

LOWER NIPIT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Incorporated in 1965
Site 25A, Comp 9 Kaleden, B.C. V0H 1K0

GREETINGS to all members! Following are the Minutes of the recent Annual General Meeting. We hope that this will help to keep those who were not in attendance a little better informed as to what is going on around here.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD MAY 24, 1996
IN THE KALEDEN COMMUNITY HALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Rick Brown, the new Acting Chairperson. There were 19 members present.

Minutes of the 1995 meeting were read by H. Hyland. S. George moved that they be adopted as read. M. Carter seconded. CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT

H. Hyland read the financial report, as audited by A. McClellan. Opening Balance for period ending March 31, 1996 is \$2685.42 Closing Balance is \$2662.46. L. Lawrence moved and J. Kline seconded that the Report be adopted as read. CARRIED.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

M. Parsons reported that he and A. Reynolds had visited Bill Barlee with concerns regarding potential development at the Golf Course. Barlee assured them that he would confer with the Ministry of Environment on these concerns.

The Trustees were aware that there was a large snowpack, and took steps to avoid serious flooding this spring. To date, several properties have been affected by high water. More detail to be given in the Water Report by Ken Hyland.

Parsons said that each owner is responsible to see how high water was affecting his property with regard to buildings, vegetation, septic tanks and outhouses.

CORRESPONDENCE

R. Brown acknowledged the Correspondence of the year with:
-the Director of Planning, RDOS
-the Ministry of Transportation of Highways
-Active Chemicals Ltd.
-Regional Water Manager
-MLA Bill Barlee
-Minister of Municipal Affairs
-Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks
and invited the members to peruse any they wished to.

WATER REPORT

Appreciation was expressed by K. Hyland for Bob Tate's years of service on the Water Committee. The Tates have sold their residence at the lake and moved into Penticton. They will be greatly missed! K. Hyland will take his place on the Committee.

This year the lake is higher than in many years, due to the high water in the lakes from last year, plus the heavier than usual snow pack. The three years we were experiencing high run-off the ranch was not using the water for irrigation for which they hold a licence to draw approximately two feet of water per year. This would equate to a total of six feet of water if they had been irrigating.

The lower lake started to rise April 11. It became necessary to arrange with C. Sieben to divert water through his land. At the time of this report the water in the lake is up 30" and it would have risen over 6 feet without the diversion at Siebens.

The mandate of the LNID is to do everything possible to insure the quantity and quality of the water is maintained. The major concern in the past has been that of not sufficient water but it is also very obvious that we take the necessary steps, short and long-term, to manage the water in our system. We will be working closely with Ministry of Environment and J. McPherson, owner of the Twin R Ranch in order to accomplish this.

DISCUSSION FOLLOWED

A senior member asked is the LNID was ignoring the 1500-foot pipe that was in existence for the purpose of diversion. He has correspondence with the Water Rights Branch that admits its existence. There was also a trench and culvert (put in by the Dept. of Highways) going into Park Rill. He suggested that it would be the cheapest way to divert water.

M. Parsons responded that it was the intention of the Water Committee, headed by Parsons and K. Hyland to find out the condition of the said culvert and to gain cooperation of the Rancher.

Other questions from members were about the Water Board allowing the dam to be raised, about the condition of a concrete pipe, about continued ability to divert water through the Sieben property.

Parsons replied that these questions will be looked into as well as the possibility of financial assistance.

REGIONAL DISTRICT REPORT

E. Sims thanked J. Laisi and M. Parsons for their input into the RDOS for our area.

Re. the Proposed Development at the Golf Course, he said that he was not able to get any information. Re. the Golf Course itself, he said that he thought it was for sale.

The neighboring property to Sieben's is proposed for sale and development.

He has been having discussions with Parsons re. Twin Lakes' high water. If the Regional District were to become involved, there would be a 10% administration fee charged to the LNID on any expenses they would incur.

Re. the development of Sheep Creek Road, he said it was unlikely.

Re. the Mobile Home Subdivision east of Trout Lake, he answered that there is a small subdivision on Kaleden side of the road and there has been talk of development.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

M. Parsons was appointed by acclamation for a three-year term.

A. McClellan accepted position of Auditor.

The Trustees are:

1. Rick Brown (Acting Chairperson) - to 1997
2. Frances Peck - to 1998
3. Mike Parsons - to 1999

H. Hyland resigned as Secretary at last year's meeting, but continued to fill the position last year and would appreciate someone else getting involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Re. Property Tax Levy

The current high water situation is one example of the LNID's need for increased financial resources. If the Water Rights Branch ordered our District to pump water from the lake, it could cost \$10,000.per month and this would have to come out of the home owners' pockets. Even the diversion through Sieben's property involved considerable expense of equipment and labor. There could be legal fees as well to set projects for water control into place.

Members present questioned whose responsibility and cost this should be, and what if the LNID dropped their Water Licences and left the Government responsible? It was suggested that the Government not be left "off the hook". The Trustees intend to approach the Government representatives.

The Property Tax Levy will be reviewed yearly.

E. Sims encouraged the LNID to stay intact, and to raise money amongst our members. He advised consulting with Municipal Affairs.

There was no further business. C. Hunter moved that the meeting be adjourned, C. Carter seconded. CARRIED.

Submitted by H. Hyland for the LNID Committee

