

Summer Village of Ghost Lake Natural Environment and Lake Stewardship Committee Meeting

Oct 2 / 2015 Laustsen Cabin - Ghost Lake

Karen Laustsen – Co-Chair
Sheila Miller – Co-chair
Sharlene Fritz

Bruce Lindsay
Bill Motherwell Guest Speaker from the Ghost River Watershed Alliance Society(GWAS)

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Notes
November (Time&Day TBA)	Natural Environment Committee meeting at Sharlene's cabin	Ghost Lake Village

Minutes

	Agenda Item	Discussion/notes	Action/notes
1.	Call to Order and Welcome by Chair	Meeting started at 10:10 AM	
2.	Approval of the Minutes	Minutes read and accepted by Karen, seconded by Bruce	
3.	Actions Taken to Date	<p>3(A) Initiating the formation of a Stewardship Group which would include surrounding stakeholders on the Ghost Lake and both the Ghost River and Bow River Watersheds</p> <p>3(B) Letters written to support a moratorium on the clear-cutting by Spray Lakes Sawmills in the Ghost Watershed area to protect the wetlands.</p> <p>3(C) Request for GIS mapping</p> <p>3(D) We had the experts out from Bow Point Nursery to identify plants and collect seeds for our forested and prairie natural areas. We need to document this for the rest of the community.</p>	<p>Attempted to contact surrounding stakeholders including the Cottage Club, GWAS, and the Ghost Lake Marina. The GWAS did respond and sent Bill Motherwell out to provide an overview of the history of the Ghost Dam and the surrounding Bow River Watersheds. He also provided some information on WPACS and the different levels of community non-profit groups that can be formed.</p>

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4.	Projects Underway	<p>4(A) Formation of Stewardship Group: Researching the options available for the formation of a non-profit group including all stakeholders for the Ghost Lake area.</p> <p>4(B) Clear-cutting and the Jamison Road access: Continuation of letters to support alternative routes and a slow down of the logging process in the Ghost Valley.</p> <p>(4C) GIS Mapping : Awaiting government approval. Discussions of alternative options</p> <p>(4D) Documentation of Plant Inventory: What is the best way to proceed and who would be interested in working on this.</p>	
5.	Other Actions Required	<p>(5A) Digital Map of the Village</p> <p>(5B) Protection of Natural Species Protection of our natural environment is a priority of the Environment Committee. The following ideas were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -identify natural areas (has already been mapped) -look at natural areas and identify species growing there -hire a botanist or someone with prairie expertise to give advice (Bow Point Nursery – Pam and Ken Wright came out last Fall) -get rid of all noxious weeds growing in the natural area -ask for an increase in budget for weed control 	
6.	Miscellaneous	<p>Sharlene Fritz is the new Co-Chair of the Environmental Committee as Sheila Miller has stepped down from this role. She is still part of the Committee.</p>	
7.	Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn: Sharlene Fritz</p>	