

Clear Hills Watershed Initiative
Oct. 2, 2008 Meeting
Eureka River Hall

Peter called the meeting to order @ 7:13. Present were: Peter Frixel, Don Thomas, Mike Rudakewich, Rhonda Bjornson, Mary Hayes and Sherri Larsen

Sherri Larsen nominated Harvey Golob for the position of secretary. Don Thomas 2nd the motion – all in favour.

Sherri submitted treasurers report and grant standing from ASN/County. Rhonda moved they be adopted as read, Mary 2nd – all in favour.

Peter demo'd the new projector/laptop, as well as our progress to date on the 'state of the watershed' report from Alison. We discussed where exactly our watershed boundaries are and concluded that we are using the county boundaries.

Sherri shared information on the upcoming NALMS conference @ Lake Louise and mentioned that we have \$ set aside for conferences that we have not yet used.

Fall Supper: Mary will talk to Tina Friesen re: catering. We will try to pick a date that will not conflict with other suppers in the area. Don made a motion that we invite Mattson (from Ft. St. John) to give his documentary on the Peace that evening. Lindsey 2nd – all in favour. Will advertise through our newsletter, the Sun, CKYL and CJXX. Will make up an agenda for the evening, showcasing what we have done to date as well as give our first environmental stewardship award. Must get a plaque or prize of some sort for this. Will presell tickets (200)

Water testing: Mike suggested that we pick four dugouts in the area and make a project of improving the water quality in each of them. We could have a specialist come out and prescribe treatments. We also discussed ordering heavy metal test kits at wholesale cost for the projects of the watershed group as well as to have to resale. Mary made a motion to purchase 50 Heavy Metal test kits from Nissen Medica. Lindsey 2nd - all in favour. Mike suggested we track the results from our testing. Sherri will check with wholesaler to see what our expected retail price will be at.

With regards to the request for the watershed group to create policy re: burning in muskeg, Mike will speak to Bill Moedt.

In regards to the Peace Ag. R&D workshop on Nov. 19, Peter will look after our having a 'presence' there. Was mentioned that we should have pamphlets there for people to take. Peter or Alison will have a program for this.

Re: website – Peter will talk to Bill about making the website more interactive.

Lindsey mentioned the “How to run a meeting” workshop will be @ NAIT on Oct. 21st from 7 – 9 pm. There is no charge for the workshop. Phone to register 835-6618.

Was discussed that we should ask one of the councillors if there has been any progress on finding out if the lab (old vet. Lab) is available for water testing.

Rhonda motioned meeting be adjourned 9:00 pm, Sherri 2nd - all in favour.