

**GOLDEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION**

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**14th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**DATE:** Saturday June 30, 2018 - Killaloe Public School

**PRESENT:** President Ron Rimmer, Past President Don O'Reilly, Treasurer Rick O'Brien, Lake Steward Glenn Bingham, Director Chris Hamilton, Director Kate O'Hara, Director Sandy Nash, Director Bill Gardner, Director Natalie Corbin, Director Allison Wood, Secretary Theresa Rasp

**ABSENT:** Director Jeff Raisbeck

**CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 am**

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:**

Don O'Reilly welcomed everyone to the 14th GLPOA AGM, and noted guests Mayor Janice Visneskie Moore (KHR) and Mayor Deborah Farr (NAW) were in attendance. After the breakfast break an outline of the board and executive including new members and the various committees' work will be reviewed. Our strength is in our volunteers, and they are not taken for granted.

This year's AGM had \$1400 in door prizes, and our business partners are thanked for their generous support.

**PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Secretary Theresa Rasp moved for the 2017 AGM minutes to be approved

**MOTION:** To accept the AGM minutes of July 8, 2017

**MOVED:** Kate O'Hara                      **SECONDED:** Allison Wood                      **CARRIED**

Dave Lemkay then introduced the 2018 Board of Directors, and introduced two new board members: Natalie Corbin as incoming GLPOA director, and Theresa Rasp as Secretary (bios are attached).

At this time it was noted there was one vacancy for the Vice President position, and a nomination was received by email from Mary Beatty and John Beatty who moved for Kate O'Hara to fill this position.

**MOTION:** To nominate Kate O'Hara for Vice President, GLPOA

**MOVED:** John Beatty & Mary Beatty                      **SECONDED:** Allison Wood                      **CARRIED**

Dave was thanked by Ron and given a gift in appreciation for his assistance.

Don O'Reilly then officially turned over the meeting to Ron, incoming President.

Ron thanked the Mayors of KHR and NAW as well as the council head of Pikwakanagan. He noted there are 510 Property Associations in Ontario and in 2016 GLPOA received the FOCA Achievement Award. Our role is to provide guidance and to advocate on behalf of our property owners.

Door prizes were drawn:

Kasdorff Cottages:	Susan Hayes
Cottage Cup hoodie:	Dean Bergstresser
Holistic Hands Massage:	Dorothy Corbeil
GLPOA Backpack:	Peggy McGrath
Cash prize \$100 (Gail @Royal LePage):	Burk Hein
Pharmasave Gift bag:	Donna Roggie
Bonnechere Lodge 2 nights:	Carol Howard

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rick O'Brien presented the financial summary for 2017, which was a 9-month period (April to December) due to new fiscal year introduced for 2018.

April 1, 2017 balance:	\$12,652.54
Revenue:	\$17,359.86
Expenditures:	<u>\$17,202.57</u>
Balance, Dec 31:	\$12,809.83

Financial records were reviewed by Michael J. Afelskie; records and supporting documents are in very good order. Financial report attached.

**MOTION:** to accept the 2017 Financial Statements

**MOVED:** Dorothy Corbeil

**SECONDED:** Cairine Cybulski

**CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **1. Memberships - Kate O'Hara**

#### **Residents' Membership Status:**

Kate noted that GLPOA membership committee survived the most challenging year in 2017 due to the flooding and related setbacks from property owners. In 2017 there were 416 paid members, down slightly from previous years due primarily to the flood. There was a significant decrease in canvassers, and the winter of 2017/18 saw work done to firm up the roster of canvassers for 2018. GLPOA is fortunate to retain a solid core of canvassers! The prepaid/credit card option is proving very popular.

There are 12 zones, and now Tramore Road is Zone 10 on its own due to its size. We have split zones into smaller sections to lighten the load for our canvassers.

