

Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association (SAPAA)

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Mark Your Calendar!

The **Alberta Parks Volunteer Conference** will be held in **Calgary** on **Sept 22-24** this year. Join fellow PA stewards for field trips and information sessions, hosted by Alberta Environment & Parks.

Join us for the **SAPAA Annual Workshop and AGM** on **Oct 28th** at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre in Strathcona County. (See more info below.) We look forward to sharing important updates and information as well as discussions with fellow stewards.

Our guest speaker will be Krecia Kerr with a talk about the CPAWS Conservation Blueprint and the Pathway to 17% Protection. Alberta has committed to the Convention on Biological Diversity's target of protecting 17% of terrestrial areas and inland waters by 2020, which will require an increase in protected areas in the province of about 4.5%. CPAWS Northern Alberta's Conservation Blueprint is a mapping tool that identifies areas with high conservation value to aid in the selection of priority areas for protection. CPAWS is using this tool to provide the government with recommendations for protected areas throughout the province that will help the government reach the 17% target.

Status of Project 85 Updated

The year 2017 is Canada's sesquicentennial. The original plan, jointly pursued by Alberta Parks and SAPAA, was to document 150 of Alberta's Protected Areas. The number was subsequently reduced to 85 to coincide with 85 years of Alberta Parks' existence.

In essence, the goal of the project is to provide an up-to-date status report and promote for continuing protection of our Natural Areas. Our president, Hubert Taube, agreed to act as project coordinator, with hubtaube@gmail.com to be used as the contact address. The project was described in more detail in the SAPAA Newsletter #35, and on June 6 an email was sent out to all Provincial Volunteer Stewards with an invitation to participate and a list of prioritized sites. The

project was also brought to the attention of a number of naturalist organizations and individuals. A list of "Natural Areas" to which people have committed follows, but there are still many left to do. Ultimately we envisage a catalog of Provincial Protected Areas, each with a brief description and a set of photographs.

Project 85 Reports, Received/Promised

(as of 23 Aug 2017)

Battle Lake South NA PNT
Battle River NA PNT
Beauvais Lake PP
Beaverhill NA OC
Bellis Lake NA OC
Bellis North NA OC
Big Lake PP
Castle Wildland PP
Coyote Lake NA OC
Dinosaur PP
Edgar T. Jones NA OC
Hastings Lake NA PNT
Holmes Crossing Sandhills ER
Kootenay Plains ER
Lac La Nonne NA OC
Lois Hole Centennial PP
Mt Butte NA OC
North Cooking Lake NA OC
Northwest of Bruderheim NA OC
Parkland NA OC
Richardson River Dunes Wildland PP
Riverlot 56 NA OC
Rumsey ER
Sheep Creek NA OC
Sherwood Park NA OC
Sir Winston Churchill PP
Tilleybrook PP
Torlea NA PNT
Ukalta Dunes NA PNT
Wagner NA OC
Wainwright Dunes ER
White Earth Valley NA OC
Winfield NA PNT

Here are a few of the photographs we've received.



Rumsey ER (Gerald Romanchuk)



Ukalta NA (Linda Kershaw)



Beaverhill NA (Irene Crosland)



White Earth Valley Northwest of Bruderheim (H. Taube)



Kilini Creek (Hubert Taube)



Sandy landing at Edgar T. Jones NA (L. Kershaw)



Four-footed earthstar (*Geastrum quadrifidum*), an unusual fungus at Miquelon Lake PP (H. Taube)



Pelicans at Hastings Lake NA (L. Kershaw)

STEWARDS OF ALBERTA'S PROTECTED AREAS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, October 28, 2017

at 9:00 a.m.

