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As far as I can tell.....

By Rhonda Holmes

I've volunteered to be a regular columnist for the Jackfish Lake Echo. It is my hope that it will tie-in nicely with my new role as a board member of Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS).

As far as I can tell ... the JLMA is ahead of the game. Are you familiar with the saying "Hurry Up and Wait"? When we decided as a community to take action in regard to the issues that we had out here, the environmental agencies suggested that updating our Area Structure Plan (ASP) would be an effective start. We established a lake association with over 250 members and had the ASP process underway in a matter of months. WOW! It was completed in two years. GREAT! We accomplished what they recommended. Now we need their help to ensure that the ASP will be enforced and that we will continue to have more programs/educational publications available to us. (Here is where the "Wait" surfaces.)

Regarding the temporary pier issue at Two Island Point:

We've updated our ASP but Public Land hasn't completed updating their provincial policy yet. Their existing "Guideline For Lakeshore Use" brochure allows for temporary and removable structures to be erected on the lake bed without authorization and makes no reference to specific lake management plans. The JLMA's persistence is bringing about change. The revision of the guidelines has already been compiled into a draft for the new brochure. You can expect enforcement to commence once the policy revisions are finalized.

Regarding shoreline restoration:

We've presented the "Vital Edge" video, distributed "Caring For Your Lakefront Properties" booklet and participated in the Shoreline Rehabilitation Test Plot Pilot Project. Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) realizes that, from an educational and programming aspect, the JLMA is ready for Phase II. As the next phase is developed and becomes available, I'm sure that it will be offered to us.

Regarding boating regulations and lake signage (such as the one-way for Reed Island):

Once again, the JLMA has taken a proactive approach with boating regulation education through the newsletter and the Boat Pro Course. The educational aspect complements the RCMP Boat Patrol Program, which will be running for its third consecutive summer.

JLMA Board Member Richard Barry has reported that preliminary investigations into lake signage have been positive. It appears possible for the JLMA to purchase and anchor "private aids to navigation" (signs that comply with Canada Coast Guard's standards) without putting the JLMA into a liability situation. He will continue to work on the signage project and is hopeful that we will have directional signs this summer.

My best advice to the JLMA Board is to continue with PASSION, PERSEVERANCE AND PATIENCE. Don't let Parkland County, Alberta Environmental Protection (AEP), Alberta Agriculture-Public Lands, ACA forget that the JLMA is a united voice for the community that will remain proactive and involved.

I know that the JLMA has a lot of support. One hundred and three (103) people renewed their 1999-2000 membership either last fall or during the winter months. Membership will continue to grow as the seasonal residents start coming out for the summer.

The JLMA is currently working on the following:

- Boat Pro Courses
- Follow-up on the Two Island Point temporary pier issue
- Signage around the lake such as Reed Island one-way sign
- **Presentation before council** re: concerns over ASP interpretations and environmental issues. The presentation was given at the Corporate Services Meeting on Tuesday June 20th, 2000 at 10:30 am. **A special thanks to all the supporters who attended the meeting. When the council chambers fill up for a 15-min presentation, the councilors cannot help but be**

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**The deadline for submissions
to the next newsletter
is August 30, 2000.**

President's Address Continued.....

reminded that the JLMA is a united voice for the community. A copy of the presentation is being distributed with this newsletter for your records.

- Follow up on the road issues with the provincial level of government
- RCMP Boat Patrol for this summer
- Providing input for Parks & Rec. Capital Improvement Plan
Jackfish Lake Public Boat Launch
- Wayne Lee HIP-notist Social Event
Saturday July 15th, 2000 at Carvel Hall
Cocktails @ 6:30pm Show @ 8:00pm
Tickets \$17.50 each (includes one complimentary refreshment)
- Family BBQ & Dance – Saturday August 19th, 2000 at Mink Lake Hall
- Jackfish Lake Echo Newsletter

But once again, we were unable to conduct any business at the Spring General Meeting because we did not have a quorum. Since my term is over this Fall, I probably should not let it bother me. However, as a founding member of the JLMA who has personally put in hundreds of volunteer hours over the last five years, I am extremely bothered by the lack of attendance.

