

# Lac des Roches Watershed Society

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2023

Meeting was moved to Atherton's garage due to thunder and heavy rain.

Quorum was achieved, meeting called to order at 4:08 P.M. by Greg Atherton

Agenda approved by Glen Clark, seconded by Wendy Marshall

Minutes of last AGM September 14, 2022, read and approved. Moved by Deborah Atherton, seconded by Gabriel Clark.

It was suggested that next year, 2024 AGM, we will prepare as a handout: agenda, past years AGM minutes, past year Executive meeting minutes, for everyone to read and approve, so they will no longer have to be read by president.

YELLOW FLAG IRIS: Greg presented and update of our YFI battle. Greg has now been told, after numerous talks with the CRD, that we need "Section 11 Approval" to continue with this work. As per Coleen Haugen.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Deborah passed out and reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenses, and Balance sheet, and the different expenditures.

ICE OFF: Ice off is reported as May 2, for little LDR and May 11 for LDR.

BIRD and WILDLIFE: Wendy reported that she has one eaglet in the nest on her property. One pair of loons mated and appear to have one chick on the west end of Little LDR. The pair of loons at the east end of Little LDR did not seem to mate. The Access #7 loons did not appear to have a successful nest. Two young have been noted from the loon pair that mate by the outflow at the east end of LDR. Craig noted that he has seen an uptake in the number of Kestrels killing off smaller birds. Also, he has seen an increase in the number of small chipmunks running about.

FISHING and LAKE STEWARDSHIP: Gordon reports that the water temperature has reached 70 degrees F. and that this temp is hurting the surface hatch and hindering good fishing. Gordon deduced that 100K fingerlings were stocked in our

watershed lakes. 5K blackwater trout in Little LDR. The remainder of the 100K between LDR, Birch Lake, and Phinetta Lake

There was some concern from the group that these fingerlings may have been dumped into these lakes too close to ice off this year.

FACEBOOK, WEBSITE and WELCOME PACKAGES: Deborah reports that we need some technical people to step up, to help upgrade our website. Kindly, Craig Toews and Kerry Veldhuis have come forward to be our new Digital team and will provide a tutorial for all of us who are interested.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE: Glen reports that this Trail project is now under the FISHING HWY 24 Tourism Society. The viewpoint at LDR to Interlake corner is planned as part one, with Interlakes to 100 Mile as part two. Now that MOT has a new active transport initiative on their books, this should help getting this project rolling. Lorne Dorksen, our MLA, is on board, as well as Eric de Vries, our Area L representative, and both are supportive.

End of Directors Reports: Motion to accept, Glen Clark, seconded Craig Toews, Passed

Election of Directors/Executive: for a two-year term

President: Greg Atherton, acclaimed

Vice President: Luca Lanzoni, volunteered.

Secretary: Gabriel Clark, acclaimed

Treasurer: Deborah Atherton, acclaimed

Directors at Large: Craig Toews and Kerry Veldhuis, volunteered for a two year term

NEW BUSINESS: The Lac des Roches Watershed Society will step up and be the voice for actively being involved in the proposed logging in our Watershed. A sub-committee for this we be spearheaded by Luca Lanzoni and Craig Toews. Luca announced that there is a meeting planned for August 16, at 9 a.m. at the Lac des Roches Resort, on the west end of Little LDR. Tong Yeung, representing West Fraser will attend and present. Gabriel Clak will notify and invite our Area L representative, Eric de Vries, to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M. moved by Wendy Marshall, seconded by Gordon Marshall.