

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: April 15 2023

Zoom

PRESENT: Past President Kate O'Hara, President Dave Clark, Lake Steward
Natalie Corbin, Secretary Sandy Nash, VP Sylvia Hillier, Directors Chris Hamilton,

Theresa Rasp, Rob Bryce , Tara Wallace, Julie Callon, Allison Wood,
Janet Cottreau. Don Bishop (Guest representing Fish Committee)

Regrets: Mathew Ingram

Welcome/Call to Order by Dave Clark @9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF October 1 2022 MINUTES:

Correct Dr. Dr Heinermann's name

MOTION: To approve the October 1 2022 minutes.

MOVED: Kate O'Hara SECONDED: Theresa Rasp

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Bank Balances = \$16028.10 +\$5,384.48 Fish Account = \$\$21,412.58
as December 31 2022
- Big up take in cash from the return of canvassing= \$7,100.00
- Good Revenue from swag, hats hoodies, map sales
- 41 Corporate sponsors = \$6,560.00
- Expenses, Accountant fees, Insurance, Advertising.
- Still some outstanding cheques to clear bank.

Once we receive the final grant payment our bank balance will return to its normal amount.

Spoke to Michael Alfeskie to notify him that we had to file our year end with CRA.

The question was asked by Dave Clark should we not keep Michael on as an independent Auditor, with Maria Robinson who will report our fnance.

After some discussion it was decided that we retain Michael as he was appointed for the 2022 year audit and Livia will drop Financials off to him to review and we will revisit this at the June meeting.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurers' Report

MOVED: Sylvia Hillier

SECONDED: Julie callon

CARRIED

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Memberships | Kate O'Hara.

Kate informs the Board members that she will retain Chair going forward. Tara MacGinnis (formerly Wallace) is stepping down as co-chair for the time being.

- Current membership paid – 32 which include 11 corporate sponsors.
- Membership material has been ordered.
- Kits to include Newsletter, memo pad, other related info.
- Waiting for confirmation from people for canvassing for this year.
- Once all is finalized it will be sent to Ali for inclusion in Newsletter.
- Assembly of Kits will take place first week of June.
- Canvasser meeting June 10 2023. Instead of May Long weekend.
- Board Members please confirm you are willing to and able to canvas this year.

Corporate Sponsorships | Theresa Rasp

- All past 41 sponsors for the 44 total ad spots have been contacted.
- 2 of our sponsors have decided not to continue with their program.
- 3 new sponsors have come on board 1 sponsor has sold business and new owner will remain on board.
- We have raised the cost of each sponsorship by \$15.00 to \$175.00. Giving us a total of \$7,700.00 in sponsorship revenue per year.
- This year there will be additional sponsorship opportunities for our current sponsors based on holding new events.
- We are hoping that the sponsors will come on board to help with some of the events and have their staff help as we know with the winter event we needed more volunteers.
- Nature Design will be doing spring repairs to our billboards.

Lake Steward | Natalie Corbin/Dave Clark/Don Bishop

- Hazard Marking /Dave
 - Buoys coordination will be taken over by Mark Hammer.
 - Notification will go to everyone by the end of April to start now so that everything is set up for the May long weekend.

- We have sufficient buoys Inventory/ supplies so we should be good for next year.
- Water Levels/Don Bishop
 - Water Levels are slightly higher than normal summer levels for this time of year.
 - There is a flood watch on for the Ottawa River and Bonnechere River Valley
 - Renfrew Power Generation will be driving into the Park to get the head water of the Bonnechere were they do the snow pack testing.
 - There are no Logs in Golden Lake as of Dec 15 2022.
 - 6 Logs in Tramore.
 - Rise Rate is set in Golden Lake; Round Lake is going up twice as fast as Golden Lake.
 - We are well below 2017 and 2019 levels.
 - Don has some pictures from December 7 2022 and the water levels are the lowest he's ever seen. Water levels now are up 20" from the lowest ever buty ever, but we are still where we should be.
 - Don will be posting all water level info n our Facebook page.

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Water Testing/Natalie/Rob

- Tammy Joudrey, Andy Trafford and Rob Bryce are still on board for water testing.
- No 2022 lab reports yet; the Lake Partner Program lab is working on their backlog. Unfortunately, this is out of our control.
- Rob has received the package from the water testing people, and he will begin testing for water Clarity on the long weekend in May.

• Fish Committee/Don Bishop Co-Chair

- Stocking data found that from 1922 to 2016 close to 4 million fish were stocked in Golden Lake.
- We now have a plan and a data base.
- Meeting in Golden Lake had 24 attendees and all 24 have decided to be volunteers.
- Would like to have 5 to 10 Thousand fingerlings in, hopefully by July.
- We have a new records management coordinator now.
- Our 5 year plan is still in development; we also have and have a letter of support from Algonquins of Ontario and Pikwakanagan.
- Asked John Yakabuski to provide us with special coordinator contact info.
- Committee Budget ready in May.
- Met in Killaloe with the Round Lake Association. They are taking a wait and see approach this year, but will help with donations and manpower.

- Smelt fry is on sometime in June – date to be confirmed.
- We have a number of talented people around the Lake ready to help us.
- Invasive Species/Natalie for Mathew
 - Mathew is researching why we do not have Zebra mussels in Golden Lake when they are all around us.
- Communications/Chris Hamilton
 - Web site tends to be Slow in the winter.
 - Stats for Web site for the past 30 days show admin visits 3.5% higher than normal; recent other visits include info re Water Management, Fishing, Fish Committee and smelts running/harvest.
 - Web site is not static; it I being visited.
 - Happy to have Facebook as it is easier than e-mail. As our website updates take longer to reach people.