There is excellent value for a member's \$20 annual fee:

- Water testing
- Shoal markers
- Water level monitoring
- Fisheries monitoring
- Member of FOCA
- Information through GLPOA website and newsletters
- AGM, a combination of business and social
- Smelt Fry & Poker Run, our most popular events (over 200 people served!)

There are also intangibles: generations to come that have had a history of GLPOA contributions, fellowship with others to attain common goals. For members, we ask you to consider volunteering: Free will to give freely!

#### **Corporate Memberships:**

Jeff Raisbeck reported on corporate sponsorships, which have grown rapidly and are expanding annually. In the membership report created by Kate and Chris, sponsors (and all) can see where people are going on our site, which Chris has put much work into making it extremely user-friendly and full of great information relating to our corporate sponsors. A shout-out to Livia Vodenicar, who owns Pharmasave and came on board as a new member, donating a prize for the AGM door prize draws as well.

## **2. Lake Stewardship - Glenn Bingham**

Ron turned to Glenn to update on all of the Lake Stewardship areas of responsibility. Glenn began by acknowledging how much support he receives as Lake Steward.

#### **Shoal Markers**

For shoal marking there has been 18 volunteers, some going back to Day 1. A key goal is to build improved communications and consistent marking for safety for the shoal marker process through accurate documentation. Jeff Scharf is managing the shoal markers in conjunction with Eric Weckworth.

#### **Water Quality:**

Special thanks to Heather Bingham, who has been helping Glenn with these tasks. We're here to ensure the data is as good as it can be -- better processes going forward are being achieved. Measuring water quality requires testing in various locations especially when conditions are not consistent around the lake; timing and wind conditions affect testing (more than 10 km winds prevents testing). Chris Hamilton has been able to document information learned from the challenges, and we now have data on 6 test sites vs 3 test sites in the past.

#### **Fish Committee:**

Glenn and Jay Foran co-chair this committee, with Dale Benoit-Zohr acting as recording secretary. We're proud of what we've accomplished in the last three

years. In 2016, the first-ever Smelt Fry generated 108 visitors, in 2017 this grew to 150 and in 2018 there was a total of 217 tickets sold!

### **Boating Safety:**

Bill Gardner heads this up and has done so forever! Boating safety - Bill Gardner remains as chair and the Shoal marking map is directly linked to boating safety . Updating our lake map complete with shoal marketings was very much a collaborative effort with Glenn getting input from Jay Foran, Ron Rimmer, Rick O'Brien, Don O'Reilly and Natalie Corbin.

### **Water Levels:**

Glenn is the interim chair for now. Water levels affect when buoys can be placed, basic recreation, and contact with Renfrew Power Generation. 2017 saw a record high, and now the lake levels are getting too low. In regards to log action, RPG is not obligated to tell us when log action is to occur but a good relationship built between GLPOA and RPG has helped communication in this regard.

We will be posting a water level gauge on our website over the coming year. This will mirror the Ministry's site gauge.

On July 16 several volunteers will help paint the washroom at the Deacon Boat launch as our part in keeping our lake beautiful for everyone to enjoy.

At this time Ron Rimmer gave a shout out to spouses of committee members for their help, understanding and patience: Tony Rasp, Heather Bingham, Gwen O'Reilly, Carole Hamilton and the entire Hamilton clan, Jack McGillis, Marion O'Brien, Jeff Scharf and Corinne Rimmer.

## **c. Communications - Allison Wood**

Ali spoke to her family history at Golden Lake on Hawkins Drive now with her husband and two daughters for 6 years, but she's spent over 30 years at the lake beginning with Red Pine Camp. It's magic for her and her family because of the people. This is the importance of direct human connection instead of electronics and social media

GLPOA helps us stay connected with:

