

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**DATE:** Saturday June 5, 2021

**Zoom Meeting**

**PRESENT:** President Kate O'Hara, Vice President Dave Clark, Treasurer Livia Vodenicar, Past President Ron Rimmer, Lake Steward Natalie Corbin, Directors Chris Hamilton, Sandy Nash, Rick O'Brien, Don O'Reilly, Jeff Raisbeck, Alison Wood, Sylvia Hillier, Secretary Theresa Rasp

### **CALL TO ORDER at 10:01 am**

Kate welcomed everyone, with a very warm welcome back to Sylvia!

Theresa requested approval of the April 17 minutes.

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of April 17, 2021 as recorded

**MOVED:** Jeff Raisbeck **SECONDED:** Chris Hamilton

**CARRIED**

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

We began the year with the Savings account balance of \$6556.24; of that savings balance, \$5975.77 belongs to the Fish Committee. The transfer of funds from savings to chequing was finalized, and \$585.89 is left in savings, and the fish committee will receive a small amount of interest earned as a contribution to their efforts.

Chequing began the year with a balance of \$8732.73 and each month we've had e-transfers, membership payments, cheques & cash, and an outlay for our insurance, winter & spring newsletters, fish committee expenses, and zoom fees plus the \$3000 given to KHR as our support for the BRWMP amendment (Kate delivering next week).

The final chequing account balance is \$14,516.55.

**MOTION:** To accept the Treasurers' Report

**MOVED:** Chris Hamilton **SECONDED:** Natalie Corbin

**CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Memberships | Kate O'Hara**

There are now approximately 140 memberships paid to date. The early bird draw winner was Bruce Mitchell from Mundt's Bay Lane. Kate has made up welcome letters and 50 new-member packages, and is beginning to email past members across various zones. However we often don't have email addresses even for past members, so she appreciates any help if anyone knows of new people on the lake you can approach, given how much movement there has been with properties recently.

Contact Kate for packages; Ron has maps available.

Kate is getting 250 newsletters printed up for those that prefer a hard copy, with a copy going to every corporate sponsor.

Payment method: 50 by credit card, 70 by e-transfer, 13 by email/cash, plus 4 corporate sponsors.

Livia is setting up a UPC code for anyone wanting to pay their membership at her Pharmasave location. It saves time and postage.

### **Corporate Sponsorships | Jeff Raisbeck**

There are 3 remaining sponsors to pay their sponsorship and our Spotlight on Sponsors is now running (with a bit of poking). So far we have at least 3 sponsors per month written up in our newsletter.

### **Communications | Chris Hamilton, Alison Woods**

The monthly e-newsletter always prompts some thankful emails from members. Lots of good info for everyone around the lake. Chris is also ensuring corporate sponsors receive our monthly e-newsletter so they see their exposure. Chris has created a shared folder on our Google account called "GLPOA to share", and all shared documentation is posted there. Initially he wanted to share the password with all of us, but Google doesn't like this — so Chris is doing a general share to the folder (may come as an email saying there is a shared folder available, which you have to check off).

Ali replied that all is good with our Facebook page. She'll post periodically about how to pay your membership to capture new people and their emails. Kate will send Ali the notice for the AGM to post this week, giving 30 days notice. FOCA had a good summary/update of their benefits, which would be beneficial to people to go right to the links for answers on various issues. Ad for AGM notice is ordered with the Leader; will be published in 9 July 2021 issue.

## Lake Steward | Natalie Corbin

### Shoal Marking

All the buoys are out. There was a report of a buoy placement on the Bonnechere River that had to be viewed to see if it's okay (it was).

### Fish Committee

The group was delighted to have Sylvia back! She was on a FOCA webinar on endangered species. There were a few interesting practical things to do that would help with invasive species (ie don't bring firewood from home, don't buy bait in Ottawa and bring and use in our lake, etc). There is a good handout about checking and cleaning your boat and accessories: ie propellor, bilge pump, anchor. The focus was on moving your boat same day to a lake. Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba can pull you over and check your boat - if they find anything on your boat you'll be fined \$350. There is a tremendous economical invasive species impact: Zebra Mussels are responsible for \$4.4M of damage.

All is being shared with the Fish Committee, and some key slides will be part of the next newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Lake Clear now has Zebra Mussels; they were all clear of invasive species right up until now. They would like to set up a washing station for their boat launch; too costly for us with four boat launches plus many people launch at private properties.

