

GOLDEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 8, 2021

Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: President Kate O'Hara, Vice President Dave Clark, Lake Steward Natalie Corbin, Directors Chris Hamilton, Don O'Reilly, Sandy Nash, Jeff Raisbeck, Secretary Theresa Rasp

ABSENT: Past President Ron Rimmer, Treasurer Livia Vodenicar, Directors Sylvia Hillier, Alison Wood, Rick O'Brien

CALL TO ORDER at 7 pm

Kate welcomed everyone to this special board of directors meeting to address Hydro's rate change policy/implementation, and the request of a property owner on Golden Lyn Way sent in an email to GLPOA. Their email outlines their disagreement with the rate change policy and steps they would like GLPOA to take with respect to the impact of this rate increase to seasonal dwellers.

GLPOA is not taking sides in this issue.

Dave: The decision has been made last year; the hearing is about how the seasonal rate change will be implemented. Hydro will influence most of this. We have both residential and seasonal dwellers; residential dwellers have been supplementing costs for seasonal for a long time, and the energy board is trying to equalize this. GLPOA's stance is to educate members on what is going on and to communicate to everyone how to make their thoughts known - for or against. GLPOA will not become intervenors at any hearings. (See GLPOA's communication sent to all association members.)

Jeff: Searched across Ontario property associations to see what is being done; as with our position on this, it appears that no other associations are taking a stance but rather they are communicating information to their members.

Dave: At the FOCA 2021AGM (Kate and Dave attended the video meeting), FOCA confirmed they will be at the hearing (date and time TBC) as an intervenor; they represent all Ontario associations and swing a much bigger hammer than any individual association. FOCA's position on this is the rate increase decision has been made by the OEB, so how should the seasonal rate increase best be implemented

so it's not such a huge impact on day one. That's what they will be looking to the OEB to take into account.

Chris: there is a deadline of March 15th for anyone to submit a request to be an intervenor at the subsequent meeting. One can submit letters at any point up to the hearing date.

Kate: GLPOA is encouraging interested members to write to John Yakabuski, MPP, who is very well known to carry our voice in government. His contact information is included in the GLPOA's communication sent to all association members.

Kate asked if all board members are on board that this is GLPOA's position and it was unanimous that we continue to facilitate communications by email blast to members, on our website and on our Facebook page.

Additional items:

Bonnechere Valley Township amendment for RV issue: this would be most pertinent for those on the south side of the lake. Part 2 of the township meeting is scheduled for **March 19th, 10 am**. The public can attend the meeting over Zoom. The initial Feb 16th meeting had to be extended to a second meeting due to so many letters submitted on this issue. The vote so far is split 50/50 on whether up to four RVs per property will be allowed to be used for seasonal accommodation. This originally was spearheaded from the Lake Clear Property Owners Land Use Committee, but the issue is now a township-wide by-law amendment.

GLPOA Member benefits: is there an opportunity for GLPOA corporate sponsors to provide member benefits to help with membership sales? We will give this more thought in advance of our first spring board meeting where we will share ideas.

Summer event ideas were discussed in adapting to COVID-19 protocols - no poker run due to contact issues but ideas around an acceptable social-distancing lake event will be brought forward at next board meeting.

Canvassing protocols will also be reviewed as there will be no in-person canvassing. Discussion to be held at next board meeting.

Spring Newsletter: deadline for content submissions is April 15th

GLPOA Spring Meeting date: April 17th via Zoom (time TBC)

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Kate O'Hara, President

Theresa Rasp, Secretary

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

