

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Saturday, April 27, 2019 **Elder's Lodge, Pikwakanagan**

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

ABSENT: Director Allison Wood

GUEST: Dave Clark

CALL TO ORDER at 10:00 am

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

Ron welcomed everyone to today's meeting, including guest Dave Clark.

Previous Minutes approval:

MOTION: To accept the minutes of September 22, 2018

MOVED: Sandy Nash **SECONDED:** Jeff Raisbeck **CARRIED**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rick tabled the Financial Report for 2018, which was reviewed by Michael Afelskie and was found in very good order. GLPOA has \$16,586.83 carried forward to the 2019 operating year.

MOTION: To accept the financial statement for 2018

MOVED: Kate O'Hara **SECONDED:** Chris Hamilton **CARRIED**

Rick presented the Treasurer's Report denoting expenditures and deposits from January 1, 2019 to April 27, 2019. Deposits include memberships and signage revenue, while disbursements include 2019 insurance. Total balance to date is \$18,413.18 with a minimum of \$650 to come in memberships and sponsorship revenue. E-transfer payments are down, but credit card payments have increased.

MOTION: To accept the 2019 Treasurer's Report for 2019

MOVED: Sandy Nash **SECONDED:** Natalie Corbin **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Stewardship - Glenn Bingham

Glenn attended Renfrew County Stewardship Forum. The purpose of the forum was to explore interest in the formation of a Renfrew County organization/group to action freshwater and related watershed issues in the County. The Forum would like to see the GLPOA represented if such an organization/group were to be formed. Glenn asked the board if they were willing to provide a GLPOA representative.

MOTION: To have representation at the Renfrew County Stewardship forum

MOVED: Theresa Rasp **SECONDED:** Bill Gardner **CARRIED**

Water Levels:

Glenn attended SAC meeting and GLPOA received kudos for actions taken, ie for accurate communication to members. Golden Lake has a larger surface area compared to Round Lake and therefore has the potential of being more adversely impacted by precipitation, and it has a larger watershed of 27 tributaries feeding our lake. Glenn thanked everyone for doing a great job on water levels contributions.

Shoal Marking:

Glenn contacted Jeff Scharf, with his strong communications skills, to write info for the Spring newsletter; he is managing everything capably to date. We have 38 marker buoys in reserve. Jeff is requesting a \$500 budget for chains and fuel for the barge.

Water Testing:

Andy Trafford and Tammy Joudrey are coming on board to test water quality as backups and are training with Glenn and Heather. Max Hammer is also assisting with the Lake Steward-in-Training Partner program. Caduceon Labs has quoted \$1300 for water testing this year.

Fish Committee:

Seven more people have been trained in harvest practices although they are not involved in the Fish Committee. Emphasis is always placed on personal safety, respect to personal property and abiding by MNRF rules and regulations. The interest in smelt harvesting continues to increase from many local and distant communities. Communication is now shared with as many as 65 people other than our Fish Committee members.

Our Fish Committee continues to have a close working relationship with the MNRF. We will be promoting Catch and Release and will be pursuing other

interests to increase the Walleye population in our lake. There is a desire to share more with Algonquin FN as there are issues that come up that would be beneficial for them to know.

Ron cited the excellent job being done by Glenn and the Fish Committee members.

a) Memberships - Kate O'Hara

We finished with 465 paid members - well up from 2017! We paid FOCA for 450 members, up from 415 the year prior. We started 2019 with 44 early payments. Graham Ayers (new owner of Bonnechere Lodge) takes on the winning 3-year membership from the previous owners. We will draw the winner on April 30 and announce at the AGM and on our website.

There are 32 confirmed canvassers. Kelly Bentley, Robyn Richards, Kelly O'Grady, Candace Raynard (zone 8), Stephanie Lane and Gary Cooper are now on board.

Chris and Kate met to review spreadsheets; grab bags were paid out of 2018 budget. Membership grab bags include: Spring newsletter, new maps, two new FOCA insert and septic cards for new owners. Canvasser kits have property owner lists with payment info, tally sheets, membership cards, map and talking points for membership. Receipt requests to go through Chris or Kate (there are minimal requests annually).

There will be a printing expense from the Leader of approximately \$150. 1000 membership cards are good for two years.

Meeting to put together canvassing folders TBC. The Sands is booked for May 11 at 10 am for canvassers to pick up kits.

