

GOLDEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Saturday August 7, 2021

In Person 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, Secretary, Sylvia Hillier, Theresa Rasp, Janet Cottreau, Rob Bryce

Regrets: Directors Tara Wallace, Allison Wood

CALL TO ORDER by Kate O'Hara at 9:30 am

Introductions done by group, round table, introducing new members, special welcome to new members Janet and Rob.

Due to Livia needing to leave early, the meeting opened with the Treasurer's Report:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Monies currently in the savings account are now solely for the Fish Committee and will be kept separate in that account.
- Opening Balance: \$8,732.73 (January 1, 2021) – Operating Account
- Closing Balance: \$13,455.62 (July 2, 2021) - Operating Account
- Livia offered to take payments for memberships at Pharmasave. Need to add that to the website to advise; will ask Ali to put that out on Facebook and will include this info in the next monthly update. A suggestion was made to get a finger board made for the roadside advising this option, Kate will ask Livia about this and then speak with Matt Cherry to get it ordered. The Board appreciates the offer of this service.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurers' Report by Kate O'Hara

MOVED: Ron Rimmer SECONDED: Dave Clark

CARRIED

Theresa requested approval of the June 5th, 2021 minutes.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of June 5, 2021 as recorded

MOVED: Chris Hamilton SECONDED: Kate O'Hara

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Memberships | Kate O'Hara

- Chris handed out updated membership stats
- Currently sitting around 250 – Kate ideally would like to hit 300 by end of the summer
- Ron questioned the hold up in people paying this year and it was determined people forget, Tramore traditionally hard to cover but being picked up by Tara Wallace and Ross Xu (next year), without personal canvas it's "out of sight out of mind", younger folks who don't use cash, and lasting pandemic delays. Theresa offered to canvas with Kate next weekend.
- Kate has sent out emails to folks who haven't paid this year which garnered some additional payments
- Ali posted another Facebook reminder for payment
- Appears to be an issue with some e-transfer payments – people saying they paid in January and later. It is assumed the wrong information was keyed causing it to not go through. Chris is recommending a new way of doing e-transfer that provides information immediately if it has been deposited. Chris will bring forward a recommendation at the next board meeting on a new way to seamlessly do the membership monies collection by e-transfer.

Corporate Sponsorships | Theresa Rasp

All but 1 paid (Theresa will circle back on payment).

- 44 Sponsors
- Corporate Profiles, started in April and continued through July, focusing on local businesses. Waiting to get August sponsors on board (possibly Pharma Save) – need information for 3rd week of August to Kate to meet the deadline.
- Sponsor feedback after the fact is minimal, generally everyone likes the idea. Possibly get on Facebook site (Ron suggestion), Theresa will circle back with Ali.

Communications | Chris Hamilton

- Kate's monthly update has been a hit – 2 more will be done in August and September
- AGM – disappointed in attendance (less than 10), same trend as last year due to Zoom format. Feel that lack of in person has dramatically affected attendance. Plans to do it in person in 2022. The video has been posted on website along with the meeting notes.
- Stats for GLPOA website – 613 total pages viewed over last 30 days, daily avg pages viewed 20, unique visitors 360, frequency – home page most popular (26.6%) followed by fishing (19%) and how to join (5.7%)
- Facebook group – over 1.3K members, being used a lot to post photos and positive comments.

Lake Steward | Natalie Corbin

Shoal Marking/Boating Safety:

- relied on Eric and Ron a lot regarding placement and removal.

- proposing to do a Facebook push for volunteers to get an “Adopt a buoy” concept which was suggested by a previous volunteer. Ron, Eric and Natalie will work together (with Chris assisting with data) to get vulnerable areas covered.
- Natalie will do a Facebook blast for volunteers.
- Discussion surrounding the time of taking out the buoys with a possible change to the long weekend in September. However due to liability issues and bylaw commitments the decision was made to keep the Thanksgiving weekend time frame this year. Ron checked with other lake associations and almost all are doing till Thanksgiving weekend.
- Eric and Ron will look after any buoys not taken out by Thanksgiving.
- Natalie will be doing a Facebook blitz and Chris will put on the website.
- Recommendation to put a cow tag on each buoy was discussed, with the board in agreement that a numbering system would be beneficial. Testing of cow tags to begin soon

Water Levels:

- so far so good after a low level start to season; levels have been a bit higher with all the recent rain.