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- Newsletter/ Ali
 - Hope to see all articles in ASAP
 - Do not worry about word count; Ali will edit to fit
 - Send pictures of any type, Board Members, Scenery to include in Newsletter.
 - Face book is two way media and timely to provide info.
 - We also have Instagram which can be linked.
 - We need to look at ways to market to a younger group as volunteers.
 - If you find other avenues, we need the man power to look after it.

MOTION: To accept all Committee Reports

MOVED: Kate O'Hara SECONDED: Chris Hamilton CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Corporate Status Update
 - We are updated with the Provincial Portal.
 - Taxes submitted up to the 2021 year end and 2022 soon.
 - 5 year assessment completed by CRA
 - We can no longer use a Post Office box as a corporate address; the President or designate must use their personal address. This must be updated with any change in President, as well as updating Director info.
 - We are in good shape going forward.
 - The Cost of \$6,500.00 to file our info with CRA was more than we anticipated. However, it was 18 years of work to do with little or no info to go by. It had to be done in order to retain the Association. It worked to be about \$300.00 per return.

MOTION: That we formally designate Maria Robinson as our accountant for the up-coming years.

MOTION: by: Kate O'Hara

SECONDED: Livia Vodenicar CARRIED

- Tourism Grant – Winter Moon Skating Loop
 - First Winter Activity and hugely successful thank all the volunteers - primarily Theresa and Natalie, who provided many volunteer hours.
 - From a financial perspective the grant worked out to be \$17,000.00 worth of value, and we spent 56% of the allotted money.
 - A lot of Equipment purchased for the loop can be reused for next year.
 - If we could find volunteer help for snow plowing and snow blowing it would be very profitable.
 - We have potential new members: 74 people requested Face book access.
 - Gerald Tracey reached out to advise he will be happy to get a report on any of our events into The Leader.
 - All claims have been submitted we will be getting about \$7,000.00 back.
 - We now have experience & a building block in place to be eligible for other grants, and GLPOA is in good standing to qualify for other grants.

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- Insurance/Kate
 - Insurance Policy is in place for March 31 2023 to March 31 2024.
 - Increase was \$60.00 for a total of \$2,250.72 Tax included.
 - Policy covers General Liability, Directors' & Officer's Liability, coverage for volunteers for any GLPOA sanctioned event, and we have a policy for volunteer accident coverage.
 - Property Insurance will need to be looked at now that we have equipment as well as where we plan to store the equipment. We will need a list of the equipment for the Insurance Company in order to get a quote for this additional coverage. Wherever we store our equipment, it must have easy access for the Board members.
 - NAW community hall is not a viable location at this time.
 - We can discuss this at our June Meeting.
- AGM Kate
 - The AGM scheduled for July 8 2023 at the Killaloe Public School from 9:00 to 11:30.
 - Booking will be confirmed we have an account open with the Renfrew County School Board.
 - We need a Caterer for coffee and refreshments.
 - Will send notice to The Leader, Web Site and Face Book for June 7

- 2023 this will give the required 30 day notice.
 - June meeting will determine Board participation for set up on the Friday and the meeting on Saturday morning (Committee reports, nominating, Constitution amendments, guest speakers, prizes, etc).
 - The fish committee will be presenting.
 - Looking for interesting guest speakers; perhaps something on invasive species. And we can approach FOCA to see if they can help.
 - Rob will prepare Power Point as he did for 2022 meeting once he has the agenda and speaking point from everyone.
 - Need a short bio from Julie for her "official" nomination at the AGM.
- Critical Resources Back Up/Board Roles
 - We need backups for our core Board Members (Secretary, Treasurer, Website, Facebook etc.)
 - Will discuss at our June Meeting.
 - If you know of someone who can shadow you, please let us know at our June Meeting.
- Recruitment for Board Members/Kate
 - As Past President, Kate is to look after Nominating Committee for AGM. She will be contacting current Board for their status for 2022-2023 If anyone knows of people who could be potential good additions to the Board, or any committees, please contact Kate as soon as possible.
 - We are looking for anyone who would be a good fit and who can fully commit time and effort.
 - Kate is updating the Welcome New Director Booklet, and this will include a Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest protocols, and other relevant info.
 - Young people volunteering with us are eligible for volunteer hour credits.

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- Lake Steward/Natalie
 - 2 people have approached us expressed interest.
 - Honorarium of \$200.00 was approved at last AGM for each of two (2) Junior Lake Stewards. Board is also prepared to provide letters of recommendation for successful candidates.
- Summer Events
 - In the newsletter that we are looking for new events, washer tournaments, volley ball, music on the Lake, Canoe, kayak, paddle board regatta race scavenger hunt. If we could get 1 person for each one of the events to champion these events and get the cost, requirement, facilities to see which one we can do.

- The poker run needs to be advertised sooner than later for a volunteer to chair that event because of the work involved. The chair person would likely need to find a new location. Post on face book and Chris will add it to the e-mail blast on the membership contest.
- We would need a lot of volunteers for the race events, as well as experienced volunteers for these events

NEXT MEETING: June 3 2023 9:00 am Elder Lodge

NOTE: Canvassers meeting June 10, 2023 at Golden Lake Community Hall (10:00 a.m.). Fish Committee advised of this so there is no conflict with date proposed for the Smelt Fry.

MOTION: Meeting adjourned at 11:10a.m.

MOVED: Kate O'Hara SECONDED: Dave Clark CARRIED

Dave Clark, President
Sandy Nash, Secretary

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