

LCPOA Board Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Present: Colleen Beanish, Paul Beanish, Jean Davies, John Earle, Sally Gillis, Karen Jerome, Kathleen Kearney, Brian Kemp, Laurie MacDonald, Lorne Monahan, Lianne Pepper

Regrets: Judy Bates, Carolyn Desjardins, Wayne Lecuyer, Liz Murphy, Mike O'Brien, Liz Shultis, John Taker

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #1

Moved by: Kathleen Kearney

Seconded by: Jean Davies

Motion to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Carried

2. Approval of Minutes from June 2019

MOTION #2

Moved by: Karen Jerome

Paul Beanish

Motion to approve the minutes as written.

Motion Carried

3. Governance Discussion

- a) John shared an organizational chart outlining roles and responsibilities
- b) Lake Steward will now be under the direction of newly titled Environment Chair
 - Portfolios may be adjusted but voting rights will remain the same under the current constitution.

4.LCPOA Member Survey Results Discussion

- a) Concerns expressed by membership were focused primarily on 'summer' related issues.
- Septic Systems are a priority with significant number of property owners
 - 50%+ of membership want to continue:
 - Bouy placement
 - Lake Steward water testing
 - Website
 - Updates
 - LCC liason
 - Environment Committee, Land Use Committee, Membership Committee, Internet Committee, Poker Run Committee, and membership in FOCA (Membership in FOCA allows members to purchase insurance at a considerably lower rate.)
 - 50%+ of membership did not support continuing:
 - Scholarship
 - Facebook
 - Outreach Committee
- b) Sandra Barr, CAO for BVT, received an electronic copy of the survey results with the understanding that she would share with the Mayor and council members.

5.Committee Reports:

President

John Earle for Judy Bates

- John and Judy will be making a presentation To BVT council on Wednesday, October 23rd

Vice President

John Earle

- Would like to draft a letter to the general membership outlining information presented at the 2019 AGM.
- Possibility of presenting 3 amendments for a new constitution at the next AGM:

- Board composition
- Proxy voting
- Grandfathering of current members
- What procedures should be in place for next AGM to allow for constructive discussion and prevent individuals from hijacking the meeting with personal agendas and unfounded accusations?
- Possible use of Robert's Rules of Order at next AGM – would need to inform membership in package sent out ahead of time.

Treasurer

Karen Jerome

- a) Increase in lake buoy maintenance cost to have funds available when needed
- b) Outreach limited to \$250/yr with discussion at Next AGM and clearly establish a goal
- c) Clarified benefits of belonging to Bonnechere River Watershed Project and the Ottawa River Keeper
 - Assists with obtaining grants
 - No provision in our constitution for reciprocal membership
 - Discussion not to renew the Ottawa River Keeper membership
- d) Benefits of belonging to FOCA
 - Advocates and lobbys at both Provincial and Federal levels
 - A good resource – has information from other Lake Associations to share
 - Insight from environmental projects
 - Involved in septic re-inspection projects currently
- e) Scholarship fund limited to \$1000
 - Discussion concerning if insurance cost is affected by this event and if part of the funds raised should cover any costs.
- f) GIC was not renewed in 2019 so it went into the bank account but is not part of the Budget.
 - Generally the bank fees are the same as the interest earned from the GIC
 - Discussion concerning the Non-Profit status and what can be left in funds each year

- The surplus in account is used to cover costs before membership fees and Poker Run funds are deposited.

MOTION #3

Moved by: Karen Jerome
Seconded by: Paul Beanish

Motion to accept the Budget with an adjustment to increase the buoy maintenance amount to \$100 and reduce the donation amount to \$100.

Motion Carried

Membership Chair

Lianne Pepper

- Currently 236.5 Membership (includes 1 associate)
- Email sent to Heideman Bay property owners and 6 memberships were purchased.
- Thank you to Lorne Monahan for visiting areas without a Shore Rep to speak with property owners and collect membership fees.
- Discussion regarding e-transfer of membership fees to Shore Reps – stating LCPOA fee in message line
- Concerns regarding the opportunity for Shore Reps to share information or hear concerns.
- Membership cards would be used as receipts
- Some concerns heard from members regarding the low water level and behaviour of some individuals at AGM.

Public Relations and Communication

Colleen Beanish

- Website is being updated regularly

- Website is being used
- 2 links on the LCC website
- Renewed the Host and Domain
- Facebook has new posts

Environment & Land Use

John Earle

- RV issue is on hold as BVT is waiting for The Provincial Plan to be finalized.
- Discussion with BVT regarding training someone to inspect septic systems.
- Jean gave copies of Greg Romanov's report to BVT Council.
 - Greg mentioned 2x that he was fired by LCC which is not true.
 - Greg said he did not know why yet he knew that he was only hired for the purpose of renewing egg oiling permits.
 - Greg made statements in report that Lake Clear is pristine yet he only did surface water testing.
 - Greg gave his opinion regarding whether any by-laws are necessary without any qualifications to give such.
 - Lack of communication between Victor from MOE and Jack Roesner.
 - Victor would like numbers regarding permanent and seasonal homes, RVs in parks, and RVs on private property. Dana Jennings said that BVT would send it in the next few weeks.
 - Question why Greg was hired by BVT for \$1000?
 - Important to speak with other townships to see what they are doing.

- Boat Washing Station:

Brian Kemp

- Possibly co-operate with BVT
- Bass Tournament officials have expressed interest in encouraging their members to use it
- Opeongo Resort owners had some questions regarding cost, storage of equipment, insurance, other practical issues
- Look into possibility of BVT sharing/covering

cost of insurance

- Questions regarding the recycling of the water
- Brain shared a map of other lakes with zebra mussels
 - Discussion whether our lake is conducive to them

Lake Clear Conservancy

Sally Gillis and Laurie MacDonald

- Shared role of conservancy with new members.
- Update: Fundraiser Dinner and Camping

Lake Steward

- No update

Internet

Paul Beanish

- John Yakabuski and Cheryl Gallant have not shown any interest in helping with internet issues.
- Jack Roesner has also not been helpful.
- Bell may be rolling out a pilot service soon
- Discussion regarding interest from two providers to put small (Kleenex size) connectors on Big Rock Island.

Outreach and Scholarship

- Survey showed lukewarm support for both
- Discussion at next AGM
- Information needs to be sent to membership

6.Spring Meeting and AGM dates.

AGM 2020

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Whispering Pines (to be confirmed)

7.Other

- a. Kathleen shared that Dave B is still looking into Cottage Watch information.

- b. Kathleen shared Thank you letter from Bonnechere Union Library for Outreach donation.
- c. Low water level concerns should be directed to Renfrew Hydro.

MOTION #4

Moved by: Lianne Pepper

Seconded by: Karen Jerome

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried