

**GOLDEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Saturday August 11, 2018 - Elders' Lodge, Pikwakanagan

PRESENT: President Ron Rimmer, Past President Don O'Reilly, Vice President Kate O'Hara, Treasurer Rick O'Brien, Directors Glenn Bingham, Chris Hamilton, Sandy Nash, Natalie Corbin, Jeff Raisbeck, Secretary Theresa Rasp

ABSENT: Directors Allison Wood, Bill Gardner

CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 am

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

Ron welcomed everyone to today's meeting and gave a special thanks to Sandy for securing the Elders Lodge for our meeting. We are awaiting the bill for the GLPOA Executive's new shirts.

PREVIOUS MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION: To accept the minutes of June 2, 2018

MOVED: Ron Rimmer **SECONDED:** Chris Hamilton **CARRIED**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rick reported a very slight error in the June 2nd statement, resulting in a savings of \$9.21. Comparable to 2017 we are up several thousand dollars, with more membership dues to come to Rick next week. Rick also noted that FOCA membership fees are due. Rates were raised this year to \$3.50 pp vs \$3.25 pp; there is a \$125 base rate + pp dues – Rick will be able to determine what to pay when our memberships are finalized. The form will update the FOCA list for emails, magazine, etc.

MOTION: to accept the financial statement and FOCA membership dues

MOVED: Ron Rimmer **SECONDED:** Kate O'Hara **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Lake Stewardship - Glenn Bingham

Shoal Markers

Glenn noted that all buoys had been placed, some by memory and others by GPS

Water Quality

Chris forwarded results of test electronically. There is relevant info for members, ie how eColi is measured is now on our website. Max Beatty will start on water testing May 2019. For winter newsletter Glenn will show the training in progress. Glenn and Heather currently do the water testing now – this is the most important thing that the Lake Steward does in their role on the Executive Committee.

RPG has paid recognition for what we do: they showed a letter from potential cottage buyer with questions regarding the lake. RPG copied Glenn to show they support GLPOA.

Water Levels

Glenn brought water level charts – water is quite low, below the 13 year average. Heat has affected the levels. 2017: 170.49mm vs 169.8mm

RPG communication is improving; Statement re: low fall levels

SAC meeting on Aug 13: Glenn to send emails to SAC in advance to ensure they address the low fall levels

An eblast will be sent to members re: low levels

Fishing

Smelt Fry surpassed expectations: 217 purchased tickets and 9 comp tickets.

\$1284 in revenue was collected; he is awaiting invoice from Cottage Cup. For this and future GLPOA events Glenn bought coolers and Kate brought a canopy. Ron confirmed the smelt fry funds will go into the Fish Committee.

A hatchery is a possibility and generates revenue as well. Walleye thrive for 80 years; why didn't smelt upset them then? For 15 years Kirby Punt got Walleye established in Lake Clear.

- put 2000 oversized walleye in - perhaps natural repopulation
- Ron noted that Splake is a hardier fish and maybe a better option for restocking
- Chris asked what would be involved in a hatchery...Pembroke has a jar hatchery collecting dust. An aquaculture license is needed, which Glenn is willing to get. Education/awareness is the key; Natalie offered 14 acres of land/water for hatchery (the pond is no more than 4 feet deep). Glenn will investigate costs and time for a hatchery, and maybe partner with Pikwakanagan.
- Rick stated \$4183 can be spent on fisheries improvements; this amount was included in the financial report
- Glenn is awaiting the new council; what are their thoughts? Glenn will get set up on the agenda for the next council meeting
- Sandy talked about the Elders Lodge improvements; a water purification system to be built beside the Lodge; is there any potential impact on the lake?

b. Memberships - Chris, Katie and Jeff

Chris notes 287 official memberships recorded plus another 53 so we have 340 as of today. This is an increase of 60 vs 2017! It is realistic to expect 450 overall by the end of this year.

Kate noted some of the zone results around the lake.

Chris noted that if zone canvassers send out email to their property owners advising they are coming, it works well. Ernie began this in his zone and it is becoming part of the process being established to assist canvassers. Kate reported that there are three new canvassers coming on board: Robin Edwards (McMillan Road), Kelly Bentley (Goldfinch, Kasdorff Lane and Candace Raynard (Rocky Point).

Ron gives thanks to Kate and Chris for their hard work that never stops -- Kate picked up 4 memberships at the road party!

Kate asked all to think of what would be needed for memberships materials. No canvas bags are needed, which represents a \$400 budget saving over 2017. Septic cards go out for new people only, and maps will be included next year for all members. Chris noted that at last board meeting we decided that maps are updated and everyone gets a free one (500-600 are needed). Many contributed to the updating of the map -- "it's a well done map".

Membership budget is approximately \$1200 including the map costs.

Corporate

Jeff is working on outstanding invoices. One sponsor may not renew for 2019 but will likely be replaced in short order with a new local business. He is also working to solidify current sponsors by Feb. 8/19. There will be 7 new ad spots; Bryan Fraser to add new spots on the billboard sign - and there are 9 businesses interested. There is a total of 30 spots now on signs, with 37 for 2019.

Rick noted that signposts need upgrading, and Deacon has to be moved - Jeff and Glenn to talk to Bryan. Is Mathew Cherry using new map? We haven't ordered new larger maps yet so this needs to be checked with Mathew before he goes ahead. Question was raised as to who absorbs the cost to replace signs, as we used to charge extra for printing of 4 signs. Mathew's charges would be re-invoiced to sponsors, whereas now he directly invoices new sponsors. Another question was raised around increasing the sponsors' annual advertising fee and whether to raise in 2019 or to wait one year - it was decided to wait one year.

c. Communications - Chris Hamilton

Website

Chris' website report shows YOY visits/visitors/etc. Links included are for the township, FOCA, Golden Lake Community Association, Shaw Woods, etc. He tries to keep this updated as much as possible.

If we need something posted, send a message to Chris. We just need to ensure we write the content, and Chris will then post.

Kate noted that in the fall we should be post: "Get your vote out"; FOCA has a big push on this. Kate also brought forward an idea for cottagers closing up to donate useable food to their local food banks.

Ron will send pictures from the Poker Run to Chris.

Last but not least: Our email list is close to 500 in size!

MOTION: To accept the committee reports as presented

MOVED: Chris Hamilton **SECONDED:** Rick O'Brien **CARRIED**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Boat Safety (Ron Rimmer for Bill Gardner)

We discussed complaints around personal watercraft again. FOCA has many PWC issues with many lakes. Deep River had a very serious accident.

There's a feeling that with new people (ie renters) on the lake there are more issues. One example is the lack of a spotter on the back of a PWC when towing a tube; many people do not seem to realize you still need a spotter. There are also more issues of people not paying heed to shoal markers and hazards on the lake. Glenn noted we can post signs at launches; it can only help.

AGM Feedback

Ron noted that the tentative date for next year's AGM will be Sat, July 6th.

Overall, there was good feedback for this year's meeting - informative and fast-paced! We need to start working now on a guest speaker for next year's AGM. One topic we could cover is boater safety. Corporate sponsors could set up a table at the AGM if they desire.

Poker Run post-mortem

Smaller issues arose to heed for next year: a lack of garbage cans, more shade needed due to extreme heat. Sands is getting two additional tents: one for food, one for the band. They are also getting more picnic tables. There were 161 participants - last year there was more than 190 as the biggest year ever, and 110-115 is the break-even point. The intention is to be non-profit, and money raised goes to local food banks. \$700 raised this year to go to each food bank in Eganville and Killaloe.

For next year we will need more packages at various businesses as some people didn't register when Pikwakanagan Fuels ran out.

Ron noted there were good communications between customers and Ron.

A big shout out to Katie, Jack and Bob - they sold extra card hands, food, etc.

The signs worked very well for the Run.

There were no complaints re: lineups for registration.

In regards to the meal tickets, there was a bit of confusion around kids' meal packages and who/how they were sold. Some tickets weren't redeemed.

Next year we need to remind dock stops to ensure that cards come in with names as some were missing this year. We do not need address & email, just name and phone number. Chris will think over the best way to simplify the form.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

August 25 at 4 pm.

Gwen, Carole and Kate are handling the meal this year. \$300 is not enough to feed 60-70 people; \$100 for 10 bottles of wine to be handed out as prize. Total budget will be no more than \$600.

Invite new canvassers to the 2018 dinner to welcome them!

Deacon Boat Launch Update

Glenn reports on the success of the Elvis fundraiser in Eganville, which raised \$1000 for the boat launch. Bruce Heron (Elvis) offered to do an additional Elvis show at the Sands, which was well received! He appreciated what GLPOA is doing so much that it appears he will return in 2019 with an Elvis show at the Rankin Rec Centre!

Bryan Fraser, a member of the AdHoc Committee and long-time sponsor of GLPOA, was instrumental in having the hemlock timbers donated by Hokums Mill. These timbers provide an erosion barrier that was creating an unsafe condition at the site. The dock is now in, and it is a vast improvement on what was there. By the end of December there will be a new platform built.

Chris asked about implications from the upcoming elections with timeframes and liability limits – several NAW candidates are running that are on board with the boat launch improvements and investments.

Natalie noted that Horton Township had a similar initiative for their boat launch repairs needed due to a landslide. They put up a donation box that helped to fund the new launch.

Insurance

Kate noted there were a few corrections on the policy regarding a rider for the map and some spelling corrections. She has a quick summary of the coverage available, and will be taking on the policy renewals from Rick - she will be the contact on GLPOA.

GLPOA Mandate

We are always asked about our mandate, and want to ensure our members understand that we are here to inform and communicate; we are a conduit for information. We ensure that canvasser kits have a good list of “What to Do” items as an FAQ.

GLPOA advocates for key issues. Remember to send Chris any FAQ items from your committees.

Interlake Meeting 2018

Lake Clear will be hosting this year’s meeting at the Eganville Legion on Sept 29 from 8:30 - Noon. Chris, Jeff and Glenn will be attending.

FOCA Fall Seminar

This will be on Oct 26 from 9-3:30 in Toronto - two GLPOA members can attend.

Natalie and Theresa expressed tentative interest in attending but need to firm up asap. Kate shared that last year's meeting was very informative, including a presentation done by a Trent student that was extremely well received.

Next Meeting:

Sept 22 at Elders Lodge Social: 9:30 Start: 10 am

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Time: 12 pm

MOVED: Kate O'Hara **SECONDED:** Glenn Bingham

CARRIED

Ron Rimmer, President

Theresa Rasp, Secretary

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board by resolution and signed by the President and Secretary.