

GOLDEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Saturday April 9, 2022

Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: President Kate O'Hara, Vice President Dave Clark, Lake Steward Natalie Corbin, Directors Chris Hamilton, Sandy Nash, Secretary, Sylvia Hillier, Theresa Rasp, Janet Cottreau, Allison Wood, Rob Bryce, Tara Wallace, Ron Rimmer

Regrets: Treasurer Livia Vodenicar

CALL TO ORDER by Kate O'Hara at 9:02 am

Kate welcomed everyone to the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In Livia's absence, Kate presented the current bank balance information.

- \$15,879.63, Savings \$5444.70 - Total \$21,324.33 (see attached current financials)
- Currently have some Sponsor cheques which will be deposited shortly
- Insurance renewal (2022-2023) invoices and other expenses yet to be paid.

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

MOVED: Kate O'Hara SECONDED: Theresa Rasp CARRIED

APPROVAL OF September 25th, 2021 MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the September 25, 2021 minutes by Sylvia Hillier

MOVED: Sylvia Hillier SECONDED: Dave CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Memberships | Kate O'Hara

- 45 paid to date
- Chris ran a program for a random draw for early bird paid member (to 31 March). Winner is John Visser & Bev Hindle on Golden Lyn Way) and they will receive a \$100 voucher from Pikwakanagan Fuels. This information will be posted on the GLPOA Facebook page, and published in the Spring newsletter.
- Kate/Tara sending out email to previous canvassers, waiting for some commitments, will have the list of 2022 canvassers published in the spring newsletter

- Door to door canvassing happening this year. Kate/Tara will make up 400 membership kits that will include swag and Spring newsletter, Waterfront booklet. Most items already in hand from prior to COVID. Approval was given from the board to order supply of Healthy Waterfronts booklet from FOCA.
- May 14th canvassers meeting to go over everything at the Golden Lake Community Center – 10 to noon
- 30-35 canvassers is our goal
- Membership rate will continue at \$20/year
- Plan to buy kit materials at the end of this year for next year supplies

Corporate Sponsorships | Theresa Rasp

- In March, Theresa sent out the corporate sponsor request letter (43) to current sponsors and employees.
- Currently 16 paid sponsors (\$2500) another 6 confirmed. Due to waiting list there are no concerns on achieving the 44 sponsor's goal.
- Feedback from sponsors is that they see GLPOA as a positive influence for the lake.
- Theresa will continue to follow up with reminders over the next few weeks.
- Spotlight on Sponsors worked well during COVID, need to make it simple for them to write something for their profiles. Board felt important to continue. (Rob will help with mini-interviews to ease the work for the sponsors)
- Everyone looking forward to the return of the Poker Run

Communications | Chris Hamilton

- If you want anything posted to the webpage, you must write it out in full before sending it to Chris – he maintains the webpage but does not write or edit content.
- Website: not a lot of activity over the winter, published fish photos from contest and new page for 2022 fish photos.
- Facebook: lots of advertising, discussion regarding volume of ads, etc. however the board felt that anything of interest to our lake members is fine to post. Board and Committee members encouraged to like/share as much information as possible.
- Newsletter: for Spring the newsletter will follow the same format used 2 years ago. Winter 2022 issue used a new publisher with good results (Bayberry Design). Reports need to be submitted to Allison by April 21st or ASAP. For photo content please submit the actual size and full resolution photos. Ali will send e-mail outlining required articles/info she needs to pull together initial draft for Spring issue.

Lake Steward | Natalie Corbin

- Don Bishop created an excellent post 04/08/2022 on water levels on GLPOA FB
- Warning to stay off the ice – flow coming down from Algonquin Park, no warnings pertaining to flooding
- Lake Partner Program – 2020 numbers not posted yet, no issues with water quality or testing – looking for a tester in Tranquility Bay (Rob Bryce offered)
- Junior Lake Steward – push for students to apply underway, may include having water testing fall under their function (Kate to check with insurance whether they would be covered in boats, etc.) Dave created a list of requirements – board approved doing an ad and posting on FB site for potential candidates.

- Boating safety – Natalie will send a message to Andrew Sprunt re possibility of municipality posting signage at Island View Drive boat launch.
- Invasive Species – board discussion surrounding the mandate, agreed it should be a standalone committee, whose mandate is to identify existing invasive species and what we are doing to prevent them, keep website information up to date and document. Suggestion made to put some information in the membership kits. Mathew Ingram will be sent the information on the mandate and asked to prepare an article for the spring newsletter. (Natalie to reach out).
- Buoys – Dave will send out an email about having the buoys out by the May 24th weekend. He will also put something up the beginning of May on FB and website warning that the buoys will not be out until May 24th weekend.