Strathcona Wilderness Centre,
east of Sherwood Park, AB

PROGRAM

- 9:00 a.m. Registration and coffee
- 9:30 a.m. Speaker: **Kecia Kerr**
Northern Alberta Executive Director, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
Title: **CPAWS 2015 Conservation Blueprint for Northern Alberta and the Pathway to 17% Protection**
- 10:15 a.m. Questions and discussion
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break (coffee, etc. provided but bring your own mug if you can)
- 11:00 a.m. Speaker: **Hubert Taube**
SAPAA President
Title: **Project 85 Update and Looking Forward**
- 11:45 a.m. Questions and discussion
- 12:00 noon **Lunch** (Please bring your own lunch, as kitchen facilities are limited)
- 12.30 p.m. **SAPAA Annual General Meeting** (see agenda on reverse)
- 2:00 p.m. **Walk in the Park** – Enjoy some fresh air and exercise before heading home.
Join us for a walk around the beautiful trails at the Wilderness Centre



**STEWARDS OF ALBERTA'S PROTECTED AREAS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, 28 October 2017, 12:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Minutes of previous AGM, 28 October 2017
2. Business arising from the minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. SAPAA web site update
5. Election of the Board

Current board members are:

President – Hubert Taube

Vice President –vacant

Treasurer / Membership Secretary – Peter Kershaw

Recording Secretary – Patsy Cotterill

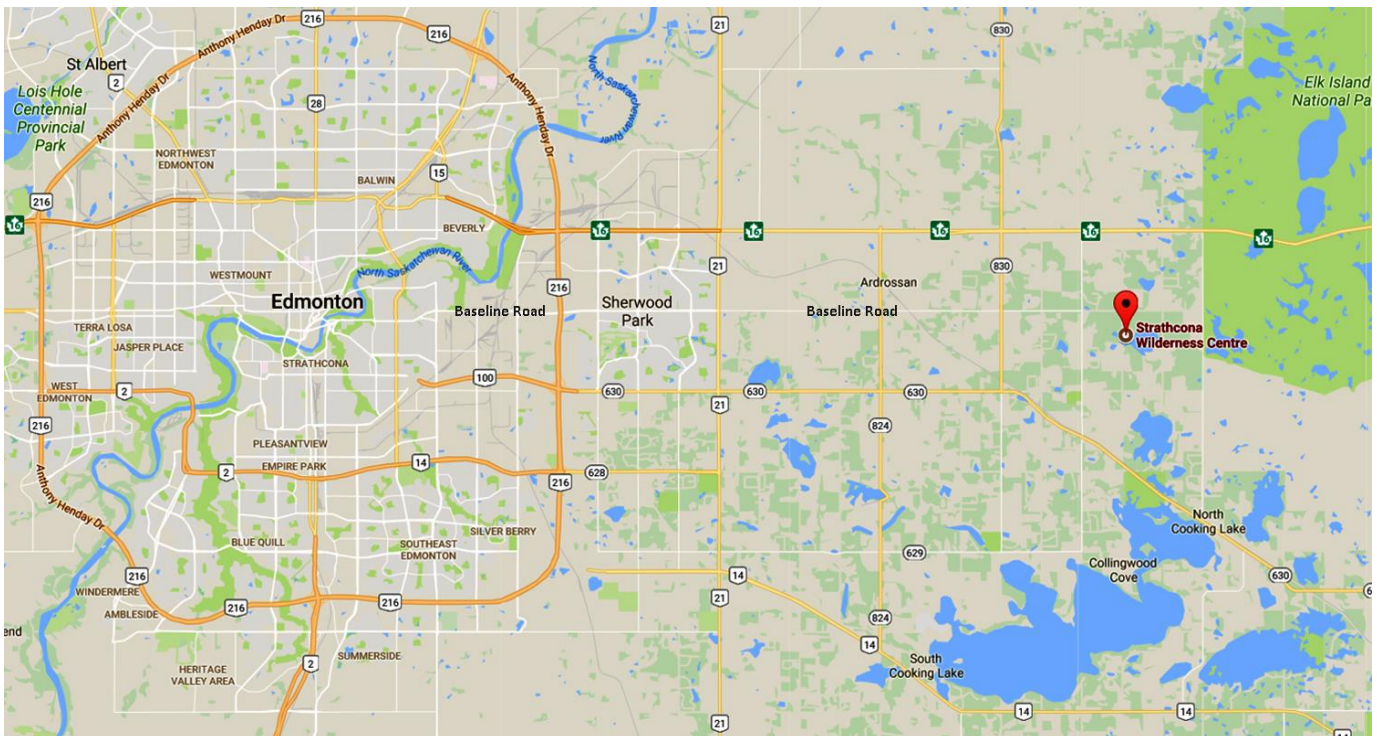
Directors – John Woitenko (FAN Representative); Alison Dinwoodie

