



2010 CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

January 2010

- LWF poster display manned over two days by Sheila Grover, Janet Sampson and Catherine Salki at CCFFR, a joint meeting of the Society of Canadian Limnologists and the Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research at Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, MB. Lyle Lockhart and Alex Salki attended the conference, and Dr. Lockhart's presentation on Lake Winnipeg issues was well received
- 27th Annual Red River Basin Land & Water International Summit Conference, Grand Forks, ND attended by Karin Boyd, Anne Doherty, Alex Salki and Catherine Salki
- Drek Daa and his CYRK Salon Act III: EVER GREENER Lake Winnipeg fundraised \$150 donation to LWF. Go to http://www.thecyrk.ca/CYRK_Salon.html to see what a great idea this was!

February

- Premiere of The Sacred River, a documentary produced by the Seine Rat-River Conservation District, was attended by five Board members in Steinbach, MB
- Rosser Municipal Council invites Dr. Lyle Lockhart and Alex Salki to make a presentation on Lake Winnipeg and watershed issues, which was followed by an informative discussion
- LWF display and representation at the 2nd Annual Red River Basin Commission Fish Dinner and presentation by entitled Understanding the Value of the Lake Winnipeg Fishery by Dave Bergunder, Fresh Water Fish Marketing Corporation
- Overwhelming response from LWF members to the Lake Winnipeg Pollution Survey, conducted by 3rd yr Environmental Studies student, Roger Ritsema, at UWinnipeg
- One of our volunteer members started a Lake Winnipeg Foundation Facebook page

March

- Cdn. Water Resources Assoc. presentation "A Review of Wetland Policy and Practice: Towards a Strategy for a Wetland Policy for Manitoba" attended by Anne Doherty, Alex and Catherine Salki
- Bruce Smith, Alex Salki, and Catherine Salki attended the Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Fdn Water Quality Forum in International Falls, MN on behalf of the Foundation
- B. Smith, A. Salki, and C. Salki at Living Lakes 13th Annual Meeting, Lake Chapala, Mx as LWF representatives to accept Lake Winnipeg's membership into Global Nature Fund's Living Lakes Network; and preliminary meetings between LWF and Wildsight to plan establishment of a Living Lakes Network Canada.
- Letter sent by President of LWF to Selkirk and District Planning objecting to amendment of Bylaw 195. No acknowledgment was received.
- Governance Committee completes revision of the Foundation's Bylaws
- LWF begins examining feasibility of getting Traverse Bay Marsh area designated as a "Protected Area" within the Manitoba Government 1990 Protected Areas Initiative program
- Winnipeg Foundation Grant awarded to LWF to defray cost of redesigning its' website.
- Funding approval for a research team to analyse Lake Winnipeg 2003 core samples for comparison with 1994 data to assess long term ecosystem changes.
- Presentation by Dr. Hank Venema of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) on the newly established Water Innovation Centre and the Lake Winnipeg Basin Summit.

- Funding approval for completion a geo-referenced survey of Lake Winnipeg South Basin shoreline.
- Presentation by Lyle Lockhart at the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium's AGM
- LWF Board of Directors passed its' first Position Statement:

POSITION STATEMENT on Wetlands

The Lake Winnipeg Foundation Inc. recognizes the need to manage wetlands and encourages the preservation of existing wetlands, the restoration of degraded wetlands, and the development of new wetlands centered on technological and institutional requirements for wetland management and governance.

April

- Presentation to Friendship Force of Manitoba Club by S. Grover and L. Lockhart, on watershed evolution and issues.
- Press release announcing the establishment of Living Lakes Network Canada; Interlake Spectator article by Jim Mosher
- Board of Directors meeting followed by the Board's Annual General Meeting
- LWF Board met with Katharine Walton newly appointed Editor of the Watershed Observer
- Funding approval to sponsor two films related to Lake Winnipeg in the Gimli Film Festival
- Sheila Grover attended opening of exhibit by local artists collective called **River on the Run** with works focused on water issues. Several made reference to Lake Winnipeg.
- Bruce Smith and Lyle Lockhart gave presentations to the Grindstone Cottage Owners' Assoc. AGM, and members agreed to participate in a 2010 Grindstone walkathon
- B. Smith and A. Salki met with Joan Richardson and Todd Sellers of the Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability Foundation to discuss future collaboration
- LWF Annual Members' Meeting at Khartum Shrine Centre, Winnipeg

May

- Bruce Smith at the Lake of the Woods District Property Owners Assoc. meeting with LWF display
- B. Smith and A. Salki meeting with Karen Kun of Waterlution, an educational organization that seeks to change peoples' use and management of water, and develop new environmental leaders
- Meeting with IISD to discuss LWF involvement in IISD's Lake Winnipeg Basin Summit (Nov. 2010)
- Presentations by B. Smith and L. Lockhart to Community Foundations Partnership chaired by H. Arklie
- Janet Sampson and volunteers stuff 1800 ad bags with LWF pamphlets for distribution on East side of lake
- Bruce Smith at Red River Basin Commission North Chapter meeting in RM East St. Paul
- Preliminary discussions about LWF presentations in Fargo and Grand Forks, about collaborating with representatives of the Wild Rice River Conservation Group and the Red River Basin Commission, about what Minnesotans and North Dakotans can do to help Lake Winnipeg.

