

Crooked Lake/Round Lake Flood Committee 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes- MEC Office, Grayson, SK

Time: 10:00 am

Date: Saturday September 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Durovick (Sunset), Randy Hornung (Greenspot), Janet Steinhubl (Bird's Point, Round Lake), Monica Roussin (Bird's Point, Round Lake), Larry Peterson (Indian Point), Trent Sillers (Cedar Cove Resort), Howard Schweitzer (Exner Twin Bays), Colleen Stinson (Note taker), Cherylynn Walters (Chair, Melville Beach), Derek Wolfe (Indian Point).

Regrets: Linda Anweiler (Melville Beach), Ralph Beattie (Greenspot), David Crittle (Sunset), Lisa and Jamie Gorchynski (Grenfell Beach), Judy Mann (Melville Beach) and James Wilson (Independent)

Adopt the agenda as presented:

Motion: Monica moved to accept the agenda as presented. Judy seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

Minutes from the Last Meeting

Changes or Omissions to the Minutes

- In the people present, Janet Steinhubl is listed as present at the August 14th Meeting. She was not present at the meeting. List her under regrets.
- Change in reference to the Friends of the Qu'Appelle - What to expect in the spring of 2015" re FOTQ. -..FOTQ advocated that the control structures at Crooked and Round Lake be fully operational". This will be changed to the August 16th meeting minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (business arising from the minutes)

- Lori Hutchison-Hunter has resigned from the Committee. She is replaced by Ralph Beattie as the representative for Greenspot.
- There is no representative from Moose Bay
- A letter needs to be sent to Richard Bonick to let him know there is no representative from Moose Bay.
- Bob Ridley is a resource for the website
- Need to ensure that we have full contact information for all committee members.
- There has been a problem with Monica's email address

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- Please change Ralph Beattie's email address to Ralph.326scott@gmail.com
- Complete email list and send out as an attachment
- Need to discuss a method to correspond with seasonal committee members during the winter. Skype conference calls have been suggested and are free.

Financial Reporting

- A template letter was prepared for each committee member so that they could request \$50.00 from their hamlet, association, village, resort etc to help to cover costs associated with operating this committee on behalf of property owners in Crooked and Round Lake. The Resort Village of Melville Beach has agreed to manage the funds for the committee.
- Greenspot, Round Lake and Cedar Cove Resort have submitted their letter to request for funding for the Committee.
- All cheques should be made out to the Resort Village of Melville Beach

Activity Update

Water Security Agency:

- The meeting was successful with the WSA a total of 25 people were in attendance. Following the meeting a request was made for the historical data of water levels in both crooked and round lakes. That information has been received and a digital copy can be circulated if requested.
- We also have a digital copy of the presentation made by WSA it is about 4 MB so please let us know who wants a copy and we will email it out individually. If you want we can also arrange to have it put on a jump drive along with the historical data for a cost of \$12.00 each.
- Follow-up Letter was prepared for the Minister of Water Security, Minister Scott Moe. Thank you to Lori for preparing the draft and final letter. Thanks to everyone for your input and comments
- Minister Scott Moe is also Minister of Environment

Trenching/Drainage Committees in our Region:

