Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society Executive Meeting

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Executive Meeting: February 25, 2025 @ 7:01 PM

Online via Zoom

In Attendance: Debbie Durocher, Michelle Desjardins, Kelsie Norton, Ray Hutscal, Kevin Lovich, Bernie Poulin, Connie Stonehouse

Regrets* and Absent: Brian Brady, Tracy Friedel, Keir Packer

Guest: Dawn Watts

Meeting start: 7:00 PM - Bernie P. provided the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

- 1. Approval of the agenda
 - Additions/4. New Business

MOTION: Debbie moved the adoption of the agenda as amended - passed.

2. Approval of the Minutes for January 28th, 2025

MOTION: Kevin moved the adoption of February 25, minutes - passed.

3. Financials:

Bank balance as of January 31, 2025 - \$19,573.36

Accounts payable to Intact Insurance - \$1,441.00. Michelle motioned to approve the payment for the Liability Insurance for \$1,441.00.

4. Project Updates:

Ray - Quantity of water, and Weir Project – no report

Bernie - Flowering Rush Program (F.R.) - Grant for \$152,000 received. Mapping to continue, ensuring F.R. is not in the river system, nor Lac St. Anne. Lake Ilse has had adequate attention. **Kelsie - Water Quality** – Grant for \$200,000 from the ACP received, which will fund two components over the next two years.

5. Outreach + Webpage Update

Michelle is working on promotional material but will require time to produce a quality result. The website will have some major attention in the next couple months. Dawn and Michelle are to connect soon with door-to-door awareness campaign.

6. Action Items

- Send email regarding the Maverick project by MARCH meeting. Ray
- Investigate findings from the field sampling of the creeks (Creek Watch) Kelsie -Regarding the Creek Watch monitoring results from Lake Isle's tributaries, the summer field staff have uploaded their data to https://www.riverwatch.ca/science-data/. They can view their data directly on that page with the locations under North Saskatchewan Watershed: Sunset Point & Gunn Creek, Val Quentin Bridge Creek, Trestle Creek, and Sunset Shores Creek. These are the only locations where data was collected from the sites they provided Kelsie. Also, a data report will be generated for each location and will be released on March 22, World Water Day. (COMPLETED)
- Hi res images and draft creation of material for booth materials. Michelle (WIP)
- Contact Nicole Kimmel for spring availability Bernie (WIP)
- Flowering Rush map for website Bernie (WIP)
- Material to be designed for promotion, target for August AGM– Michelle (WIP)
- Coordinate dates to have a booth at her farm in conjunction with Alberta Open Farm Days, August 13 for a more public awareness for the Year of WATER. - Coordinate for August (group WIP)

- (Added Feb. 25) Michelle and Dawn to create material for promotion, including a discount exclusive to LILSA members. Michelle is willing to take on managing the LILSA membership to aid this project.
- (Added Feb. 25) Bernie to request at the next Summer Villages meeting the dates of the other villages Annual celebrations where LILSA and Medieval Manor can attend for more public awareness.
- (Added Feb. 25) In preparation for the LILSA AGM 2025, purchase plants and a door prize/raffle of Dawn's plants. To be promoted through the next while.
- (Added Feb. 25) With Bernie stepping away from LILSA, valuable information regarding F.R.

7. Round Table

- Dawn applying for her LILSA Membership, as well as continue working with Michelle on the promotional material. Also, for whatever is designed, there will be a discount available of 20% to any active member of LILSA. Dawn has a portable shop that can be brought to events to help promote.
- Connie requested of Dawn information to forward on "water is life"
- Debbie would like LILSA to purchase some of Dawn's plants for the AGM as giveaways. Dawn offered a package for a door prize.
- Kelsie currently National Invasive Species Week (posted to social media). If anyone has a boat, and has interest, please consider volunteering for the Water Quality Sampling group this spring and summer. Connie and Ray have volunteered to participate. For more information or to volunteer go to: <u>https://alms.ca/about-lakewatch/</u> and <u>programs@alms.ca</u>
- Michelle will be absent for the next meeting. Ray offered to take minutes for the March meeting. (Michelle to send minute template)
- Bernie is requesting the executive consider his replacement for the AGM, as he will be leaving this term. (Kelsie will not be in attendance for the AGM) The F.R. will also require a new project manager, but Bernie will still be involved.

Adjournment @ 7:45 PM Next Meeting March 25, 2025, 7:00 pm, via Zoom