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**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.*  
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Board Meeting Highlights (January – June 2017)

1) Board of Directors & Opportunities

- We welcomed new Board Members Carole Ruault and Shawn Ridsdale. Carole is a full-time local resident, and Shawn is a local boating enthusiast. We are very pleased to have them both on board to represent different cross-sections of our community.
- We always welcome new applications to join our Board of Directors.

2) Lake Management Committee

- The RDEK is beginning the introductory phases of renewing the Lake Windermere Official Community Plan (OCP). The Lake Management Committee will provide feedback about the OCP to regional planners, in particular as it relates to the Lake Windermere Management Plan.

3) Program Coordinator Updates

- Megan Peloso stepped down as Program Coordinator in March. The Board thanked her for her dedication, and for leaving the program stronger than when she started.
- Thea Rodgers started as Program Coordinator for the Ambassadors in early June.
- We are happy to be welcoming back Katie Watt, our summer student from last year.

4) Community-Based Water Quality Monitoring Project

- The Ambassadors are taking over water quality monitoring of Windermere Creek as part of the basin-wide CBWQ Project.
- Lake Windermere water quality sampling began again in June and will run until late September.
Those interested in learning about the lake are welcome to join our water quality sampling excursions on Tuesday mornings from 8:30AM-12:30PM.

5) **Outreach, Events & Volunteer Opportunities**

- The annual family-friendly Summer Splash event is happening this year on Sunday, August 6th (BC Day long weekend).

6) **Corporate Sponsorships:**

- Kicking Horse Coffee helped sponsor the very successful Ambassadors' video engagement project launch event at Pynelogs in March.
- Mountain OM Yoga studio & H2Flo Stand-up paddleboard yoga have collaborated to donate \$1 from each SUP yoga class to the Ambassadors.

7) **Monthly Meetings**

- The Board of Directors meetings will continue to occur on the last Wednesday of each month, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

8) **Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, July 26th, 5:00pm, 625 4th Street (South Annex), Invermere BC

Directors' meetings are open to the public. We welcome community groups to contact us to schedule a meeting or presentation regarding our programs.

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