

LOWER NIPIT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Lower Nipit Improvement District will be held SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. in the Twin Lake Golf Club Lounge.

AGENDA

- * Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held July 3, 1988
- * Trustee's Report
- * Financial Statement for the year ending June 30, 1989
- * Appointment of Auditor for 1989/90
- * Election of one Trustee to replace Bob Tate whose three-year term expires.
- * New Business

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We have tentatively arranged for Mr. Neil Banera, Chief of Water Licensing for this area, to attend our meeting and answer any broad questions of general interest.

Arch Reynolds, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD JULY 2, 1989 AT THE TWIN LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by the Chairman, Mr. Bob Tate with 31 members present.

The minutes of the 1988 Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary. Moved by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Lawrence that the minutes be adopted as read. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A lengthy discussion took place regarding general conditions of Twin Lake: water sampling by the Okanagan Health Unit, ever decreasing water level and possible solutions to the increasing algae problem.

Results of several tests made by the South Okanagan Health Unit have indicated that heavy background growth (algae) was preventing accurate coliform determination therefore the water has been classed as unsatisfactory for drinking purposes. Mr. Ripley suggested that the Twin Lake Ranch pump the top one foot of water as one way of reducing the algae content. Experience by others, however, indicated that, in general, water taken from lower depths of the lake was, at best, no better than water taken from near the surface. Guest Mr. Bill Barton, cited the experience in Okanagan Falls where a similar problem led to the conclusion that surface water was cleaner and tasted better than deeper water.

Algae blooms, aside from discouraging water related recreation, can mean expensive treatment of lake-sourced drinking water, plugged irrigation equipment, and water chemistry changes that harm fish. The Secretary quoted suggestions made by people at the Water Management Branch that an effort should be made to cut down on nutrients (phosphates) entering the lake from seepage of septic tank fields and surface run-off of livestock wastes. }*

It was pointed out that it is up to the individual property owner who was unhappy with the water quality to install appropriate filtering devices in their water supply system. Messers Tate and McClellan might be able to supply some info on this as they recently had a filtering system installed.

The continuing decline of the level of water in our lake, in spite of a promising snow pack this past winter, was, according to Mr. Kreiger, due to weather conditions in the late winter and spring which saw most of the potential water evaporate prior to spring run-off. Twin Lake did rise about 7 inches due to seepage, however.

The matter of trespassing and littering by non-residents was discussed. Mr. Ted Dickson, who has approached several ice fishermen seen during the past two winters near the north end of the lake, urged all residents to take action in this matter - at all times of the year. He suggested that "No Trespassing" signs be supplied to residents for posting where there is an obvious problem. (Three signs posted 25 feet apart would be required.) Moved by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Dickson that the Executive approach the Regional District to provide anti-littering signs where necessary and to request affected residents to post "No Trespassing" signs on their properties. CARRIED

The Secretary again quoted sources at the Ministry of Environment who said that they could and would prosecute people if sufficient evidence was presented to them in the form of photographs and vehicle license numbers. This would require some public spirited residents to make themselves available to pursue this matter in court, however. It was suggested that one conviction might be enough to discourage this practice as the word would soon get around.

The trustees would approach the Department of Highways to again install trash barrels at the main public access and to empty them on a regular basis

The secretary informed the meeting that the matter of the extension of the Improvement District boundaries to include property owned by Mr. Krieger and Mr. Denton Black was close to being finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Kilgore complained about the bad condition of Westview Drive. Although the Highways Maintenance Contractor does some maintenance, it does not take long for the road condition to deteriorate. The Trustees will attempt to obtain some additional work on this road although this sort of problem is beyond the mandate of the LNIP.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

1. To and from B.C. Ministry of Municipal Affairs:
Several letters pertaining to the boundary extension.
2. Ownership lists from Land Titles Office
3. From B.C. Ministry of Environment & Parks:
 - a) Re problem with cheque submitted for payment of 1988 Water License fees
 - b) Re Water License Applications for Lots 1 to 6, Plan 38989 (north end of lake)

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Secretary read the Financial Report to the meeting. He indicated that there was a balance of \$3097.06 in petty cash, bank and term deposits - an increase of \$31.41 from last year's report. Moved by Mr. Goldie, seconded by Mr. McClellan that the Financial Report be adopted as read.
CARRIED

ELECTION OF TRUSTEE AND APPOINTMENTS OF SECRETARY AND AUDITOR

Mr. "Mac" McClellan was elected by acclamation to the position of Trustee for a period of three years.

The Trustees are now:

Mr. Gary Barnhardt - to 1990
Mr. Doug Brenton - to 1991
Mr. Mac McClellan - to 1992

Mr. Hugh Goldie volunteered and was appointed Auditor for 1989-90.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Guest Mr. Ken Soneff, from the Ministry of Environment and Parks, gave the meeting a short presentation on the functions of the various departments in this Ministry. He stated that our problems were common with other lakes in this area because of the current dry weather cycle which is affecting the south-central interior.

Guest Mr. Bill Barton, our Area Representative from the Regional District suggested that each residence display "Neighbourhood Watch" stickers as a way to increase community security and reduce trespassing. These are available to a group from the RCMP. He also suggested that the Regional District could be asked to supply anti-littering signs which would be posted at the public accesses.

Mr. Barton was questioned about the referendum held last November by the Kaleden Recreation Commission where our community was again included in the Specified Area to help finance activities in Kaleden. A great deal of indignation and concern was expressed by the meeting because of the apparent ability of someone to arbitrarily include the property owners of this community, (in many cases, without their knowledge) in this Specified Area.

The following points were brought up:

1. The majority of Lower Nipit Improvement District members are not permanent residents. Most live outside of this area and use their property only


occasionally during week-ends and vacations.

2. Some permanent residents are away during the late fall and winter.
3. There is no newspaper delivery of any kind to this area.
4. As a consequence of the above, only one or two members were aware of the referendums and the vast majority became aware only when they received their property tax notice.
5. OUR MEMBERS OWN THEIR PROPERTIES BECAUSE TWIN LAKE IS A RECREATION AREA IN IT'S OWN RIGHT.

Mr. Barton agreed with the meeting that monies collected from them through taxation for the Kaleden Recreation Commission should be used to fund projects relating to Twin Lake and it's public accesses.

The trustees will persue this matter.

A short social gathering in the Golf Club Lounge was enjoyed following the meeting.


A. T. Reynolds, Secretary