

## Summary of Board of Directors Meeting ~ May 2016

### 1) **Spring Shoreline Clean ups**

- Two shoreline clean ups were held this April as part of the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean up.
- Thanks go out to Ms. Hannah Garvie's entire Grade 7 class at Windermere Elementary for covering Windermere Beach, all volunteers who joined us at Kinsmen & James Chabot, and Rocky River Grill for providing a picnic lunch.

### 2) **Wings Over the Rockies**

- The Ambassadors offered morning and afternoon pontoon boat tours on Lake Windermere with support from Pete's Marina. The tours were a great success, participants gave rave reviews, and several became new members.
- Our Program Coordinator attended a LakeKeepers Workshop on Columbia Lake, organized by BC Lakes Stewardship Society and Living Lakes Canada.



### 3) **Watershed Stewardship Program Assistant**

- Having successfully acquired financial support from Canada Summer Jobs, the Ambassadors are in the process of hiring a Program Assistant to support summer water quality monitoring and public education programs.

### 4) **Lake Windermere Water Quality Monitoring Project**

- The first lake sampling event took place on April 6<sup>th</sup> which included testing for phosphorus and nitrate. See *Pulse Check* published in the Valley Echo.
- The Ambassadors are planning a workshop to review phosphorus sampling with support from local experts in nutrient trends and limnology.
- Water quality monitoring will resume every Tuesday morning; weather permitting, from June 14-September 13.

### 5) **Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities**

- Volunteers can sign up to join the weekly water quality monitoring boat crew by contacting the Program Coordinator (info below)
- Summer Splash and Regatta – August 7<sup>th</sup>
  - This free, family-friendly annual lake celebration connects water recreation with stewardship, featuring everything from sailing to sandcastles, and many ways to enjoy and care for the Lake. Volunteers lead activities and assist at the registration booth.

6) **Lake Windermere Management Committee**

- The Ambassadors will make a presentation to the Planning and Development Services Committee on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2016. The objectives of the presentation are to review our role as Lake Windermere Management Committee and request support for renewal for another 5 year term.

7) **Youth Committee**

- The Ambassador's youth representative, Cody Hollick, is putting together a Youth Committee to better reflect perspectives of youth on lake-based issues and in our work plan. Contact Cody at [codyhollick94@gmail.com](mailto:codyhollick94@gmail.com).

8) **Monthly Meetings**

- The Board of Directors meetings will continue to occur on the last Wednesday of each month, alternating monthly between 5:00pm and 11:30am to accommodate different schedules and availability.

9) **Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am, 625 4th Street (South Annex)

**Vision:** An ecologically healthy Lake Windermere with balanced management approaches that support recreation and traditional uses, high fish and wildlife values, and economic prosperity in the region.

Ambassadors Board meetings are open to the public and we invite community groups to contact us to schedule a meeting or presentation regarding our programs.

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