

GOLDEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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18th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday July 8th, 2023 - St. James Separate School, Eganville, ON

PRESENT: President Dave Clark, Past President Kate O'Hara, Vice President Sylvia Hillier, Lake Steward Natalie Corbin, Secretary Sandy Nash, Directors Chris Hamilton, Rob Bryce, Julie Callon, Theresa Rasp, Matthew Ingram, Board Nominees Don Bishop, Julie Callon, Toni McLeod

ABSENT: Janet Cottreau, Livia Vodenicar, and Allison Wood

CALL TO ORDER at 9:05 am

Welcome from President Dave Clark,

We posted notice of the meeting 30 days ahead (June 5th). Facebook, website and email blast.

Quorum was established.

Acknowledge Mayor and Municipal Representatives – James Brose – Mayor for North Algona Wilberforce (NAW), Ted Browne – Councillor for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards (KHR), Jennifer Murphy – Mayor for Bonnechere Valley (BV), Tracey Sanderson – Councillor - BV, Sarah Shuster – Community Development - BV, Chris Neff – Community Development Coordinator - KHR, Cameron Montgomery – Community Development Specialist – NAW

Introduction of Board Members

Land Acknowledgement:

Golden Lake Property Owners' Association hereby acknowledges that today's meeting is taking place on the traditional unceded, unsurrendered territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin people.

We pay our respects to their elders, past and present, and the Aboriginal Elders of other Communities, who may be here today.

It is protocol to acknowledge that we are guests and that we offer our thanks to the hosts.

Approval of the July 9th, 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Theresa Rasp

Moved: Mathew Ingram

Seconded: Kate O'Hara

CARRIED

Corporate Status and Protocols – Dave Clark

1) Corporate Status:

- a. Nov 2022 – discovered that the GLPOA was incorporated – tax records had not been kept up to date and financial filings not done for a number of years – the board (headed by Dave Clark) undertook the work to keep us current. 2 primary things are required when incorporated. 1) you must update any changes (i.e. executive, name changes) as they happened, this was completed for 2022 and the board will ensure it is kept up to date. 2) Annual Tax Filings – non profit do not pay tax, however you

need to file annually. As a result of these findings the board engaged with an accountant and subsequently filed 17 years of tax returns. As of July 2023, the association is up to date on our taxes – no money owing. 2022 taxes were also filed and approved. It was important to establish a process to ensure we stay current and have put procedures in place. The GLPOA Executive, after each annual AGM, will go in and update any changes and engage an accountant to file annually. Unfortunately, due to the volume of years outstanding there was a total cost of \$6,500 incurred. If this had not been completed the CRA could have come back on the association, and if not completed by 2025, the province would have suspended our incorporation status and assets could have been seized. A lot of work went into getting this information together and filed, but we are current in our obligations.

Skating Loop:

An official announcement will go out in the next couple of weeks. However, we are pleased to report that we received a federal grant that covered the cost of everything associated with this event (lights, benches, etc.) this allows us to continue to put on skating venue in years to come at a much reduced rate. We were required to pay any expenses up front, all monies have been paid back to us from the Federal Government. This event was in partnership with NAW who provided the required insurance and the Federal Tourism Fund. As a side note, through the process of applying for the Federal grant, we identified the issues associated with our incorporation status and tax issues.

Specific recognition to Theresa Rasp, Natalie Corbin and Cameron Montgomery for all the hard work and many hours put into this project so successful.

Treasurer's Report 2022 – Dave Clark (on behalf of Treasurer Livia Vodenicar)

We finished the year in a very health position, which was a good thing due to the expenses of the corporate tax status and to allow the federal skating loop grant eligibility. We ended the year with a balance of \$21,412.58 after total expenses of \$14,869.64 and a total revenue of \$16,494.53. It is our expectation that this year to be another good year. An interesting fact from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations is that GLPOA is in the top 30% in terms of membership, but in bottom 30% of membership fees.

MOTION: To accept the 2022 Financial Statements

MOVED: Chris Hamilton SECONDED: Mathew Ingram CARRIED

MOTION: To reappoint Michael Afelskie as Auditor for 2023/24 operating year

MOVED: Mathew Ingram SECONDED: Natalie Corbin CARRIED

MOTION: To reappoint Maria Robinson as Accountant for 2023/24 operating year

MOVED: Julie Callon SECONDED: Don Bishop CARRIED

Constitution Amendments - Kate O'Hara

Following the incorporation situation we realized we needed some additional constitution clean ups including:

- 1) Under Membership – Item 2
Amend to Read: "Each membership carries with it the right to one (1) vote of the meeting of the members." This currently reads two (2) votes and should have been amended several years ago, This amendment is a result of our review of past AGM meeting minutes.
- 2) Under General Meetings – Item 6
Amend to Read: "When electing officers, where more than 1 person is nominated for a position (e.g. President) and stands for election, the successful candidate will be determined via a floor vote at the AGM."
- 3) Under Directors and Officers – Item 3
Amend to Read: "The Officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lake Steward, and Membership Chair." Membership Chair was mistakenly removed from the Executive at the 2022 AGM.

