

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Saturday, June 1, 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, Bill Gardner, Secretary Theresa Rasp

**ABSENT:** Directors Allison Wood, Natalie Corbin

**GUEST:** Dave Clark

**CALL TO ORDER at 9:30 am**

### **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:**

Ron welcomed everyone to today's meeting; thanks to Sandy and Kate for arranging, and to Glenn and Chris for the flood mapping. Ron has done 66 days of reporting on water levels for our members; we are currently 35 cm above the upper limit and it's heading down. Thanks to Glenn for attending all meetings for the stakeholders.

Previous Minutes approval requested by Theresa.

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of April 27, 2019

**MOVED:** Kate O'Hara      **SECONDED:** Sandy Nash      **CARRIED**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rick reports 3 deposits for signs, memberships; there were 6 e-transfers since last week's meeting. Disbursements, checking account, newsletter typeset and office supplies; sponsorships are noted. Jeff had costs for mailings, Nature of Design sign fabrication, and there was Eganville Leader membership printing.

**MOTION:** accept the financial statement

**MOVED:** Sandy Nash      **SECONDED:** Bill Gardner      **CARRIED**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### **Lake Stewardship - Glenn Bingham**

**Lake Stewardship** - it is reasonable to expect all tasks required to be performed on the water this year to be delayed due to water levels and strong currents .

**Water Levels** - Ron and Glenn attended all stakeholder meetings and were successful in presenting data that was strong enough to prevent log action at the Tramore dam, using the data from RPG. There was open communication from all stakeholders and recognition that water levels must be maintained as a system. Doug Buckwald, in the position of Bonnechere Valley CEMC, was key in forwarding accurate timely information from the MNRF teleconferences. Data collected was on hand; it took 12 years to get the study - the conclusion was that further studies are required. Dave asked about Level of Occupancy operating parameters; they must report if levels are above or below the level of occupancy but there is no penalty if this occurs (RPG is supposed to be accountable). Due to the established level of occupancy at Round Lake vs Golden Lake, Round Lake has fewer occasions where they rise about their LOO Vs our lake.

Glenn used his own handmade gauge: 2017 red / green 2019 / 2008 was considered a crisis. Nov 27 - all the logs are still out; it's 7 months but there is no dam there. That allows more logs to be put in to create a reservoir in times of draught. Clearly not all dams are designed in the same fashion. Renfrew Power Generation has 3 spillways = Golden Lake has one with a natural restriction so we take impact because of this. There are 7 water gateways for Golden Lake to Castelford.....this is not being controlled at the source.

Coast Guard Emergency Services has been on the lake twice with their Zodiacs; they were here to release the drones (mainly at the river, Great Heron and Harrington Road), taking great aerial footage.

Water level is measured in one spot - at the bridge. Glenn has been trying to get readings around the lake (N,E,S & W regions) as the wind has a large effect on the flooding; Readings are done physically and electronically - they seem to recognize this now and appear to be measuring daily.

Glenn will be participating in next SAC meeting, going to each dam site in July or August to get better appreciation for issues for all areas. Doug Buckwald (Bonnechere Valley CEMC) has been extremely active in providing timely, accurate information. In turn, Glenn and Ron have been sharing all of their data collected. Our members have expressed much appreciation for the communication provided.

**Shoal Marking** - once all buoys are declared in place. Jeff Scharff and Glenn will verify placement accuracy to the latest revision of our map as well as GLPOA identification and physical quality of the buoy.

**Water testing** - Max Hammer has the Lake Partner kit and instruction literature and is anxious to engage in this worthwhile activity. Glenn will be taking Max out in two weeks. Tammy and Andy are equally enthusiastic about their training in water quality sampling and Glenn will be going out with them shortly. Jay Foran is going to try to get all of his buoys in by June 15th. Jeff is leaving July 24th so Glenn will go out with him beforehand to denote all buoys. Heather and Glenn are very confident that we have chosen the appropriate people to learn these tasks.

The next water test is likely right after the Smelt Fry. Many people ask about water quality; there is nothing alarming in the past testing but anyone that thinks there may be issues/abnormalities with their water should have their own testing done. The Island View Drive boat launch and Bonnechere Lodge has been requested as another spot to have water testing done.

Can we get results from these tests? This is to be looked into as they haven't been provided in the past.

**Fish Committee** - Smelt harvesting this year was actually cancelled prematurely in the interest of personal safety with such high water levels. The Committee members met at The Sands to discuss the harvest results and future initiatives being considered to meet the mandate of improving fishing success on the lake and river. There are still an abundance of smelts in the lake. The limit for smelts has changed - you cannot take them to use as fertilizer but now are not considered an invasive species so you can only use as much as you can harvest. The good - and bad - news was that only one night was needed to harvest enough for the smelt fry.

**a) Memberships - Kate O'Hara**

Chris has provided 63 memberships to date; another 10-15 just came in the last few days. Kate & Jack, the Hamiltons and the Rimmers assembled kits on May 21, and met with canvassers on May 25. 17 canvassers showed up for what turned out to be a very good, lively meeting: lots of discussion and sharing of experiences for the new group to learn from. Glenna Cooke is no longer canvassing - Kate will pick up this route. Theresa will pick up Boyle Lane with help from Bill Gardner. After the May 25 meeting Kate sent out a note to all canvassers highlighting all of the activities that GLPOA has done through the flooding, touching on points that Ron had made previously. Once the levels are below/at the license of occupation, we can post some info on our site about what has been done by our association.