1. **AGM:** highlights the work ever year; Q&A for any of us to answer; fabulous guest speakers; great prizes from corporate sponsors
2. **Newsletter:** two per year helping everyone stay connected in the winter, with the big one in the spring. All kinds of info going on is highlighted, along with volunteer work (foundation of GLPOA).
3. **Website:** Remember that the url is [www.goldenlake.co](http://www.goldenlake.co). Chris Hamilton has put much work into the website to keep it current and easy to use
4. **Facebook:** fastest growing means of communication; we have 424 members and it's member to member

5. **Email:** more formal communication to members from Chris and Kate
6. **Canvassing:** a big thank you!! The \$20 fee covers the lake stewardship, membership, communication, and all of the other committee work
7. **Events:** Smelt Harvest mid-April, Smelt Fry mid-June, Poker Run August 4, volunteer dinner August 25
8. **Working Committees:** Fisheries/Communication/Membership – learn so much by joining a committee. Be a part of it - it doesn't take a lot of time. Thank you for supporting GLPOA!

Ron called for a motion to accept committee reports.

**MOVED:** Don Bishop

**SECONDED:** Cairine Cybulski

**CARRIED**

### **Guest Speaker Gerald Tracey: The Importance of Volunteering**

Ron introduced the AGM guest speaker Gerald Tracey, publisher of the Eganville Leader in its 117th year. Gerald has been volunteering in our community from his early 20's onward, working on projects like the Eganville Centennial committee & building of Centennial Park, has served on the board of McKay Manor Alcohol Recovery Home in Renfrew, currently President of the Eganville Longterm Care Corporation, and has chaired many fundraising committees, and is a member of the Eganville and Area Community Development Group and is currently heading the campaign to raise \$100,000 for a children's splash pad in Eganville. He has been long been a supporter of GLPOA as an original founder, a canvasser and overall great supporter. He is the recipient of the Lifetime Business Achievement Award by the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce along with his brother Ron.

Gerald noted that he began volunteering in his early 20's for the impact on his community, area and its people. Volunteering can be fun, frustrating and stressful. There is often a cost associated with volunteering - the investment is paid back tenfold.

Volunteers are our greatest assets. Leave behind a lasting legacy. To all volunteers: Thank You!

Ron thanked Gerald for speaking about the benefits of volunteering and presented him with a gift in appreciation from GLPOA.

### **Poker Run:**

Ron Rimmer noted that the 2017 Poker Run had record participation, and gave some background on this event. Howard Bernard is one of the original founders of the Golden Lake Poker Run. When Weldon passed away an ad hoc committee was formed to keep the poker run moving forward. Kevin O'Connor visited Ron to go on the GLPOA committee as director...and it's been so rewarding 10 years later! Last year there were 200 entries and over \$2500 prizes; 7 dock stops - our thanks to them as it is a lot of work...but also lots of fun! Cost is still \$25 per person. Thanks

to sponsors and great volunteers: Co-Chair Ron & Sandy Nash, Don, Jan, the Hamilton family, Clare Addison, Kate and Boyde Vincent.

**President's Recognition:**

Ron thanked Don O'Reilly for his hard work as GLPOA president over the past two years. As a token of appreciation, Don was given a picture of a Golden Lake sunset and a gift card for dinner at The Sands.

**Remaining Door Prizes:**

Greystone Manor:	John Beatty
Pikwakanagan Fuels Seadoo for 2:	Scott Sheedy
Sands Spa gift card:	Dale Benoit-Zohr
Sands Overnight Stay:	John Vaillant
McMillans Stay & 3 Meals:	Mildred Hamilton
Chinese Restaurant gift card:	Allison Wood

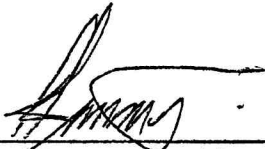
**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting

**Time:** 11:50

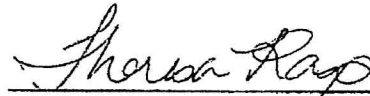
**MOVED:** Cairine Cybulski

**SECONDED:** Dave Lemkay

**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.*

*Attachments - 1 financial report, New Executive members' bios*