

LCPOA Board Meeting

Draft Minutes

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Virtual

1:00 pm

Present: Judy Bates, Colleen Beanish, Jean Davies, John Earle, Karen Jerome,
Kathleen Kearney, Lori MacDonald, Lorne Monahan, Lianne Pepper

Regrets: John Taker, Liz Shultis

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #1

Moved: Colleen Beanish

Seconded: John Earle

Motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to add a discussion regarding an increase in membership fee for 2022.

Motion Carried

2. Approval of Minutes for September 2020

MOTION #2

Moved: Lianne Pepper

Seconded: Lorne Monahan

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting for September 21, 2020 as amended.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes for January 2021

MOTION #3

Moved: Lorne Monahan

Seconded: Jean Davies

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting, January 25, 2021 as amended.

Motion Carried

4. Fundraising update

Judy Bates

- The following information will be sent to members through an e-Update
- The Bonnechere Valley Township forced the LCPOA to either accept a bylaw allowing 4 unregulated RVs used as cottages on Lake Clear lots or appeal the bylaw.
- The LCPOA Board considered the following:
 - a. 70% of the membership expressed opposition to the bylaw either by way of a letter to BVT Council or by signing the petition in opposition to the bylaw.
 - b. This represents approximately 170 LCPOA members.
 - c. The estimated appeal cost is \$70,000, meaning that each of the 170 members would have to contribute an average of \$411 each to reach the goal.
 - d. To test this assumption, a confidential email was sent to a sample group asking if and how much they would commit to giving. All of those who responded stated that they would donate and the average commitment was \$847 each.
 - e. Given this level of expressed opposition to the bylaw, the board felt confident that 170 members would reinforce their support by way of a donation.
 - f. A two-pronged fundraising drive was launched:
 - g. email all members asking them to donate through eTransfer, cheque, or GoFundMe
 - h. and personally approach members via email or phone
 - i. A separate bank account was set up to clearly separate the appeal fundraising disbursements and revenue from the general LCPOA finances.
 - j. To ensure that the LCPOA would not be put into the position of incurring debt, the board approved a staged approach and if these milestones are not met, the appeal will be withdrawn.
 - k. Stage I: Raise \$5,000 (estimated cost submitting the appeal) by May 4, 2021. ***This goal was reached.***
 - l. Stage II: Raise an additional \$25,000 by the date the LCPOA is notified of the hearing date. This was anticipated to be sometime in

July. ***This goal has been reached and we have not yet been informed of a hearing date.***

- m. Stage III: Raise an additional \$40,000 by the hearing date. ***This goal has not been achieved.***
- n. **Current fundraising status (as of June 21st)** We have raised \$46,600, approximately 66% of our goal, 85% of which is through eTransfer or cheques.
- o. Of the members who have donated, 25% donated over \$1,000, 29% donated \$500 - \$750, 11% donated \$300 - \$450, 35% donated less than \$275
- p. An appeal to consider donating will be included in the e-Update

5. Appeal Update

Judy Bates

- A Case-Coordinator has been appointed: Shane Taylor
- His role is to read submissions from both the BVT and our Association and summarize them for the judicator
- The Appeal will be virtual as of now
- Once the Appeal date is set, the BVT has the responsibility to announce it to the public – who can watch virtually but not participate
- Our lawyer will contact us with the date

6. AGM

Judy Bates

- Tentative date: Saturday, August 21, 2021
- Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- Location: Legion Field in Eganville, On
- Confirmed via email with Kevin McGrath (Manager of Recreation and Culture)
- AGM will have to follow current Covid protocols
- Information will be sent to members in an e-Update

MOTION #4

Moved: Lianne Pepper
Seconded: Lori MacDonald

Motion to approve the Lake Clear Property Owners Annual General Meeting for 2021 be August 21, 2021 at Legion Field in Eganville.

Motion Carried

7. Proxy form and process Judy Bates
- The current Corporations Act allows proxies
 - We will post the proxy form and instructions for submission on our website.
 - Proxy forms must be submitted to the Board 48 hours prior to the AGM
 - There is no limit to how many proxies a member may bring with them
 - We will also send out the information with the AGM email in advance of August 21st.
 - Only those who have paid their 2021 membership in advance of the AGM are entitled to vote.
8. Photo contest Colleen Beanish
- Deadline has passed
 - 87 photos entered
 - Winners will be announced in August, 2021
 - Will expand the judging panel in future contests
9. FOCA invasive species program Judy Bates
- ISAMPLEON (Invasive Species Awareness Monitoring Program and Lake Education Ontario) is an initiative from FOCA and Invasive Species Center
 - Lake Clear is one of 25 selected lakes to participate because we meet the criteria for invasive mussels and spiny waterflea invasion
 - A LCPOA volunteer will be collecting water samples to monitor for invasive mussels and spiny waterfleas.
 - The sampling is expected to take place during the month of July, analyzed by the Invasive Species Centre, and the results are anticipated to be published in late August or early September.
 - For more information please visit: <https://foca.on.ca/invasive-species/>
10. Environmental update Judy Bates
- LCC and LCPOA have been contacted Watershed Canada to participate in their Love Your Lake program.
 - The LCC will be taking the lead with this and LCPOA will provide support and communicate with our members
 - Property owners will be given proposed alternatives to maintaining a healthy shoreline with suggestions from scientists
 - It would involve some testing along the shoreline to support fish habitat and the environment
 - Some funding may be available as details are still being worked out
 - More information to follow

11. Membership

Lianne Pepper

- A reminder as to who is eligible to be a member of LCPOA will be included in an e-Update prior to the AGM
- Shore Reps are encouraged to have memberships fees submitted to Lianne by August 1, 2021
- Shore Reps will collect fees and give receipts – cash, cheques, e-transfer to Shore Rep – similar to last year
- Lorne will contact members along Little Lake Clear
- Still needing Shore Reps for French Road and Heideman's Bay
- Lianne will reach out to these members until new Shore Reps volunteer
- Electronic banking for collection of membership fees will be discussed at a future meeting

12. Nominations

Lorne Monahan

- We still have vacancies for the positions of Treasurer and Member at Large
- Jack Rosien has put his name forward for the position of Member at Large

13. Communications

Colleen Beanish

- Will add information on the seagull management to the next e-Update and for the What's Happening page on the website

Action: Discussion regarding the Historical content at future Board meeting

Action: Approved minutes from the past meetings to be posted on the website.

14. Scholarships

Jean Davies

- A recipient has been selected but the committee is waiting on confirmation from the school before making an announcement

15. Adjournment

MOTION #5

Moved: Lianne Pepper

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Carried