June

- To date, our efforts to find a Walkathon Coordinator for Gimli have been unsuccessful
- B. Smith, A. Doherty, A. Salki and D. Dawson met with Halli Jonasson met at Hecla causeway site to view and discuss resulting environmental changes
- LWF display set up by B. Smith at the Northeast Palliative Care Fish Fry Dinner in Gimli

- LWF becomes a funding partner in the École St. Avila/Richmond Kings CC bioretention project, an innovative storm water management and rain garden project that compliments initiatives of the LWF
- LWF agrees to sponsor and organize Red Zone II Public Forum at the IISD Lake Winnipeg Basin Summit Nov. 30 –Dec. 1, 2010
- LWF Board of Directors passed its' second Position Statement:

POSITION STATEMENT on Phosphorus

The Lake Winnipeg Foundation recognizes that world supplies of phosphorus for the manufacture of fertilizers are finite and that future shortages can be anticipated as mines are depleted. In view of this, the LWF encourages the recycling and re-use of the phosphorus in any P--containing materials and discourages the discharge and loss of phosphorus as a waste product.

- Sheila Grover attended "Ban Plastic Bag Reception" hosted by Jon Gerrard and listened to debate on Bill 206 in Mb Legislature
- Alex Salki attended the Mb Eco-Network AGM on behalf of the LWF
- Planning meeting for involvement in IISD's 2010 Lake Winnipeg Basin Summit in November
- Science Committee members Alex Salki and Ray Hesslein, attended ECO Canada Networking luncheon
- Several LWF Directors were guests of IISD at IISD's 20th Anniversary banquet, Hotel Ft Garry
- Lyle Lockhart and Alex Salki at Mb Water Council's public consultation "Seeking Perspectives on Wetlands"
- Bruce Smith represented LWF at the Gimli Film Festival launch at the Winnipeg Art Gallery
- Lyle Lockhart invited to speak about Lake Winnipeg at the Prairie and Northern chapter of SETAC (Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry) in Saskatoon
- Bruce Smith, Catherine and Alex Salki attended reception for funding partners and sod-turning on site of the École St. Avila/Richmond Kings CC bioretention project
- Board of Directors plan to call a special meeting of the members of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation Inc. no later than Oct. 30, 2010 for the purposes of holding a vote to approve changes to the Bylaws as approved by the Board, and to approve the appointment of an auditor.

July

- Victoria Beach Community Event was an opportunity to sell LWF memberships, LWF promotional materials, and to have great discussions with visitors about LWF projects
- Meeting in Winnipeg with representatives from Amigos del Lago Chapala, Mx. to discuss and provide advice about their research monitoring Lake Chapala fishery.
- Planning meeting for Lake Winnipeg Basin Summit
- LWF Science Committee meeting with Nick Szoke of City of Winnipeg's Water and Waste Department
- Planning meeting for LWF's Red Zone II being held in conjunction with IISD's Lake Wpg Basin Summit
- LWF sponsored two films at Gimli Film Festival. Dr. Lyle Lockhart gave a brief overview before the screening of Linden Meadows School students' film Sacred Lake, and a documentary produced by Seine Rat-River Conservation District titled The Sacred River, both of which were followed by questions and discussion
- Sacred River screened at Victoria Beach Info Evening, followed by a presentation on conservation districts
- Several LWF representatives examined and photographed the causeway from Halli Jonasson's boat

August

- Grindstone Days all-day LWF display and Walk for Water promotion
- CBC interviewed Alex Salki for Save My Lake, a TV program for **The Nature of Things** Jan. 2011
- "**Walk for Water**" held at Victoria Beach, Matlock, and Grindstone Provincial Park, raised close to \$43,000
- Presentation entitled "Projects and Activities of the LWF" made to Victoria Beach's Senior's Scene
- LWF Executive meeting in Winnipeg Beach