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- There is a group out of Churchbridge that has been working to address the trenching issue for the past 18 months or so. Monica Roussin attended a meeting they hosted in Yorkton to identify where they were at and how we might work together with them.
- **Monica Provided a Brief Update on the Meeting.** Trenching is very widespread throughout the Province. It has been called a Tsunami on the Prairies
- Ducks unlimited is very involved and working with farmers
- The Mayor of Churchbridge built a dyke around the town
- The group is called “The Victims of Illegal Drainage”
- They are asking for a moratorium on drainage
- Could ask for the WSA to check into the 80 complaints if they are affecting our area.
- It is a large issue in Esterhazy and it is an issue dividing communities.
- Need to know all of the Creeks that are affecting the lake levels at Crooked/Round Lakes
- We know that 1. Pearl Creek, 2. Acoose Creek, 3. Melville Beach, 4. Exner Twin Bays (Snake Hill), 5. Sakimay (Sakimay dredged to Hwy #4 North of Grenfell)6. Pheasant Creek (Lemberg- East of Ituna – Hwy #48 drains and splits at Indian Head) 7. Wolsely to Sintaluta 8. 3 Mile Creek (West side of Grenfell comes behind the Cowessess Golf Course 9. Elkapo
- Indian Head dumps ahead of Katepwa
- Cherylynn will talk to Ivan Ottenbreit regarding the inflows and outflows at Crooked/Round Lakes
- 5 Mile Coulee –do we need a system with gates (there were beaver dams that were removed).
- Neudorf is in the RM of McLeod
- Need to hold a meeting with Reeves to talk about leaving natural blockages so that others are not flooded out.
- Round Lake is in the Fertile Belt
- Invite Sakimay to the Committee
- Ralph Beattie will try and contact Sakimay to invite to our Committee Meetings
- What role should our Committee play with Trenching?
- Committee decides to continue the conversation with various groups
- We will try to lay out the Stages to ask for an Ag Impact Drainage Study
- Assiniboine River Basin – Colleen will email the link to the Assiniboine River Basin.

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Strategic Plan/Action Plan:

- A sub-committee composed of Lisa, Monica, Janet and Myself started the planning process in an attempt to prioritize our actions for the following months. It has been sent out to the committee and a discussion around next steps will occur at the meeting.
- Need to contact SARM and Suma, they should be aware of our Committee and our goals

Motion: Judy moved to accept the Strategic Plan as a preliminary framework. Lisa seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

Contract Awarded for the Repairs of Highway 22:

- We were notified that the Minister of Highways, Honourable Nancy Heppner was to make the announcement on Thursday regarding the contract for repairs to the highway. We notified her office and then sent a letter to her requesting a modification to the contract to include stop gates on the “super” culverts as a way to manage the flow of water into the Qu’Appelle chain. The letter has been forwarded to you for your information.
- Monica called the Minister’s Office August 21, 2014.
- Ray was going to talk to the Reeve of Neudorf about the stop gates.
- Cherylynn will follow-up with the letter
- Where is the culvert going in?
- Larry Hollinger, who has a connection to Moose Bay is a Councilor for Neudorf. It would be helpful to talk to him.

New Business

Establish Sub Committees:

It was suggested at our first committee meeting that we establish sub-committees to continue our work. The suggested committees are:

1. Communication Committee. Develop the communication strategy for the group and ensure on-going visibility in the media and on social media.

Members: Colleen Stinson, Janet Steinhubl and Bob Ridley

2. Government Correspondence/Liaison Committee

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Members: Cherylynn Walters, James Wilson, Judy Mann and Monica Roussin

3. Infrastructure

Members: Ray Bernhardt, Trent Sillers, Randy Hornung **Advisor to the Committee:**
Ralph Beattie

Please put some thought into what committee you would like to serve on or other committees that should be formed. Decisions will be made at this meeting.

Conference in November:

The Assiniboine Basin Initiative out of Manitoba hosts an annual conference in November. Colleen will provide additional information during the meeting.

Resident Correspondence

- A discussion about how best to correspond with the many property owners about the progress of the committee and any news/events that arise. We are getting calls trying to figure out what is happening and who is doing what.
- Develop a web page to circulate correspondence
- Colleen will talk the Technician at the Marieval Enterprise Center Inc. Tyler Montbriand to develop a very basic website.

Other Business

- Assiniboine River Basin is having a conference in Regina in November
- Jamie heard that the Canadian Insurance Bureau say that there were over 50 Million in claims due to flooding, may need to talk to Larry Kozakevich (Melville Beach) about how to approach Insurance companies.
- It would be helpful to have a meeting with Insurance Companies for residents
- The suggestion to have meetings on Saturdays
- Test run meetings on skype with members that are seasonal
- Meeting locations can also be the Round Lake meeting room. Is it possible to have meetings in the RM of Grayson Meeting Room? Meetings can also happen at the Marieval Enterprise Center Inc.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Saturday September 13, 2014 at 10:00 am at the Marieval Enterprise Center Inc. – 331 Railway Ave, Grayson, SK, S0A 1E0. Ph: (306) 794-2051.

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ADJOURNMENT: Ralph moved to adjourn

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