Water Testing:

- After a lengthy discussion surrounding if the board should supplement water testing beyond what the ministry is doing, it was decided that we will continue to let the Lake Partner Program handle this. The testing will take place once a year (ideally early May) and the results to any findings will be posted on the website.
- In addition, Janet advised that all businesses that use their waterfront for the public are tested by the Ministry and the suggestion was made that we ask the businesses if they would be willing to share their findings. This testing is related only to E. coli. The lake is considered very low risk for any issues.
- Chris advised that water quality is the second most asked question by property owners on the lake.
- We continue to do a depth reading every few weeks and report that to the Lake Partner Program
- It is the boards goal to have one message from the GLPOA on water quality. Dave will work with Natalie to come up with a ‘statement’ format to be posted.
- Angelina Commanda of Pikwakanagan oversees their Earth Walker program and would like us to look at including it in our Junior Lake Steward program.

Fish Committee - Sylvia Hillier

- Creel Survey – copies available, more recently dropped off to Jay and Kate (thanks to those who check regularly to ensure they are filled in. If more are required, please see Sylvia
- Provided to Chris the photos of the fish currently in the lake for posting to website
- Next committee meeting will be in September – focus will be somewhat away from Walleye and focusing on active ways for property members to be involved in contributing to the ongoing fish population
- Chris will investigate doing a Creel survey for phones

MOTION: To accept all Committee Reports
MOVED: Ron Rimmer SECONDED: Chris Hamilton CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS:

Media Release 08/06/2021 from Mayor Tiedje of KHR Township regarding the exciting news that the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan Amendment, the proposal for which has gone on for several years, has received approval! This amendment will control the water levels much better than years previously; may not avoid flooding but will certainly help control it. Special mention to Ron for his active involvement in this initiative. Kate recommended the Media Release be posted to FaceBook and the website.

1. **FOCA Renewal 2021** – Kate O’Hara
 - Kate will put in the link for FOCA on the website and in the August update.
 - \$4 per person from GLPOA annual due goes to FOCA – good deal on insurance, access to all the FOCA resources, relevant and needed information.
 - Kate suggests that we renew for 2021 with 250 members (\$1,125)
 - November 6th is the date for the FOCA Fall seminar (virtual again) \$30 (Kate & Sylvia will attend); any other board members are also welcome to register with fee covered by GLPOA
2. **Junior Lake Steward/Earth walker Program** – Dave Clark, Natalie Corbin
 - Parameters for program were decided (Dave will send out info), open to high school, secondary and post-secondary folks, open for applications in May – looking at water testing, safe boating, all Lake Steward related items.
 - Recommended to give a \$250 honorarium. (could use money from Poker Run money – to be discussed in future)
 - Will raise this at the 2021 AGM, introduce and formally presented to be approved by the membership at that time.
 - Free to apply (like a scholarship application). What they are looking to get out of it and why they want to do it.
 - May bring them on as “honorary board members” for the summer meetings.
3. **Boat Launch Signage** – Natalie Corbin, Theresa Rasp

It was brought up regarding the FOCA achievement award – is posted at every boat launch, 5 were made up and posted, but one is missing at Island View Drive location. Theresa will check with Jeff Raisbeck and Brian Fraser to ensure it was posted following the installation of the new billboards. If not, we will have new replacement signs made and installed.
4. **Bank Signatory Changes** – Kate O’Hara

Needs to change from Ron to Dave – Kate will investigate making this happen.

NEXT MEETING: September 25, 2021 9:30 am Location: Elders Lodge

MOTION: Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.
MOVED: Kate O’Hara SECONDED: Sandy Nash CARRIED

Kate O'Hara, President

Sylvia Hillier, Secretary

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