



Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society

Board of Directors Meeting

August 26th , 2025

Alberta Beach Chambers Office/Zoom

Chair – Bernie Poulin

Meeting Commenced: 7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Bernie Poulin, Ray Hutscal, Connie Stonehouse, Michelle Desjardins, Debbie Durocher, Kevin Lovich, Stephanie Ewasiuk, Trish Spink, Barry Ronaldson

Regrets: Kelsey Norton

1. **Land Acknowledgment:** Provided by Bernie Poulin.

2. **Approval of the Agenda for August 26th, 2025:**

Additions; Debbie to present correspondence from the Council of Alberta Beach RE: Letter of endorsement.

MOTION moved by Michelle Desjardins to approve the agenda as amended for August 26th. - *Passed*.

3. **Approval of July 22nd, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: moved by Debbie Durocher the adoption of July 22nd, 2025, Meeting Minutes. *Passed*.

4. **Welcome new board members;** Introductions; Guests in attendance Petra and Mark

5. **Official designations of the 2025/26 LILSA Board of Directors.**

2025 LILSA Board of Directors

1. Bernie Poulin – Chair
2. Kelsie Norton -Vice Chair
3. Ray Hutscal Co-Vice Chair
4. Michelle Desjardins- Secretary
5. Connie Stonehouse -Treasurer
6. Debbie Durocher - Voting Director
7. Brian Brady - Voting Director
8. Stephanie Ewasiuk - Voting Director
9. Barrie Ronaldson - Voting Director
10. Tricia Spink - Voting Director
11. Kevin Lovich - Voting Director
12. Tracy Friedel - Voting Director
13. Megan Thompson - Voting Director

6. **Approval of the AGM minutes to post to website in DRAFT,**
Minutes to be approved at the 2026 AGM

7. **EDM Fluids Update**

Initiated earlier this year with three units with one in the following locations: Lake He Ho Ha, Southview, and Silver Sands, A fourth was installed within the church camp shoreline. The LILSA Flowering Rush team, all students, were tasked with the collection of data from one of the units. After the end of August,

the students are no longer available. The EM Fluids are accumulating all the information to study if there was any improvement. ALMS is also conduction sampling.

The Flowering Rush team, over the past four years have reduce the mass 50%. In the final year of the project, 2026, imazapyr will be applied to the remainder. Due to the expense and work put into this project, the hope is to have future monitoring and prevention of it returning to the same level. Report that there is no Flowering rush in either the Sturgeon or around Lac Ste. Anne.

8. Financials: Presented by Connie Stonehouse. No outstanding deposits or cheques.

Amount in bank account: \$19,279.00.

MOTION moved by Kevin Lovich that Bernie Poulin be reimbursed \$225.69 for the Zoom Account.

Passed

MOTION: Michelle moved the adoption of the financial as presented. *Passed.*

ALMS's annual conference will be conducted at Wabamum Lake on September 24–25, 2025. Michelle Desjardins will attend as the LILSA representative, and to report back at the next meeting after the conference.

MOTION made by Debbie to sponsor Michelle to attend. *Passed.*

9. NEW PROJECT:

Ray Hutscal introduced the project as the **LILSA WQ²** which was agreeable to all.

The project will focus on both Isle Lake and Lac Ste. Anne, and the surrounding watershed. Ray shared with the group the proposed schedule.

Letters of support have been requested from the lakeside communities, with quick responses in the form of Motions of Support from South View, Castle Island, Val Quentin and Alberta Beach. Councilor Debbie Durocher read the Alberta Beach Council's letter of their unanimous motion to support LILSA's WQ² project.

MOTION moved by Kevin Lovich to create committees for the LILSA WQ² Project. Primary committee will consist of 1 (one) representative from each municipality around Isle Lake and Lac Ste. Anne, and the representative can be an elected official, or administrator, or a public member from that municipality,

Passed unanimously

MOTION Ray Hutscal moved Bernie Poulin and Ray Hutscal to Co-Chair the WQ² Project. *Passed.*

Individuals interested in helping with this project should know of the time commitment involved.

10. Webpage & Outreach

Reports from Michelle

The website and Facebook traffic have doubled over the one year, with a more active membership than over the previous year.

Michelle attended two events:

July 31st - A day with AISC, NSWA, LILSA's FR Team, Keir Packer and I visited 6 locations for eDNA sampling. An infestation of Himalayan Balsam was located at end of RR40 on the South shore of Lac Ste. Anne. 10 large black construction bags of pulled weeds were removed, with an all-around feeling of great success.

August 16th & 17th was dedicated to Open Farm Days at Medieval Manor Gardens. Despite a cold Saturday, around 50 people attended, and were very interested in what LILSA is. One membership gained from this event. Sunday was much quieter with very warm weather, but still great.

Michelle requested funds to purchase swag to fill the box for events.

MOTION moved by Kevin Lovich for Michelle to investigate "swag" materials for a budget up to \$500.00.

Passed.

11. To Do Items –

Currently up to date

12. Round Table

Stephanie: learning and excited to a part of the LILSA Board.

Kevin: Concerned about posting too early re: WQ²

Debbie: presented the letter from the Alberta Beacf Council

Michelle: Trying to stay healthy, while being very busy. Michelle reminded Connie we need to complete Registry for the Alberta Government.

Ray: Will work with Michelle for website releases of relevant information. Presented the new letterhead which was approved by the board.

Connie: No report

Trisha: learning and excited to a part of the LILSA Board.

Barry: Interested in maintaining transparency

Guests: Interested in the proposed project; concerned primarily with the water levels of LSA.

Bernie: Has a strong hope the FL Project will be continued after all the funding put toward it.

13. Adjournment

MOTION Bernie moved the adjournment of the meeting of the Board at 8:35 PM

Next meeting in person (AB Beach Council Chambers/Zoom) on September 23, 2025