Fish Committee - Sylvia Hillier

- First committee meeting of the year held February 10, 2022
- Ran Winter Fish photo contest with 11 entrants. Winner (by random draw) is Dale Benoit-Zohr who will receive a \$100 cash prize. More photo contests will be held throughout the year with a focus on Catch and Release and understanding what is currently being caught in our lake
- Creel/Fish survey updated, and link added to front page of website
- Ice fishing derby held Feb 19th, Fish Committee sponsored \$100 prize and received multiple sheets of fishing catch information from the day.
- Graham Ayres collecting information on Bass Tournaments to be held on our lake and committee will discuss participation, etc. to capture catch data.
- Smelt run will be updated on FB page as available, increased inquiries on people wanting to participate. Supplies available and Angelina Commanda advised she has worked with Pikwakanagan to take the harvested smelt.
- GLPOA will not be organizing/sponsoring a smelt fry event this year.
- Golden Lake sonar work by the MNRF will take place on August 9th in the evening over 2 or 3 nights – opportunity for members of the board and Fish Committee to go along if interested. Presentation will be made after data collected. Sylvia reached out to Nick from MHNH to see if he would put together information for the AGM meeting on what, when, why and how this is being conducted.
- Sylvia had the opportunity to speak with Peter Heinermann who has camped at Red Pine for the past 30 years and has years of data on the fishing derby conducted there that he is prepared to share. He is a biologist and is putting together a presentation and will also share that. Sylvia will reach out and see if he will present at the AGM.
- Next meeting to be held on April 28, 2022.

MOTION: To accept all Committee Reports by Kate O'Hara

MOVED: Dave Clark SECONDED: Natalie Corbin

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Completed 2022-2023 insurance renewal, invoices to Livia – 2 policies this year (1 general liability & officers coverage, 1 for volunteer accidents – premium \$2,001/\$189 = \$2190 total). 50 volunteers covered when they are working under the express direction of board for GLPOA activities. Every 4 years the application must be redone

(completed by Kate this year and to be kept on file with Board).

- FOCA Recap: Rob, Dave, Kate, and Sylvia attended. 170 people registered, \$4 of our \$20 membership goes to FOCA. Kate encouraged all board members to participate in any FOCA webinars of interest to them and to the Board.
 - Dave – reviewed setting up a GLPOA-led Advisory Board with local govt/interest groups. Board discussed and agreed that bringing this group together annually would be beneficial. Work will be done to get this together for the spring of 2023. The objective would be to get a working group that would share GLPOA initiatives and interests with these groups, who in turn could share their own initiatives so we are all communicating consistent information to GLPOA membership and other property owners (e.g. fire bans). Looking at leadership by GLPOA with representation initially from three (3) Townships and Pikwakanagan. Dave will write up some guidelines (with Kate’s assistance and input from Board).
 - Sylvia – Green Shovels

What is it: a collaborative of like-minded conservation organizations and a collection of projects designed to achieve job creation, economic recovery, and environmental progress while addressing invasive species issues.

The coalition includes Ducks Unlimited of Canada, FOCA, Invasive Species Center, The Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Federation of Anglers and hunters, and Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre.

Why Invasive Species:

- * 2nd most important threat to biodiversity after habitat loss
- * They kill, crowd out and devastate native species and their ecosystems.
- * Costs Canada billions of dollars in losses to forestry, agriculture, fisheries and other industries...they are large costs and growing. (estimated to be 3.6 billion/year) In late 2020, two Green Shovel projects were generously supported by the Ontario MNRF: Solutions for Invasive Phragmites, Innovative Tools for Invasive Species

- Rob – Great Lakes Data Stream – the lake partner program loads their data in this system, they focus on phosphates, nutrients, and clarity (2x a year). Rob presented an insightful PP presentation focusing on Water Rangers – in field kit and results, there is an app that will take our lake results and automatically uploads to the GLDS. Rob will pick up a kit (\$350) and start measuring the data during the summer months. Discussion engaged amongst the board members on what to do with the data once collected. Dave will continue discussions with Natalie.
- Hydro Rate change coming – 10-year phase in (thanks to FOCA’s involvement)
- FOCA website changes coming – will pass info on when received.
- GLPOA will promote people getting out to vote
- Honorable mention for the achievement award (between 50-75 entries) we were one of four recognized
- Advertising – Board approved Kate putting an ad in the Leader (27 April or 4 May) about what we have been doing and that we are back and up and running
- Schedule of proposed meetings for the remainder of the year circulated.
- Poker Run – July 30th, Jeff Raisbeck and Theresa Rasp spoke to The Sands about the benefits of holding it there, they have blocked it off for the event. (Friday for set up and Saturday event)

- AGM – Killaloe Public School booked for Friday July 8th set up and July 9th. Board Meeting on June 4th agenda will include finalizing meeting details.

Closing comments by Kate included a thank you to entire Board for their work and support. Welcome to Tara and appreciation to Chris for setting up Zoom meeting.

NEXT MEETING: June 4, 2022 9:00 am Location: Elders Lodge

MOTION: Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

MOVED: Kate O'Hara SECONDED: Theresa 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.