



Highlights of Board Meeting ~ August 14th 2013

1) Lake Windermere Management Committee: Upper Columbia Valley Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Boat House Decks

- Committee members discussed how this referral might fit with the intentions of the Lake Windermere Management Plan.
- Committee members decided that more information and further discussion is needed prior to submitting comments. A separate meeting will be convened to prepare comments.

2) Watershed Governance

- Three presentations have been made to watershed stakeholder groups since the April 9th “This is Our Watershed” event. Participants were invited to attend future conversations.
- A “Watershed Symposium” will be put on by the Columbia Basin Watershed Network on September 29-30 in conjunction with the Salmon Festival. Location TBA. The LWA was invited to participate and host a booth.
- A subcommittee will convene to discuss next steps in the LWA watershed governance work.

3) Spring/Summer Activities

- Kinsmen Beach: Keeping the new plants sufficiently watered continues to be a challenge. An interpretive sign has been delivered and will be installed next week.
- Education: The Healthy Shoreline Assessment conducted in coordination with the David Thompson Secondary School Earth Sciences class was a success.
- Outreach: The 2013 Lake Windermere Summer Splash was a success. It attracted nearly 300 participants and received support from five partner organizations.

4) “Save Our Weir”

- The Federal government plans to remove the rock groyne at Athalmer from Lake Windermere. Gurmeet Brar presented the Board with rationale for not removing it. He will approach DOI and RDEK as a private individual and ask if they are interested in taking over responsibility. The next step will be to propose a meeting of stakeholders who want to “Save Our Weir”.

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