Plastic mail boxes with flip lids have been purchased and creel surveys are done and will be blasting through Facebook, our website and in our newsletter - asking people to fill out creel surveys on fish caught: type, where, size, red flags, etc as we're planning on working with MNR this fall to establish any fish issues.

Jay and Natalie will be putting up boxes shortly at the boat launches, and Chris has posted the survey on our website. Thanks to Chris for getting the survey created.

### Water Levels

Normal to a bit low, due to lack of rain. Buoys on the lake show levels are normal.

Water testing is being done with Tammy and Andy, who are taking on Tranquility Bay going forward.

**MOTION:** To accept all Committee Reports

**MOVED:** Dave Clark

**SECONDED:** Sylvia Hillier

**CARRIED**

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **Hydro One**

No news on the status of rate changes. Here is what FOCA has shared:

"Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has still not announced any decision about how and when to proceed with the elimination of seasonal rate class for Hydro One customers. OEB is currently reviewing Hydro One's written response to ratepayer questions and concerns. It is expected OEB will make decisions about next steps in weeks ahead, and FOCA will advise members accordingly. Details and updates are posted by FOCA at [https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing.](https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing)"

### **Bursary Request**

Instead of looking at contributing or setting up a bursary in response to request from area high school, which would be difficult with four different school boards, there was discussion of recognizing young student volunteers as Junior Lake Stewards. Natalie noted great young volunteers help now for no recognition but overall it can be hard to attract volunteers and participation. Award could recognize a student that: contributed to the health of the lake; going over and above and maintaining the lake; working on environmental issues, etc. The student would have to apply. Dave will work on setting out criteria; this may be discussed at AGM.

### **Bonnechere Valley Amendment**

Dave updated the board: the BV Council temporarily approved allowing up to four RVs per property until the official plan comes later this year. Lake Clear Association is launching legal action. They had looked at the legal avenue to get trailers banned completely a few years ago, and are now updating this to address the new zoning bylaw. We were asked for funds; informed our members in BV Township with respect to Lake Clear legal action, and urged them to educate themselves on this. We are not taking a stance on this. Submissions to the township were 46% for and 54% against, thus somewhat evenly split. A legal appeal is estimated to cost \$70,000. We haven't heard anything back from the notice that was sent out.

### **Board Changes**

Don O'Reilly, Rick O'Brien and Jeff Raisbeck are all stepping away from the board; more about their contributions and our appreciation for what they've done to follow at the AGM.

Theresa will step into Corporate Sponsorships, taking over from Jeff.

Jeff has been busy recruiting before he steps down — many thanks to Jeff!

Janet Cottreau from Red Pine Camp has agreed to come on the board, and Tara Wallace from Tramore Road, has agreed to co-chair Memberships this year with Kate, then take on fully next year

## **Director Booklet**

Katie sent welcome Director booklet to Janet and Tara; thanks to Ron for updating the booklet.

Of note: In the constitution there is a comment for the size of the board: 10 directors plus 6 executives. Kate noted we should consider putting forward an amendment: maximum of 10 directors plus six executive. Back when GLPOA was formed, they were elected with staggered terms, rotating through. Now we don't stagger terms, welcoming board volunteers at any time. Any amendments must be sent to the AGM. Everyone was in agreement.

## **AGM**

Will be held on July 10, 2021 at 10 am and will be done by Zoom again this year. Kate booked ad in the Leader, will have Chris sent out two staggered emails, and the notice is on our website. We state "Members in good standing" with our registration so the goal is for members only to attend the AGM.

Last year we changed the requirement for a quorum to be all that were attending, due to COVID (Emergency Ontario Act) and this will be in place again this year.

We will ask attendees to again send in any questions in advance.

Agenda items: Minutes approval, treasurer's report & approval of auditor, election of officers, Junior Lake Partner proposal, Q&A and closing remarks.

Format: Chris had standard voting format for all that he will replicate again.

Chris thanked Don, Jeff and Rick for the many years of great contributions from all of them.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 7 10 am Location TBD

**MOTION:** Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

**MOVED:** Kate O'Hara                      **SECONDED:** Dave Clark                      **CARRIED**

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Kate O'Hara, 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.