

Minutes of the Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC) Annual General Meeting held June 6, 2017, Captain William Spry Centre, Halifax, NS

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Melanie Dobson.

The agenda was reviewed by those present and a motion to approve the agenda was made by Murray Coolican and seconded by Robin MacDonald.

The minutes from the AGM held in 2016 were reviewed by those present. It was noted that the lake in Dartmouth where remedial work is taking place is Oakhill Lake. A motion to approve the minutes with the change noted was made by Burkhard Plache and seconded by Robin Whyte.

A report on the lake cleanup in 2016 was received. Most of the participants were the son of Andrew Ross and his friends. The cleanup was a success as the water level was very low but it was stated that there was not as much garbage as in previous years.

It was reported that Philip Howard took over as the WLCC webmaster and he is also running the WLCC Facebook site. Thanks were extended to Philip.

As treasurer Melanie Dobson gave a report. She indicated the bank balance as of June 6 was \$2300.96. Martha Leary made a motion to adopt the treasurer's report and this was seconded by Deborah Hall.

Melanie Dobson gave a report on water testing noting differences between samples taken at the Williams Lake Rd versus the dam end of Williams Lake.

Kathleen Hall gave a report on the status of road salt distribution on the streets on or close to the lake. The changed practice was noted and reference was made to a memorandum from HRM to the WLCC and contained in the 2017 Newsletter.

Robin Whyte gave a report on the status of the proposed study by the Centre for Water Resources at Dalhousie regarding road salt and Williams lake. It is hoped that funding for the study will be found from a government source (\$93,000).

Tessa Williams, the guest speaker was introduced and she gave a very interesting talk on the project being undertaken by the Dalhousie School of Planning on the mapping of small wetlands known as vernal pools.

The slate for next years WLCC Board of Directors was presented: Paul Cashman, Murray Coolican, Marsh Conley, Melanie Dobson, Kathleen Hall, Martha Leary, Karen Lyle, Leslie Randall, Andrew Ross, Nick Ross, Anne von Maltzahn, and Robyn Whyte.

Tim Leary made a motion to adopt the slate and this was seconded by Kathleen Hall.

Melanie Dobson explained that the Chuck-wills-widow was now in the Second Atlas of Breeding Birds of the Maritime Provinces (Stewart et al., eds. 2015, www.birdscanada.org) as a result of Fulton Lavender's work. This is the Maritimes first breeding record for this bird. A hardy round of applause was given to Fulton for all his important birding work in the area.

The meeting was adjourned.