

## 2011 CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

### *January*

- LWF Executive Meeting
- LWF Board of Directors Meeting
- President, Bruce Smith gives LWF presentation to 28<sup>th</sup> Red River Basin Land & Water Intl Summit Conference, Fargo, ND
- Science Advisor Meeting with Western Bishops Social Justice to review Social Justice conference agenda in Calgary, and discuss LWF outreach/education opportunities

### *February*

- Together with Vicki Burns and Gordon Goldsborough, LWF President, Bruce Smith, and Science Committee members Alex and Catherine Salki, met with Deputy Minister Don Norquay to expose blatant examples of wetland destruction around the lake; request a short-term moratorium on shoreline development along south basin of Lake Winnipeg; and encourage the development of guidelines based on science.
- Catherine Salki manned the LWF display, provided information, and promoted LWF memberships at MB EcoNetwork's Reel Green Film Festival held at UWinnipeg
- Nature Manitoba Presentation given by Alex Salki on The Lake Winnipeg Foundation Commitment to Lake Winnipeg
- LWF Executive Meeting
- LWF Directors attended Red River Basin Commission North Chapter Fish Fry fundraiser
- LWF Science Committee members attend community presentation in Morden, given by University of Winnipeg researchers Bill Buhay and Charles Wong on their Dead Horse Creek Project, for which LWF is a funding partner

### *March*

- LWF Board of Directors Meeting
- South Basin Mayors and Reeves Chair meeting with Alex Salki and Bruce Smith to discuss LWF SHIM project
- 8<sup>th</sup> Int'l Lake of Woods Water Quality Sustainability Conference in International Falls, MN attended by Karin Boyd, Bruce Smith and Alex Salki
- LWF participated in round table discussions at LOWWQS conf. to establish IJC priorities for Lake of Woods Task Force
- EKOS Research interviewed Alex Salki for evaluation of Freshwater Programs under the Action Plan for Clean Water
- Television premier of CBC Nature of Things Documentary SAVE MY LAKE, moderated by David Suzuki with appearances by LWF Director, Alex Salki... the viewership was absolutely huge in Manitoba—potentially record-breaking for a Nature of Things episode, and that was before re-runs and on-line views were counted.
- LWF presentation on Lake Winnipeg by Alex Salki and Bruce Smith, to the Commissioner for Sustainable Development
- MB EcoNetwork Workshop on Lake Winnipeg Regulation, held at UWinnipeg, attended by Alex Salki, Lyle Lockhart, Don Cobb, Dick Dawson, Ray Hesslein, and Anne Doherty
- Canada Water Week event: Healthy Rivers, Living Lakes LWF fundraiser organized by Vicki Burns and featuring local artists and performers at West End Cultural Centre
- World Water Day event: Catherine Salki gave eight-30 min. presentations on Lake Winnipeg, geared to different grade levels, to students at École St. Avila
- Canada Water Week event: Bruce Smith and Catherine Salki attend the launch of H<sub>2</sub>Oohhh by Rodney Braun with recognition to LWF, at McNally-Robinson Books
- LWF Science Committee meeting to discuss legal aspects of shoreline development

## *April*

- LWF Executive Meeting
- Alex Salki conducts planning sessions and coordinates LWF Sensitive Habitat Inventory and Mapping (SHIM) Project funding and field preparations for assessing the south basin in Lake Winnipeg
- LWF representatives attend MB Water Caucus meeting concerning MB Water Council public consultations about public perspectives on wetlands
- Board of Directors Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation Inc.
- Meeting with Western Bishops Social Justice to discuss LWF outreach and education activities among Winnipeg and St. Boniface Diocese parishioners. Discussions for Fall 2011 presentation to students at St. Mary's Academy
- LWF presentation by Alex Salki to audience at the Reel Paddling Film Festival. Proceeds donated to LWF by the Wilderness Supply Co. Janet and Mike Sampson manned the LWF display and promoted LWF memberships
- LWF representatives attend Grindstone Cottage Owners' Association AGM
- 2011 LWF Members Annual Meeting, whereat LWF Founding Directors were recognized, and the 2010 Alexander Bajkov Award was presented to Dr. Karen Scott
- LWF Vice-President, Bruce Smith, attends Foundation Partnership meeting in Portage La Prairie, for discussion and decision on continuing support for the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium (LWRC)