4) Under Directors and Officers – Item 8

Append a Bullet that reads: “Officers are responsible for ensuring all corporate filings are completed per the provincial and federal guidelines.” This is now included as a result of the review and update of our association corporate status.

QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR:

- 1) Under item 1 – why did a single member receive two votes

ANSWER: it is one vote per property, it was noted that it should have been changed and never made to the AGM for a vote

- 2) How do you assure that there is only one vote per property, at this meeting?

ANSWER: we understand the potential but it is on the honor system, should we ever run in to a controversial voting item, we would ask members to identify their location.

Dave stated we will commit to will review for options re: problem of multiple memberships and come back to next years AGM with decision/recommendation.

MOTION: To accept the amendments as proposed

MOVED: Mathew Ingram SECONDED: Chris Hamilton CARRIED

Election of Officers – Kate O’Hara

I’m pleased to present the board for the 2023/24 term. The following people have allowed their names to stand for election for the following term:

Executive:

President- Dave Clark	Rocky Point Drive
Vice President -Sylvia Hiller	Nien-Mar Lane
Secretary- Sandy Nash	Pikwakanagan
Treasurer- Livia Vodenicar:	Golden Lake
Lake Steward- Don Bishop	Island View Drive
Membership: POSITION OPEN	
Note: Position Filled – see motion in Membership Report	
Past President- Kate O’Hara	Island View Drive

Directors at Large:

Theresa Rasp - Corp Sponsorships	Island View Drive
Sandy Nash - Secretary	Pikwakanagan
Rob Bryce	Rocky Point Drive
Julie Callon	Hawkins Drive
Janet Cottreau	Island View Drive (Red Pine Camp)
Alison Wood - Newsletter	Hawkins Drive
Mathew Ingram - Communications	Island View Drive
Toni McLeod – Records Management	Great Heron Lane
Natalie Corbin: (Co–Chair Events)	Island View Drive

Bios for New Board Members- Julie Callon, Don Bishop, Toni McLeod

First call, Second Call, Last call for nominations. No floor nominations received.

MOTION: Kate O’Hara To accept the proposed slate of officers and directors

MOVED: Theresa Rasp SECONDED: Mathew Ingram CARRIED

Door prizes & Refreshments:

Acknowledgement given to Denise Bergstresser for participation in handing out prize tickets

BREAK

Association Name Change - Dave Clark

Official Name is: Golden Lake Property Owners Association (GLPOA)

Confirming the change to the associations (second) name to “Golden Lake and Area Property Owners Association” from “Golden Lake and Bonnechere River Property Owners Association” passed by the board last summer. It is not a requirement to own property on the lake, but carry an interest in the lake

MOTION: To accept the proposed (secondary) name change

MOVED: Julie Callon SECONDED: Chris Hamilton CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Event Committee: (Natalie Corbin & Theresa Rasp)

The Committee came together during the winter – started the skating loop close to the Island View boat launch due to the desire for a winter activity. Due to the weather conditions it was one of very few outdoor skating loops, there was an estimated 350 people in attendance on opening day. Families, came from long distances (Hamilton), and the surrounding distance to enjoy the loop thanks to the grant money and NAW assistance.

Upcoming events this year include:

- Scavenger Hunt – families can do together – 2 options, pick up egg carton at the Pharmasave in Golden Lake or download the document directly from the GLPOA there will be prizes in July and August – ice cream package from The Cottage Cup.
- NAW – hosting a picnic Aug 12th – GLPOA will host a bean bag toss – get your teams together to join. Prizes available.
- Similar to prior Great Golden Lake Canoe Races – proposing “Golden Lake Paddle Races” – labor day weekend (canoes, kayaks, paddleboards) around the Island View area
- Poker Run – looking for a new chair, currently well run but need volunteers – might not happen unless someone steps forward. We are open to any new ideas on how this could be run.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – to be held August 26th, 2023 at the Elders Lodge (catered dinner)

Corporate Sponsorships ~ Theresa Rasp

- Corporate sponsors represent more than ½ the amount of revenue generated annually – they are happy with their involvement and a great group to work with.
- 43 different business involved in and around the area – wide range
- Billboards/Signage – 4 locations around the area, recognition in the spring newsletter, on line on our Facebook and website and featured at AGM each year. They have stepped up with prizes and we appreciate it.
- Can't thank them enough for their support – shopping local is really important to our businesses and community. We lost a few but have 5 new sponsors (Valley Marine and Power Sports, Andrea Rathwell – Century 21, BrokerLink Insurance, Landmark Business Consulting, Canadian Woodwork)

