



Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society

Executive Meeting

Executive Meeting: Jan 28th, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

Online via Zoom

In attendance: Bernie Poulin, Kelsie Norton, Keir Packer, Debbie Durocher, Ray Hutschal, Michelle Desjardins

Regrets* and Absent: Kevin Lovich *, Michael Findlater, Connie Stonehouse, Brian Brady, Tracy Friedel

Guest: Dawn Watts, Native Plant Specialist; Medieval Manor Gardens.

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

1. Approval of the agenda

Addition: Addition of Conference Booth material for loan. - Michelle

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

2. Approval of the Minutes for November 27th, 2024

MOTION: Ray moved the adoption of November 27th, 2024, minutes - passed.

3. Financials

Bank balance as of Dec 31, 2024; \$19,572.

Bernie to confirm LILSA's Liability insurance premium has been paid by Connie.

4. Conference Booth Stand - Action Item #5

Discussion regarding conference booth stand for loan to LILSA. Ray to investigate "free-recycle"/donate to the group.

A retractable banner purchase (\$140) tabled pending the use of loaned booth. Michelle to draft material for future promotional use on the conference booth

5. Plan for 2025

In 2024, members focused on the following:

Ray - Quantity of water, and Weir Project – will continue through 2025. The Maverick (project) email to be sent by February 28th, 2025. Further monitoring pending the reaction from communities on current findings.

Bernie - Flowering Rush Program - Flowering Rush confirmed in the Sturgeon River system. Community outreach day suggested for public awareness, including invasive species sniffer dogs. Bernie to contact Nicole Kimmel (inclusive of all invasive species) for near future availability. Federal government is showing interest for the eradication of invasive species with potential future funding. Dawn offered space for a booth in the upcoming Alberta Open Farm Days themed "Water" at their facility. Michelle offered to design drafts for an informative pamphlet.

Kelsie - Water Quality. - An update is pending for the ACP grant. Additionally, looking into some of Kier's concerns (further in minutes). Kelsie will continue, as time allows. Discussion continued regarding Blue green algae removal in other parts of the world, not yet approved in Canada. The product known as "Eutrophix" was investigated for Pigeon Lake. Treatment of Lake Isle would be unaffordable at over \$1 million. Also discussed; water treatment (field) sampling of the creeks. Kelsie to investigate an update of findings from Creek Watch.

Outreach + Webpage Update

A link was added to the Home page to current activity in the Facebook Feed. Recommendations invited. Dawn to be added as a resource to our Webpage.

6. Round Table

Invitation provided to attend the 2025 AISC Conference on behalf of LILSA.

Kelsie attended by invitation the Agricultural Services December Board meeting, with uncertain interest in LILSA for now.

NSWA completed water sampling in the Sturgeon River with interesting findings to be further investigated. Kelsie to take a leave from meetings for July and August.

Dawn to conduct a door knocking campaign/flyer including a tear off phone number/contact information with a coupon and ways to get involved. LILSA was invited to create a fundraising event with her.

Debbie may be away pending medical reasons, potentially impeding access to the chamber should in person meeting be required.

A brief discussion regarding docking and parking fees particularly non-residents developed, with more information to be provided soon.

A professor at Grant MacEwan who is looking for municipalities with interest in policy development. Possible for the Flowering Rush (Silver Sands) project.

ACTION ITEMS

To be discussed prior to the end of the meeting

1. (Future Initiative – TRAIN THE TRAINER on Invasive Weed Species and What to Do - February 2025) – **Group**
3. Grant consideration – Watershed Stewardship Grant - Application to be submitted February 21st, prior to next meeting. WIP – **Kier**
4. Send email regarding the Maverick project by February 28th. - **Ray**
6. Confirm LILSA's Liability insurance premium has been paid by Connie. - **Bernie**
7. Investigate findings from the field sampling of the creeks (Creek Watch) - **Kelsie**
8. Hi res images and draft creation of material for booth materials. - **Michelle**
2. Contact Nicole Kimmel for spring availability - **Bernie**
3. A pamphlet to be designed for promotion. - **Michelle**
4. Coordinate dates to have a booth at her farm in conjunction with Alberta Open Farm Days for a more public awareness **(TBD)**
5. Add Dawn as a resource to our Webpage - **Michelle**

Adjournment @ 8:02 PM

Next Meeting February 25, 2025, 7:00 pm Hybrid (Zoom ONLY)