Chris sent out a great note to all the members about what's been happening and people have responded in a positive way and a number have paid their memberships online as a result. The new owners of Lake Point Cottage

Resort, Sarah and Chad Wilton, have been contacted by Ron. One member commented on members' bags being single-use plastic bags - Kate pointed out they are biodegradable. Kate sent out a note to canvassers towards the end of June about the AGM, and Chris will send out an email as well and hopefully all the canvassers will attend and can turn in their funds.

Winning membership draw: Bill & Dorothy Gardner

#### **b) Corporate Sponsorships - Jeff Raisbeck**

Out of 44 sponsors, 34 have paid. Bryan wants to get the signs up and just waiting on the ground to firm up. Jeff is also looking to sponsors to provide prizing for the AGM.

NAW should be contacted by GLPOA about wheelchair accessibility for the Deacon Boat launch.

Bryan is going to do a single post for the signs, and at Deacon it will be visible from both sides; we can promote boat safety and GLPOA events. Bill will be getting the signs for boating safety for the sites aside from Deacon.

#### **c) Communications - Chris Hamilton**

##### **Newsletter:**

Ali has done plenty of news gathering before she was tied up with flooding issues. It will be part of membership kits and will be posted to our website shortly. The newsletter is getting great feedback from members! Chris thanked everyone for contributions; he took over from Ali to finish up. The Leader printed the newsletter for us. There will be a summer email newsletter as well in early July. Chris will send out an AGM reminder to everyone at least one week prior.

##### **Website:**

Chris presented current stats for past 30 days - over 4700 page hits, and every stat is almost double vs the previous 30 days. Ron's water level charts (17.9%) are only second to the home page (37.5%) for visits, showing the importance of these stats to property owners. The top 7-8 stats encompass issues around flooding, then fishing and the Smelt Fry. Numerous positive comments have been voiced about the timely info posted by Ron.

##### **Facebook:**

There are now 639 members; when Ali first began our FB page we had 40 members. The Facebook page picked up 120 new members during the flood.

Rollup banners: we can get them from Vistaprint for \$165 (33" wide x 81" high) and there is a current 25% discount. Ron asked if Chris will go forward with this. They can be used for AGM, Smelt Fry, Poker Run, Volunteer dinner....any events can use this signage. We are all in agreement to purchase two of them. Chris to put together a sample graphic to show the executive.

**MOTION:** To accept committee reports  
**MOVED:** Kate O'Hara     **SECONDED:** Don O'Reilly     **CARRIED**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Smelt Fry:**

The Smelt Fry is on track for June 15th and as usual Glenn will hold tickets for GLPOA members so contact him through email. There will be a power outage the same day from 8 am - 2 pm for parts of the lake, notably including the Sands. Glenn has a generator to use for power needs, and there will be water brought in for cooking and washrooms usage.

**AGM July 6, 2019:**

Killaloe Public School is booked; Setup will be Friday July 5 from 1-3. Tables to be confirmed for setup. Refreshments to be arranged by Jeff with The Cottage Cup. Notices sent to Gazette and Leader to post 30 days out from AGM. Constable Szczygiel to speak on boating safety; Kate is calling him. Kate to also speak to Dave Lemkay to present nomination information; Committee reports to be sent to Ron by June 21 at the latest. Six prizes is the goal for the AGM this year to keep things moving forward (we had 13 last year); Jeff is taking charge of the prizes. Chris is presenting the Communications portion of the meeting so Dave will assist in running the projector.

**Poker Run:**

Ron, Chris, Don and Carole met about this year's poker run to assist Carole who is taking over from Sandy this year. Ron contacted Moose FM to do a remote of the event. They are also doing the Smelt Fry. There should be music at the event as a result. We are looking for new members for the Poker Run committee to help with prep and prizing as we've lost a few people - Theresa and Dave will help out this year. We have a master list of prizes from last year to help out for this year. Jeff will work on the prizing; it will help having Jeff doing both the Poker Run and AGM with his relationships with corporate sponsors, and a master list is being circulated as we speak to have anyone sign up to request prizes from area businesses that donated in 2018.

Next Poker Run meeting: Sunday, June 8 at 10 am (Elders Lodge)

**Volunteer Dinner:**

Carole and Gwen O'Reilly have taken the lead on the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

**Other Business:**

Some of the current boating and water safety signs need to be replaced (two per sign). Bill will take the lead on this.

Kate to follow up on the insurance quote for the privacy breach. Rider Three is straightened out and everything is clarified on the intent of the maps and all technical corrections on North Algona Township.

Glenn followed up with Red Cross re: Blood Donor Clinic for Geoff and Julie Davis on August 30th; they are making up the posters and Julie is writing something for this.

Jeff and Glenn had an email from the president of the Lake Dore Property Owners Association for suggestions on best practices for their membership. Lake Clear requested a copy of our water quality procedure; Ron advised that is good to share. GLPOA is considered the gold standard of lake associations in the area based on comments in the past few years, proving we're doing something right when other associations come to us (our Poker Run and Smelt Fry are popular events that other associations come to observe for possible future events for their areas).

**Next Meeting:**

August 10, 2019      Elder's Lodge

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting      **Time: 10:40 am**  
**MOVED:** Kate O'Hara      **SECONDED:** Glenn Bingham      **CARRIED**

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Ron Rimmer, President

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Theresa Rasp, Secretary

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