out copies of the results of our water testing for the year. Also information regarding upcoming meetings of the Alberta Water for Life strategy in GP – Apr. 2nd and Peace River – Apr.3rd.

We discussed recycling at length, especially small batteries. The group would like to see a feasible recycling initiative in the area. Mike volunteered to check into this.

Dave moved meeting be adjourned.