

**Crooked and Round Lakes Committee Meeting on Saturday August
16th at 10:00 am
Sunset Beach – Farmer’s Market Quonset**

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Present: Ray Bernhardt (R.M. Grayson), David Crittle (Sunset), Lori Hutchison Hunter (Greenspot), Yvonne Cyr (Grimmeau Park, Round Lake), Randy Durovick (Sunset), Stan Franks (West Melville Beach), Jamie and Lisa Gorchynski (Grenfell Beach), Randy Hornung (Advisory Committee), Monica Roussin (Bird’s Point, Round Lake), Judy Mann (Melville Beach), Vicki and Ivan Ottenbreit (Advisory Committee), Brian Petracek (West Melville Beach), Janet Steinhubl (Bird’s Point, Round Lake), Trent Sillers, (Cedar Cove Resort), Colleen Stinson (Note taker), Howard Schweitzer (Exner Twin Bays), Cherylynn Walters (Chair, Melville Beach) and Derick Wolfe (Indian Point).

Advisors

- Please ask anyone that you know that has been at the lake for 30 years to contact Cherylynn Walters to be added to the Advisory Committee.
- Need 2-3 people to do research. We could ask Brian Schlecter (Melville Beach), Deidre O’Donahue and Bob Ridley to help the Committee with research and communication needs.

Other Business

- Colleen will email the Minutes from the Public Meeting dated August 9, 2014 to the Committee.
- If you can’t stay on the Committee, please find another Representative from your Hamlet, Village etc.
- Cherylynn, as the Chair, emphasized that the Committee needs to have a unified voice/position.
- Need a group communication strategy, strategy to develop our government relations and work to have input into future legislation
- The minute we contacted Government, Government staff were creating briefing notes.
- There were 6-7 people who were interested in coming to this meeting from various Government departments.
- Kevin Criddle offered the Sunset Quonset as a location for future meetings.

- Randy indicated that the Friends of the Qu'Appelle had a framework for a Strategic Plan that may be helpful in developing a Strategic Plan.
- Strategic Plan is a dynamic document

Lake Levels/Control Structures

- The position of this Committee is to lower lake levels so that property owners have a buffer against future high water and unpredictable rain events.
- The WSA is defining the new normal for Crooked Lake as its' maximum capacity
- Water levels should be 451 cubic metres before spring in order for the Lake to take on water during spring run-off
- We need a control structure 6 miles south of Pearl Creek similar to the Kaposovar Creek.
- At the present time, water is coming into the lake at 220 cubic metres but leaving at 100 cubic metres.
- One suggestion is to put a control structure in the Katepwa Basin (between Katepwa and Crooked Lake). There is 100 km in this area that could hold water back or slow the water down.
- Flow monitors haven't been working.
- At Pearl Creek, it took between 2-4 hours for the water to breach. There was also an 18 feet of water behind Pearl Creek that was being held back by old railway ties. WSA wasn't initially aware of this body of water.
- Allow property owners to be pre-approved for flood protection in January 2015, especially since residents have to wait until their communities declare a state of emergency before they are eligible to start flood mitigation strategies.
- Notification of Flood Protection Programs earlier and approval of flood measures earlier by the Water Security Agency.
- Forecasting of winter precipitation/winter lake levels/ ground saturation can be used to determine if communities at Round and Crooked Lake are in imminent danger of flooding in the spring of 2015. This should be completed as early as possible in January 2015.
- Cottage owners (seasonal residents) are not eligible for insurance (Water Security Flood Prevention Program or the PDAP Program).
- Need to replace, move and establish new high river water flow monitors in specific locations as outlined earlier to ensure better forecasting/measurements/readings of water flows in the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed both entering and leaving the lakes.
- Committee would like an opportunity to participate in a long-term flood prevention plan.

- Government to prioritize the resourcing of man power to address complaints of illegal trenching.

Immediate Tasks

- Draft a Strategic Plan – plan an immediate meeting. Cherylynn will set the meeting.
- Lori volunteered to draft a letter identifying the Committee’s concerns. Government will be expecting a letter within 7-10 days.
- Draft of the Letter requesting the \$50 from each Hamlet, Village etc.
- Monica will contact Ducks Unlimited and try to attend the meeting at the Gallagher Centre.
- Representatives from each Hamlet or Village. will ask community members to identify 3 key items as they see as important. Representatives could ask the following: 1. what do you see as the key issues for the Committee; 2. we believe that we are in imminent threat of flooding in the spring of 2015, what steps should we take in 2015? and 3. What should be included in a flood abatement program?
- Committee members need to agree what is needed to slow the water down from entering the Crooked and Round Lakes.
- Request for a commitment for the Agricultural Impact Drainage Study for Crooked and Round Lakes

Possible Future Tasks:

- Look into the Assiniboine Basin Initiative
- Correspond with Quill Lakes
- Identify an Emergency Response Rep from each Village, Hamlet etc.

Plan of Action

- Identify what are the priorities of the Committee moving forward?
- Work Plan needs to be put in place
- Identify who is responsible for which action items