Newsletter Editors – Linda Kershaw, Patsy Cotterill

Webmaster – Linda Kershaw

Please consider helping out on the executive. Some members are willing to stand for another year, but some are stepping down. New people would be welcomed!

6. Other business



DIRECTIONS: To reach the Strathcona Wilderness Centre (52535 Range Rd 212, Ardrossan) from Edmonton, drive east on Highway 16 to Range Road 212. Turn right/south and drive 5 km to the Centre. Alternatively, drive east on Baseline Road, through Sherwood Park to the park gate at Range Road 212. Turn right/south and drive 1 km to the Centre.

Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association Membership Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Natural Area: _____ Organization (if any) _____

Mailing Address: _____ City or Town: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

- **To save paper and reduce costs, may we email your newsletter to you?** ____ yes ____ no
- Would you be willing to have your name and phone number put on a list that would only be distributed to other SAPAA members? ____ Yes ____ No

Renewing membership ____; New member ____

Membership fee \$ 15 (includes FAN insurance fee of \$5)

Donation (Optional)* _____
TOTAL _____

*SAPAA is not a registered Charitable Organization as yet, so receipts for income tax purposes cannot be issued.

Please return this form, with total listed above to:

Peter Kershaw, 51163 Range Road 204, Sherwood Park, AB T8G 1E5

(Make cheques payable to SAPAA)

For membership conditions, please see reverse side of this form.

Issues of importance (old or new – this info would help for future Stewards Conference discussions):

___ Oil / Gas ___ Off Highway Vehicles ___ Vandalism ___ Overuse/Abuse ___ Grazing
___ Other _____

Willing to help with: ___ Newsletter ___ Executive ___ Phoning ___ Speakers ___ Meetings ___ Field Trips ___ Other

If you are a new member, please provide the following details about your Stewardship Area:

Natural Area ID #: _____ Approximate size: _____

Location: _____

Brief description of significant natural features (please include a brochure if available): _____

If you need more information, please contact

Hubert Taube - (780)483-7306; taubeha@shaw.ca

Patsy Cotterill – (780)481-1525; nutmeg@planet.eon.net

Peter & Linda Kershaw – (780)662-3626; linda.kershaw1@gmail.com

STEWARDS OF ALBERTA'S PROTECTED AREAS ASSOCIATION

Membership in SAPAA is open to anyone who

- **is a Steward who volunteers time assisting in the care and management of Alberta's Protected Areas (i.e., lands currently set aside under the Alberta Provincial Parks Act, the Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas & Heritage Rangeland Act, and the Willmore Wilderness Act), and**
- **is in general agreement with the following Purposes of the Association.**

Purposes of the Association

1. To establish a network of Volunteer Stewards to exchange information and expertise and to provide mutual assistance and support.
2. To promote the preservation, protection and restoration of the ecological integrity of Alberta's Protected Areas.
3. To promote the use of Alberta's Protected Areas for educational and research purposes, and for non-intrusive, nature-oriented activities compatible with each individual site.
4. To identify common issues of concern in Alberta's Protected Areas for the purpose of dealing with them more effectively and comprehensively.
5. To work with appropriate government departments and with other groups and agencies to resolve issues regarding actions and activities that affect Alberta's Protected Areas.
6. To represent members of the Association at meetings of stakeholders and in events, issues and situations that affect Alberta's Protected Areas.
7. To increase and enhance public awareness of the value of Protected Areas and of the Volunteer Stewards' role in preserving these areas.
8. To support knowledge and skill development for Stewards and supporters of the Association through conferences, workshops, seminars and publications.

Name (please print): _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____