## *May*

- Presentation on watershed issues to Grade 4 classes by Education Committee Chair, Sheila Grover, at Riverbend School
- Manitoba Regional Envirothon in Pine Falls, where LWF Education Committee and their spouses acted as lecturers, judges, and site facilitators on topics of soils and estuary ecosystems to 150 Gr 10-12 students from regional high schools
- Winnipeg Free Press (WFP) reporter, Kevin Rollason, interviewed LWF President, Karin Boyd
- LWF Spring Media Advertising Campaign using WFP online to raise awareness and promote membership in the LWF
- Alex Salki presentation in Selkirk, to South Basin Mayors and Reeves about Lake Winnipeg SHIM project
- LWF awarded \$40,000 Grant over 2 yrs by RBC Blue Water Fund, for development of LWF outreach program
- LWF becomes a funding partner for the 2011 Manitoba Envirothon in Gimli
- Manitoba Hydro Management and LWF Science Committee meeting, at MB Hydro's request, to discuss issues affecting Lake Winnipeg levels. LWF Science Committee member, Ray Hesslein, presented modeling data indicating there is no substantial effect of Jenpeg on Lake Winnipeg water levels. Hydro offered any help needed in terms of data, etc. to assist Dr. Hesslein in his modeling of pre and post regulation, and other inflow outflow issues. General discussion held about the need to better understand inflows which have a significant impact on the lake's regulation

## *June*

- LWF Board Members attend RBC Blue Water Fund Reception at Manitoba Museum
- LWF Science Chair, Don Cobb, on the lake with high school students from Pilot Mound, to learn more about LWRC Karen Scott's Schools on Board Namao program
- Science Committee Meeting at UWinnipeg on Committee's terms of reference, current issues and activities, position statement on Climate Change, and lake shoreline issues
- CBC Radio Noon, Marilyn Mackie interviewed Alex Salki on impact of Assiniboine River flooding on Lake Winnipeg
- Sheila Grover and Don Cobb presentation to Grand Beach Community, distributing handouts on lake issues, with lots of interest, and concerns about quality and quantity of water
- LWF Letter to Standing Committee of the House on Bill C-46. LWF position is based on science and the opportunity to reclaim phosphorus in accord with its Phosphorus position statement

- LWF Strategic Plan Meeting of the Board of Directors in Selkirk, facilitated by Barb Gemmel
- In advisory capacity, Alex Salki assisted Mary Houston to develop a presentation on Lake Winnipeg for *Ignite Change Now* Global Youth Assembly at UAlberta July 27-30 sponsored by the John Humphrey Foundation for Peace and Human Rights
- LWF Science Chair, Don Cobb, attended MB EcoNetwork sponsored presentations at Gimli Waterfront Centre given by CEC, Province, hog producers, UManitoba, and UWinnipeg researchers
- Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation announce Lake Winnipeg Project at a meeting with LWF representatives and other Lake Winnipeg agencies
- Walter & Gordon Duncan Foundation reception attended by LWF representatives and Kat Hartwig, Executive Director of our Living Lakes Canada
- LWF Board of Directors Meeting in Selkirk, MB

## July

- Living Lakes Network Canada/LWF teleconference with Wildsight partner in BC
- SHIM field operation planning sessions with Bruce McDonald via SKYPE
- LWF representatives show Save Our Lake and answer questions about LWF and documentary topics at Saffies Store Business Fair, Victoria Beach
- Victoria Beach – Lake Winnipeg Foundation Information Night
- 2011 Gimli Film Festival features CBC "Save My Lake" and post-documentary question period with Alex Salki. The LWF was this year's *GFF Student Environmental Short Films Competition* sponsor. Display materials and information about LWF and the lake were provided over the course of the Festival by several LWF volunteers.
- Presentation about the LWF and Lake Winnipeg made by Alex Salki to International Social Justice meeting held at St. Benedict's Conference Centre, Winnipeg
- LWF Executive Director Selection Committee - preliminary meetings
- LWF display and 2011 Walk for Water fundraiser promotion featured at *Grindstone Days*, Grindstone Provincial Park
- SHIM field work gets underway at Silver Harbour, Arnes. Alex Salki transports crew and field gear between various locations, and maintains daily contact with field crew and coordinates operations
- 2011 LAKE-A-THON EVENT: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Party For Water at the Sandbar in Grand Beach, organized by LWF's Erin Keating

## August

- Alex Salki invited to give update on Lake Winnipeg issue to Red River Basin Commission breakfast meeting
- LWF representatives show *Save Our Lake* at Albert Beach LWF Information Night, and answer questions about the LWF and documentary topics. Film Director, Paul Kemp, gave a brief overview of how the documentary became a reality
- 2011 LAKE-A-THON EVENTS: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Water at Matlock, Victoria Beach, and Grindstone Prov'l Pk.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Battle of the Sexes Golf Challenge; and, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Connaught Beach 800m Swim  
Our most successful fundraising year, to date, thanks to the efforts of John Heppenstall, our sponsors, and volunteers
- Alex Salki and Bruce Smith meet with the Minister of Conservation the Hon. Bill Blaikie, his DM and ADM, to introduce the LWF SHIM project and suggest future LWF-MB collaboration to unveil shoreline management guidelines
- Presentation by Alex Salki about the Lake Winnipeg Foundation to World Presidents Organization, in Winnipeg Beach
- Selection Committee meetings for recruitment and selection of an Executive Director for the LWF
- 2011 LAKE-A-THON EVENT: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual LWF Golf Fore Water Tournament held at Larter's in St. Andrews, MB ... Phenomenal prizes and SO much fun! Don't miss next year's event!