September

- Terry McLeod, CBC Info Radio, interviewed Alex Salki, LWF Science Committee, about Lake Winnipeg
- Meeting with Premier Greg Selinger and MLA Peter Bjornson, to discuss LWF, and lake and wetland issues
- Participation in first Annual Wpg Green Lifestyles and Organic Living Exhibition, where we talked about LWF, answered questions, and met with many interested people, including Jon Gerrard, Judy Wasylycia-Leis, and Elizabeth May.
- Meeting of a number of organizations concerned about wetland destruction and the need for policy, chaired by Vicki Burns of Community Foundations of Canada
- Planning meeting for LWF's Red Zone II
- Meeting with Red River Basin Commission to discuss dredging of Red River and Netley-Libau Marsh
- Meeting with Eastern Beaches Conservation Coalition (EBCC) wherein digital imagery and hard copies of pertinent info were provided to LWF
- LWF bimonthly Board of Directors meeting
- Teleconference between Wildsight, LWF and LLNC Advisory Board to plan for November launch of LLNC, and to discuss LLNC Terms of Reference and Membership Criteria documents and LLNC 2011 work plan
- Meeting with Colleen Sklar of Lake Friendly to discuss public message for Wpg Free Press ad
- LWF display and talking with the public at the first Annual EcoShift at Asper Jewish Community Campus followed by attendance at an Eco-Shift evening presentation by David Suzuki
- LWF at *Lake Winnipeg Project*, an event in Eckhardt Grammate Hall U of Winnipeg involving UW English Professor Debra Simchin, Dr. Karen Scott (LWRC) and students, to raise awareness, using an *art meets science* poetry theme, to stimulate dialogue about our ecological crisis
- Meeting G. Whelan-Enns of Manitoba Wildlands to discuss preparation of funding apps and lake issues
- Walkathon Coordinators' meeting to debrief and plan for next year's Walkathon fundraiser
- LWF Special Members' Meeting whereat members ratified changes to LWF Bylaws, and listened to guest speaker, Dr. Hank Venema, Director, Sustainable Natural Resources Management, IISD

October

- Publication of Wpg Free Press ad (Oct 9/10, A13) *Lake Winnipeg Needs Your Help* promoting EcoLogo certified products and the idea that choices people make in their everyday lives should be *lake friendly choices*
- Motion passed to sign Muskoka Council Freshwater Summit petition that the federal government adopt a *Canadian Charter of Water Rights and Responsibilities* and apply its principles when developing all federal policies
- PowerPoint presentation given to the new Winnipeg Beach town council

- LWF and other environmental organizations were invited to an environmentally focused luncheon hosted by Jon Gerrard, with guest Senator Grant Mitchell. LWF spoke to one of the three discussion topics
- Bruce Smith and Alex Salki at Cdn. Water Innovation Lab (WATERLUTIONS) together with over 200 participants aged 18-35 from across Canada. Participants learned experientially through field trips and one-to-one interactions with mentors.

November

- Dr. Jon Gerrard hosted a presentation at River Heights CC. Dr. Diane Orihel spoke about her work with phosphorus and algal blooms in prairie lakes, and discussed the implications for Lake Winnipeg.
- Several Directors attended East Interlake Conservation District Open House at Oak Hammock Marsh
- LWF Executive meeting in Winnipeg Beach; and, bimonthly LWF Board of Directors meeting, at which Erin Keating was appointed Treasurer of the LWF Board of Directors
- Several LWF Directors attended a Lake Winnipeg Basin Initiative info session with James Bezan, in Gimli
- LWF PowerPoint presentation made at opening of Boreal Forest Network's *Water of Life* art exhibit
- Media launch of, and RBC Blue Water cheque presentation to, the Living Lakes Network Canada, as represented by Heather Lescheid of Wildsight, Bruce McDonald of LLNC Advisory Board, and Bruce Smith, Alex and Catherine Salki of the LWF
- Red Zone II: Lake Winnipeg Science and Solutions – the LWF's 2nd community forum filled the IMAX theatre! The 5-member panel was moderated by The Honourable Gary Filmon, and followed by a very interesting question and answer period (more info available on our website)
- The Foundation was well-represented at the two-day 2010 Lake Winnipeg Basin Summit – Our Lake, Our Solutions – organized by IISD's Water Innovation Centre

December

- Field trip to Gimli and Netley Marsh area with Heather Lescheid of Wildsight and Bruce McDonald of LLNC
- Attendance at Mb Conservation Districts Association conference in Brandon, Mb with keynote speaker Maude Barlow (<http://www.canadians.org/water/index.html>)
- Teleconference between Wildsight, LWF and LLNC Advisor to discuss LLNC members and 2011 work plan
- Debriefing meeting with IISD following Summit and Red Zone events
- Meeting with LWRC Science Program Coordinator and others to discuss upcoming science workshop