

Simon Lake Community Stewardship Group
General Meeting – January 14, 2010 – 8:00 pm
Naughton Community Centre

Present: Perry Sarvas, Linda Heron, Dave Furino and Lesley Flowers, Pat Scott (unable to stay)

1. Review of Previous Minutes- deferred until next meeting
2. Matters arising from the Minutes – deferred
3. President's Report: Sampling needs to be started again in order to fulfill the requirements of grant money from the Lake Quality Advisory Board. As well, we have had discussion about the Lake Quality Advisory Board and it is believed that we can use that organization to move our agenda forward.
4. Finances/fundraising; Financial Update:
Treasurer's Report: Our Credit Union account has a balance of \$ 1168.00 with the only transaction being a \$50.00 donation.
5. Nominations: Secretary- Lesley Flowers, Treasurer – Dave Furino. Acclaimed.
6. Review and Approval of Draft Reports
 - Public Forum Summary Report – references to media coverage were clarified
 - Sewage Dumping – Letter Writing Campaign – one addition was made.
 - Linda will circulate letter and report by mass e-mail outApproved
 - Letter to the Minister of the Environment - Perry will change one section so that it references information given by Nick Benkovich.Approved
All will be posted on our website.
7. Website Report
 - Letters and reports which are written on behalf of the Stewardship Group will not bear the signature of any individual, but will instead be signed: Simon Lake Community Stewardship Group.
 - Ads have earned - \$3.92.
 - Once approved, letters and reports will be posted in the Current Events section of the Website
8. Correspondence: newsletter from Testmark Elements- filed
9. Other Issues:
 - Communication will improve as we all answer e-mails promptly.
 - Attracting new members: action items: call neighbours and draw attention to website, canvass neighbours for membership and develop a specific action plan to attract members willing to do work but not meetings
10. Priority Planning:
The first session of priority planning saw the following be considered the most important focus for the Simon Lake Stewardship Group in the immediate future.
 1. Algae with related issues of phosphorus and sewage.
 2. Milfoil reductionAction Planning:
The following were discussed with the view to finalizing action plans at the next meeting:
 1. Follow – up (deletion) regarding funding for a study of phosphorus input and phosphorus budgeting.
 2. Education: media campaign, presence at public events, projects like the Yellow Fish Road and educational presentations offered to schools.
 3. Shoreline naturalization projects
 4. Lobby both province and municipality for improvement of sewage treatment standards, reporting and public awareness promotion – letter writing campaign.
 5. Collaborate with other Stewardships where advantageous.
11. Adjournment: 10:00 pm

Next Meeting February 25, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Naughton Community Centre