## *September*

- Vicki Burns (Lake Winnipeg Project) interviews Alex Salki for Walter and Gordon Duncan Foundation Questionnaire
- LWF Board of Directors approves the appointment of Erin Keating, CMA as LWF's first Executive Director
- LWF Executive Meeting
- Several LWF Directors attend MB EcoNetwork meeting to discuss the Clean Environment Commission, and its proposed hearing to consider Mb Hydro application for a permanent licence to regulate Lake Winnipeg
- LWF representatives take MB EcoNetwork-sponsored bus from Polo Pk. to Oak Hammock Marsh for premiere of Ducks Unlimited documentary entitled WETLANDS: The Drain Game
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ciclovía (Downtown Biz) event - LWF booth set up on Broadway and manned all day by Catherine and Alex Salki. Being located in the RBC Blue Water & Environment Zone gave LWF reps plenty of opportunity to speak with many Winnipeggers about the lake, signing up new or renewal members, and selling LWF Walk For Water T-shirts
- LWF physically moves into its first office, located in the MEC Bldg, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl., 303 Portage Avenue; and Erin Keating officially begins her duties as LWF Executive Director
- Executive Director with LWF display to "MOVING PLANET" a *350.org* event hosted by MB EcoNetwork at the Forks, to raise awareness about the impacts of climate warming
- LWF representatives attended MB EcoNetwork pre-election All-Party Environment Forum, Moderator CBC's Terry McLeod
- LWF President at RRBC North Chapter meeting

## *October*

- Executive Director attends Drainage Seminar at MB EcoNetwork
- LWF Alex Salki and Erin Keating attend official announcement by James Bezan, MP in Gimli, of the Lake Winnipeg Basin Stewardship Fund Round 5 Awards, which included funding for LWF SHIM Project
- LWF submission of the Global Nature Fund's Living Lakes Network Questionnaire, identifying LWF expertise, experience, resources and interests in areas such as climate and biodiversity protection
- LWF Board of Directors Meeting
- LWF representatives attend "Securing Our Water Future" featuring Bob Sandford, and sponsored by the Forum For Leadership on Water (**FLOW**), at UManitoba. Met with Bob Sandford on LWF matters following his presentation
- Erin Keating, Alex Salki, Lila Goodspeed, and Catherine Salki attend MB EcoNetwork meeting to discuss CEC hearing on MB Hydro permanent licence application
- Webinar - Inaugural meeting of all members of the Living Lakes Canada, LLC Advisory Board, and LWF Executive, planning and discussing, among other things, the LLC AGM being held May 22-24, 2012, in Winnipeg
- LWF representatives attend tribute to Anne Lindsay, retiring ED of MB EcoNetwork
- LWF promotion at Green Lifestyles & Natural Living Exhibition at Convention Centre over two days. LWF membership information and publications were distributed, and questions regarding Lake issues and LWF projects were answered

## *November*

- Executive Director attended a prep meeting for Rio+20
- LWF Executive Meeting
- Formation and inaugural meeting of the LWF Science Advisory Council, with Dr. Gregg Brunskill attending from Australia via SKYPE, other members of the SAC, LWF Executive Director, and a visit from the LWF President, Karin Boyd
- Living Lakes Canada teleconference with LWF Executive discussing AGM and Red Zone III in May, 2012
- Grateful acknowledgment of MB Environmental Industries Association (MEIA) complimentary registrations for Alex Salki and Dick Dawson to attend MEIA "Emerging Issues" conference at Ft Garry Hotel

- LWF Executive Director attended Partners FOR Saskatchewan River Basin Conference on "Planning for Extremes", held in Saskatoon
- Ray Hesslein, Erin Keating, Alex Salki, and Catherine Salki attend MB EcoNetwork meeting on upcoming CEC hearing for MB Hydro permanent licence application
- LWF Entrance Bursary for \$750 presented by Sheila Grover, Chair of LWF Education Committee, to Alexandria Turnbull, an Assiniboine Community College Water and Land Management student, at the ACC Awards Reception in Brandon.
- LWF Board of Directors Meeting

*December*

- Meeting with IISD
- LWF Strategic Planning meeting
- Attendance and meetings at Mb Conservation Districts Association conference in Brandon, Mb

**LWF SCIENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL - Inaugural Meeting Nov. 14, 2011**



(L-R): Buster Welch, Alex Salki Greg McCullough, Nancy Loadman



Gregg Brunskill (via SKYPE from Australia)



(R-L): Erin Keating, Mike Stainton