



Summary of Directors Meeting ~ December 16th 2015

1) District of Invermere Fee for Service

- The Ambassadors' 2015 Fee for Service Activities Report will be submitted to the District of Invermere by end of month. Upon approval, \$10,000 will be granted to LWA for 2015. The Fee for Service has been reduced to \$8,000 for 2016.

2) New Operational Funding

- The LWAs' request for \$10,000 in operational funding was supported by the Columbia Valley Services Committee as well as the RDEK board.

3) Announcement: Annual General Meeting

- The Ambassadors AGM will take place on February 24th, 2016.
 - 2-3 current Directors are approaching the end of their five-year term.
 - The Ambassadors are recruiting new Directors at Large, with executive positions available (including Chair and Treasurer).

4) Outreach Events

- Home Hardware is building an ice hut for the Ambassadors to use to organize winter stewardship on the lake and to better connect with the winter recreation community. Thank you Al Miller and Home Hardware!
- Wings Over the Rockies Festival (May 9-15, 2016): LWA will host at least two water stewardship tours on Lake Windermere by pontoon boat courtesy of Pete's Marina.

5) NRO Referral: Pedley Heights

- The Lake Windermere Management Committee (LWMC) expressed appreciation of the proponent's endeavor to have an Environmental Assessment prepared.
- Upon review, the LWMC determined that the information put forth was not sufficient to alleviate concerns regarding (1) Increased pressure on fish and wildlife values, and (2) Guidelines in the Lake Windermere Management Plan which do not generally support new private or overnight boat moorage on the lake.
- By majority vote, the LWMC recommended that RDEK not support the referral from Natural Resource Operations for a new proposal for a joint moorage facility.

6) Fundraising

- Financial assistance from individual community members and local businesses (in addition to grant funding and service fees we receive) is critical to the Ambassadors ongoing efforts to maintain a healthy lake and promote watershed stewardship. Donations at this time are very much needed. We remind the community that, as a registered Charity, tax receipts will be issued to all donors.

7) Next Meeting

- January 27th, 11:30am, 625 4th Street (South Annex)

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