Ron congratulated Kate and Chris for a wonderful job!

b) Corporate Sponsorships - Jeff Raisbeck

Jeff reported that we are up to 44 sponsors from 30 last year. Matthew Cherry is putting in a beautiful picture of Golden Lake in the middle of the sponsors map (a high res picture required;) the shoal marking map will go on top of the sponsors sign, made more user friendly with an alpha/numeric legend and highlighted user disclaimer.

23 sponsors have paid so we're over half way there. Bryan Fraser is on board to mount the signs but due to flooding it will be based on when this can happen. GLPOA will absorb cost of maps for previous sponsors (\$650 per sponsor)+ \$420 for actual aluminum boards; total = \$2938. Bryan's cost is \$600 but he is donating his labor for this. \$300 for solar to come.

Sponsorship Revenue: 30 x \$160 = \$4800 in 2018; 44 x \$160 = \$7040 in 2019

This year we will be up \$3302 due to increased sponsors!

Ron: Once again kudos go out, this time to Jeff for a great job!

c) Communications - Chris Hamilton

Newsletter: Doing well with newsletter; Ali indicates that she has everything she needs (stories, logos). Chris has proofread and Ali will now send to Beth for setup, then it will go to printing for May 11th kits. Thanks to all for contributions.

Website: very active right now! Big jump in page views: Average pages per day = 74; pages per visit = 3 pages; 488 unique visitors. Busiest single day was April 23rd. Busiest pages are water level management and comparisons, flood notices. New gauge was added in and is easy to maintain, with links to more details – great feedback from visitors.

Ron asked Glenn if Cairine Cybulski was able to communicate to RPG how complicated the charts are – it has been brought up.

Ron's been providing charts showing rate of rise; he takes off the first week off the chart to add in new info. Sponsorship directory will be reviewed today and implemented with the 44 sponsors.

Facebook: Ron posts almost every day; there are over 500 members. Positive feedback; Ron refers to our website, which works very well. A stranger came up to Ron during sandbagging and commented how good the website and Facebook pages are!

Boating safety:

Bill Gardner: nothing to report

MOTION: to accept committee reports

MOVED: Kate O'Hara **SECONDED:** Don O'Reilly **CARRIED**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Insurance:

GLPOA Insurance renewal - Kate is the point of contact with our broker. There is no increase in the premium for this year. We are covered anywhere we operate. Board of Directors have accident coverage for injury and volunteers acting under the direction of Committee chairs are now covered as well. Rick has paid up our 2019 premiums.

Smelt Fry:

Glenn held a meeting in November to assign tasks. Everything is on track for 2019 smelt fry; Craig Purcell, Amanda Welk and Jennifer Rasp have contributed again to this year's event.

AGM July 6, 2019:

Killaloe Public School is booked; Kate has task list done. We need to

offer some help for AGM prizing - Kate and Jeff will take this on. Guest speaker is not confirmed as of yet.

Committee reports are to be emailed to Ron by June 21st (any PowerPoint presentations including Lake Steward, Membership, Corporate Sponsorship and Communications). Ron has asked for anything else new for the AGM agenda to be sent to him.

Poker Run:

Sandy and Carole Hamilton are managing the event for 2019, with Carole chairing the event this year. Meeting to be called after May long weekend. The experience from the past 11 years has built this into a great event with lots of learnings to draw from. The registration program that Chris developed has really helped take out the stress from these duties.

Julie Davis:

Julie, a cottage resident on Beatty's Island, was one of the badly injured victims of the OCTranspo bus crash in January. Glenn confirmed GLPOA's intention to run a blood donor clinic in Julie's name for this spring, date TBC; suggested we could perhaps piggyback on the Eganville Legion clinic scheduled for June 7; Glenn will contact Canadian Blood Services and advise.

Standing Advisory Committee (SAC/MNRF) and Deacon Boat Launch:

3 townships to deal with yet no voice on SAC - but Glenn has been kept on by RPG for GLPOA. Glenn is no longer SAC representative for NAW (now James Brose). Glenn did receive an invitation to - and attended - the last SAC meeting. Glenn noted MNRF took GLPOA off of their freshet conference calls. They only want political entities on these calls due to erroneous 2017 flood being spread (this was not from GLPOA; Ron has tried to correct this). GLPOA is no longer supporting or being affiliated with Deacon Boat Launch ad hoc committee as it was deemed the project is a Township initiative. (Glenn was chairperson; Heather Bingham, Chris & Carole Hamilton, and Debra Farr had helped with painting of boat launch restroom building.) NAW Council has restructured the format of their committees.

Next Meeting:

June 1, 2019 Elder's Lodge

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Time: 11:35

MOVED: Sandy Nash

SECONDED: Jeff Raisbeck

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.