So, in addition to the above list, we will begin the bylaw amendment process to reduce the quorum requirement from 40 members to 20. It seems ludicrous for an association that ranges in membership from 160 to 260 (Check w/Carrie) to resort to such a low quorum.

If the lack of attendance is due to apathy, then perhaps this move will snap the general membership out of it. If the lack of attendance is due to the general membership's confidence in the board and fewer "hot" issues on the agenda, then the reduced quorum requirement will allow the Board to continue to conduct the necessary business of the Association. All I know for certain is that the current situation is not working and it is completely unfair to the volunteer board and to my successor.

According to our bylaws, there will be an automatic quorum for the Fall AGM. The people who show up will be the people who make the decisions.

A Night with Wayne Lee

Saturday July 15th, 2000 at Carvel Hall
Cocktails @ 6:30pm Show @ 8:00pm
Tickets \$17.50 each
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Congratulations!!

Congratulations to the 47 people who enrolled and passed the May 7th Boat Pro Course. There was a lot of information covered by Bill Raitt, the instructor from the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron-Edmonton. The required passing mark was a 75% or better so all participants, give yourself a pat on the back.

Special Thanks to:

- **Bill Raitt** for coming out to be our instructor. (We were the biggest class he has ever had.)
- **Brenda Schmitke**, JLMA Board Member, for organizing the course
- **Stony Plain Electric** for sponsoring the lunch
- **Mink Lake Resort** for the special Hall rate

To be put on the waiting list for future courses, please call the JLMA Office at 963-1690. Have a Safe, Enjoyable Summer!

Public Boat Launch

Parks & Rec. are working on a Capital Improvements Plan for the parks in Parkland County. The parks include the four primary lakes and six secondary lakes within the County. The plan will be a "needs assessment" to be implemented over a three to five year period at the various locations.

The JLMA Board has been asked to provide input for Jackfish Lake. The points already on our list are:

- Upgrade to a concrete boat launch pad to reduce rut problems and dust.
- Better swimming area markers
- Widen the parking lot (approx. 50 ft) to ease the problems of maneuvering trailers for larger boats
- Install additional signage

If you have any input to contribute, please contact your beach rep or the JLMA office at 963-1690.

Jackfish Lake Swimming Lessons

Waterfront Aqua-Quest Swimming Lessons will **NOT** be held this summer at Jackfish Lake, due to maternity leave. The 4th season of Red Cross lessons will continue as usual in July of 2001

Keep safety in swimming! See you on the beach next year. For more information, call Priscilla Spratt at 968-2336 or e-mail aspratt@ecn.ab.ca.

The Paradox

(This is an e-mail that one of our members would like to share with us.)

The Paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get too tired, read too seldom, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life, not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information to produce more copies than ever, but have less communication.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion; tall men, and short character; steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the times of more food, but less nutrition. These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. These are the days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer to quiet, to kill.

It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom; a time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit "DELETE".

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Recipe Corner

Eatmore Bars

Submitted by Rema Huston

- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 cups rice krispies
- 1 cup unsalted peanuts
- opt: 1/4 cup raw sunflower seeds or 1/3 cup sesame seeds

In a sauce pan over low heat, combine and melt the chips, peanut butter, syrup and sugar. In a large bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Pour chocolate mixture over cereal and nut mixture. Mix well. Spread cereal mixture into a greased 9" x 13" pan. Chill. Cut into bars.

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Firehouse Chicken Wings

Submitted by Bill Dann, Fire Chief, Edson Alberta

- Family size pack of chicken drumsticks
- Cayenne pepper
- Worcestershire sauce
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp vinegar
- 5 cloves garlic, chopped finely
- 4 Tbsp liquid honey
- 1/2 tsp dry mustard powder
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp Louisiana hot sauce

Preheat oven to 375F (190C). Put cayenne pepper on chicken and place in oven safe dish. Generously cover chicken with Worcestershire sauce. Place in oven. In a sauce pan, pour oil, heat up. Put in garlic and honey; watch out that it won't boil over! Add mustard powder, vinegar and brown sugar. Simmer approx 50 to 60 minutes, turning the meat over a few times while basting with sauce.

Fire up the family and serve with fries, rice or a baked potato!!