Membership ~ Kate O'Hara

- Happy Announcement: 2 people have stepped up to co-chair membership (Krista Jones & Julie Callon)
- We finished 2022 with 360 paid membership (up 60 from 2021); targeting 400 for 2023.
- Door to door canvassing is still a valuable part of our annual membership drive, we need this to meet potential new owners and reconnect with our renewing members.
- \$20 membership is very reasonable, and we need to keep our membership numbers up in

order to keep the dues at \$20, we believe this is a bargain for all that GLPOA provides. Part of the fee goes to our FOCA membership – they are celebrating their 60th year, over 500+ different waterfront associations are part of FOCA. AS a GLPOA member, you have access to all FOCA benefits & resources and we encourage you visiting their website.

- We still need a few more volunteers for canvassing, specifically the areas of Highway 60, Goldfinch Drive, Tramore Road and Black Point Road.
- July is Lake Appreciation Month
- When you think of all the hours you spend at the lake, consider giving 5 hours in volunteering to support the lake and keep the GLPOA vital and active for you
- Kate O'Hara is stepping down from membership chair after 7 years, she will assist with the transition to the new co-chairs.
- She offered her sincere thanks to the members who continue to support our efforts on your behalf, it has been a privilege and a lot of fun.

MOTION: to accept new Co-Chairs for the position of Membership

MOVED: Kate O'Hara SECONDED: Chris Hamilton CARRIED

Lake Steward ~ Natalie Corbin (new chair Don Bishop)

Hazard Markings: Dave Clark (new chair Mark Hammer)

- Volunteers put out markers every spring and bring them in to store every fall
- Replacement markers happening as needed

Water Levels: Don Bishop

- Presentation given by Shawn Cameron

Water Quality Testing: Natalie Corbin (new chair Rob Bryce)

- Use Lake Partner Program – testing at the deepest point in Tranquility Bay
- Initial testing in May for Phosphorus
- Water Clarity – Secchi disk readings 2x a month (May and October)
- Testing in big lake carried out by Tammy Joudrey and Andy Trafford
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Junior Lake Steward: Dave Clark

- Advertised but no one in the role yet – always looking for volunteers – great way to get required hours
- Open to any youth – high school – university for extra help - \$200 at end of summer

Boating Safety: Natalie Corbin

Invasive Species: under Mathew Ingram (looking for new chair)

- Continuing to monitor the spread of a number of species both vegetation and aquatic
- QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR: what do we do if we find a snail ANSWER: please destroy it.

Communications – Chris Hamilton representing Allison Wood – Mathew Ingram taking over Chair of Communications Committee following this meeting.

- Primary function is to keep folks aware of what is going on around the lake and provincially via FOCA e-lets.. This is done through:
 - o Website: www.goldenlake.co
 - This houses all GLPOA information
 - Relevant, easy to navigate & interactive
 - Mobile friendly
 - o Facebook: Golden Lake Ontario Property Owners
 - Private Group
 - Invaluable tool for sharing information
 - 1800 plus members

- o Email: glpoainfo@gmail.com
 - This is our primary means of direct communication with our members
 - Please notify us of any changes
- Winter and Spring Newsletters
- Canvassing
- Annual General Meeting

MOTION: To accept Committee Reports

MOVED: Sandy Nash SECOND: Mathew Ingram CARRIED

Dave Clark introduced our guest speaker, Shawn Cameron, Manager, Operation and Water Levels, Renfrew Power Generation – who presented via Zoom link. Presentation Included with Minutes

- Built on Tradition – To Power The Future
- 4 full time staff
- Main governance – RPG – try and reach the respected levels within the various regions
- MNR – breaches are subject to penalties if deemed purposely done
- Cover 2400 square km's (700 within Algonquin park)
- Rain within boundaries come into the Bonnechere River water system
- Tramore Dam built 1913 – first dam in the system (3 sluices – 92 ft of weir – attempt to regulate, 24 logs, 21 logs used. 8 logs in each)
- Golden Lake Dam built in 1932 – 5 sluices – 135 ft of weir – both sides – 24 logs but 21 logs are used. 4 or 5 logs used in each – 24x12 (each log)
- Lake Clear Dam built in 1932 – 2 sluices
- Logs are manually added and removed working in rows to regulate levels
- Goal is to achieve lowest possible levels on all 3 lakes before freshet, for best chance to mitigate high water situations.
- 21 logs is the target log count – to manage summer levels while considering fish spawning
- Levels decline over summer months naturally – weather is a major factor. Even in drought they do have a mandate to have a certain flow throughout.
- Right now – stabilized a couple of centimeters – last week 12 logs now sitting at 16 logs until stabilized.
- GL has natural restrictions that can become a major restriction (especially in spring when attempting to drain the lake)
- GL has 27 other tributaries which all add to the problem when dealing with high water and rain, especially as GL is a shallow lake.
- Example photos were shared of Tramore dam with the extreme differences – people express concern over why not pulling logs, but there is nowhere for the water to go so it makes no difference but poses a real problem and can lead to flooding (as seen in 2019)
- RPG daily emails, website, Facebook especially during Freshet. SAC meetings are held throughout the year with members from each community along the Bonnechere river. RPG conducts regular snow sampling in Algonquin Park – hopefully someday it will help to predict spring outcomes
- Communication excellent with GLPOA
- Web page: www.renfrewpg.ca – email : info@renfrewpg.ca

QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR: are there any plans to work with the government to address the restrictions?

ANSWER: they would be very open to work with them, however, a very large task to make that happen

Fish Committee (Don Bishop & Dr. Peter Heinermann) – Presentation Included with Minutes

- 40 years of walleye decline
- People working in silos wanted to bring together what was going on with information collection.
- Fish Committee is in need of a coordinator for fiancé, grants and fundraising.
- August 9th started things – conducted a smelt survey (do not have data yet), August 15th – became co-chairs.

- Ongoing discussions with biologist, hatchery experts, Pikwakanagan and some US folks, etc.
- Created a data base of project contacts as well as references for articles pertaining to walleye
- First committee meeting Nov 2/2022
- April 2023 – Smelt Meeting
- Merchandise being work on – posters of fish in the lake, mugs, tee-shirts – possible fund raiser
- Would like to get fingerlings from the ministry 12.7-17.8 cm's (larger than what has previously been put in)
- Asking the ministry for around 5,000
- 30 inches/10 lbs. walleye caught – 2 gentleman in audience who prior day had caught and released
- Suggestion is to return to original approach and put in larger fish
- Rainbow Smelt – estimating 4.1million in Golden Lake – they eat every small fish (including Wall Eye) previously introduced to lake. Target size 9 cm. Rainbow smelt reproduce quickly – 30 – 40,000 eggs per each female. Rainbow smelt are native to Golden Lake. The system is out of balance.
- Planning use of cages 8 feet long, 10 feet deep – putting 2 in Golden Lake – have 1 site in mind looking for a second.
- Intensive Culture Tanks an option – feed at dusk and dawn – grade and separate

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

- 1) Shouldn't 50% of the solution/project be working on, getting rid of the Smelt? Only solving half the problem.

ANSWER: we are working at this at different levels, if we can get the Walleye to a bigger size, they will feed on the smelt then the top predators will eat the smelt.

- 2) Regarding spawning every 5 years.

ANSWER: no one wants to share any information (surveys) that have been done.

- 3) Seems like you are stuck on Walleye – what about trout that were originally in the lake?

ANSWER: Stopped around 1950 restocking, an option of looking at later. Focus on what has worked in the past.

Presentation for Peter by Don – appreciation for his work

Presentation to Kate O'Hara and Chris Hamilton by Dave Clark – recognition of service milestones

Kate – membership 7 years (highest year ever had), relentless dedicated to membership, president.

Chris – last day as member of the board, help till the end of the year – one of longest serving members of board and executive, headed communication, poker run, incredible chair

Draw Prizes

Closing Remarks - Dave Clark

- Association stands out as a gold standard association
- Fantastic volunteers and membership
- Really interesting year, continue to advocate on your behalf

MOTION: To adjourn this 2023 AGM

Time: 12:04 PM

MOVED: Mathew Ingram

SECONDED:

Kate O'Hara

CARRIED

Dave Clark, President

Sylvia Hillier

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

Prizes & Winners:

Spotlight & Tim's Card (GLPOA Fish Committee): Mike Bernard
Foodland \$25GC & Fish Mug: Laurie Morrison
Red Pine Kit (Tees, flashlight, cards): Diana Wilson
Bryan Fraser hoodie: Hubert Weber
Yetis (Grass Roots Healing): Kirsta Jones
Wolf Ridge Golf Package: Darryl Weber
Bluetooth Speaker (Grass Roots): Bryan Yourth
McMillans Cabins Dinner for 2: Margaret George
Charcuterie Board (Dave Clark): Brian Jonah
Gail Jacques \$100 Cash: Sarah Schuster
Boggs Boat Bag: Jenny Cumper

Attachments:

- New board of directors' biographies
- 2022 Financial Report
- Shawn Cameron – Renfrew Power Association Report
- Fish Committee Report