



- Would like to have package prepared for our sponsors.
- Maintain the 2023 sponsorship fee of \$175.00.
- Explore potential other signage companies.

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- Sign off on 2024 Events by October 14 meeting in order to secure donations.
- Total revenue for sponsors is \$6,825.00 per year.
- Would like the Winter Newsletter re-instated.

## **2023 and 2024 Events Natalie**

- **Inaugural Skating Loop/Rinks (Feb-March):**
- Built and launched with tremendous help from a FedDev grant for Family Day Weekend 2023 and NAW (insurance)
- Significant amount of equipment has been purchased with this grant so we can utilize for years to come
- Received very warmly by families around the Ottawa Valley, Ottawa, Toronto and beyond
- NAW will continue to support with insurance
- Planning can begin earlier now that we have equipment and knowledge from initial skating season
- Volunteers Needed to plow! Otherwise it will be a self-service rink that will not be very useful for skating
- Opportunity to do unique events there: Christmas/Winter Marketplace, Family Day activities, hockey games
- **Next Steps:**
- Write submission for future grant to fund some labour for 2024
- Get GLPOA support for shed structure for storage and safety concerns
  
- **Pancake Breakfast/Cornhole Aug 12:**
- Developed in conjunction with NAW and Golden Lake Community Celebrations they were planning for mid-August
- Desire to have an event for all ages, especially for adults who like to attend earlier in the day
- Pancake breakfast and corn hole tournament was promoted on our Facebook page and attracted approximately 30-35 people total
  
- **Summer Scavenger Hunt July & August:**
- Scavenger Hunt contest aimed at children and families to run throughout the summer, with Ice cream prizes for monthly contests in each of July and August
- Rules and instructions were placed on our website; winner for July was announced on our website
- Results to come: website visits, contest uploads, etc
- Suggested that scavenger hunt contest materials also be distributed in future to resorts (Lakeview, Bonnechere Lodge, Golden Lake Park) to increase/widen participation
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- **Volunteer Dinner August 26:**
- Almost 50 volunteers and board members attended at the Elders Lodge.
- We need to book the dinner earlier next year for catering options and possible better pricing
- **Events cancelled in 2023:**
- Poker Run due to lack of volunteers
- Paddle Races due to lack of preparation time
- NAW has option to build a storage shed to be set up at the Island View Park site. \*\*I think our GLPOA cost would be \$5,000 – but Dave can clarify – The cost for the Shed is \$7,500.00 and NAW would be willing to contribute \$2,500.00 towards the building / site setup.

A motion was put forth that Rob Bryce pursues other options for a shed create funding from different providers and put a plan in place for Board approval.

Motion Mathew Ingram

Seconded Julie Callon

Carried

Membership Julie Callon (Co-Chair Krista Jones)

- Kate welcomed Julie Callon our new Co-Chair for Membership and Toni McLeod our new Director of Records to the Board and the meeting. Krista Jones is co-chair of Membership with Julie but was unable to attend today's meeting.
- Kate and Chris Hamilton met with Julie, Krista and Toni on 27 August 2023 to review with them their positions and procedures.
- Toni advised that as of 9 September, paid membership is 349, with additional memberships still coming in. We are hoping to end up the year with 375. We will use 325 members for our FOCA renewal, which will be sent to them following this meeting. Kate advised that FOCA membership renewal is now subject to HST of 13%. Our total renewal cost for 2023 is \$1,610.25, including \$186.25 HST.
- At our meeting on 27 August, Kate advised the Procedures Manual for General Membership is in dire need of updating and she will Undertake to rewrite the manual for information and reference for Julie, Krista,
- And Toni, with a copy going to the President and Vice-President. Apparently, the Membership Committee is to report to the Vice-President, according to the original manual.
- Budgets for 2023 and 2024 were reviewed at that meeting. 2023 budget was exceeded by about \$500, but some of those costs are allocated to 2024. Budget for 2024 will be finalized for review at the October board meeting. It may have to be revised if new maps are to replace "swag" in the member kits in 2024. It was pointed out

that costs for new maps should not be borne entirely by Membership committee.

- E-transfer was successfully moved from Chris to Toni McLeod on 27 August.
- The new board members are enthusiastic about taking this on, and have great ideas for promoting GLPOA to attract new members. We are grateful to welcome two new canvassers on Great Heron Lane (Jennifer Cumper and Christine Juhasz).
- Immediate tasks for early 2024 will be to confirm roster of canvassers, with great thanks to those who continue to canvas for us. We need to find canvassers for several areas/zones, including: Tramore Rd., McMillan Rd., Goldfinch Drive, Highway 60 from McMillan to McNee Drive, Black Point Road, and Karmak Haven Rd. If we had canvassers in place in these zones we would have met our 2023 target of 400!

#### Lake Steward Don Bishop

Smelt Fry successful will call it a fish fry for next year. We are proceeding with Posters, Place mats and T-Shirts and are requesting \$1,500.00 from Fish Committee Funds to acquire the merchandise to start the process.

Dave informed Don that this request will be approved when approval of all Committee reports are approved.

#### Water Levels Report.

- Water levels though out the summer have stayed at a very reasonable level considering we had drought like conditions early and then what seemed like way too much rain in August. Renfrew Power Generation was finally able to get at their project to do need repairs to some of the sluices at the Golden Lake dam, see attached picture, at the time of the picture only one sluice was open of the five with a very active flow through the one, as predicted this did not affect lake levels. Following the amended BRMP Round Lake draw down began on the fall winter draw down began on Round lake on Aug 4 it is not expected to impact much on Golden Lake and we are still on track that our draw down will be right after Thanksgiving. Of course, weather conditions can always affect that so be diligent of your docks boat lifts and watercraft in getting them out of the water.

#### Fish Committee Report.

- Since Dr. Peter Heinermann and I joined forces to create a solution for the rehabilitation of walleye in Aug of 2022, it has been a most interesting process and way more time consuming then expected. From the start we had a very good idea of what was

needed and with both our backgrounds were able to put together a comprehensive 5 year plan with a budget of Year 1 \$41,766, year 2 \$157,653, Year 3 \$54,987, Year 4 \$54,987, Year 5 \$54,987 for an over all total of \$364,380. We have built in a 20% contingency

factor to each year that surpluses will be carried forward, capital cost of the total is budgeted is just under \$120,000, the balance is made up of operational costs and contingency.

- The project did not get moving this year due to the unavailability of the 5000 summer fingerlings we requested as well challenges working with the ministry which caused time delays in securing equipment. John Yakabuski has been briefed on this and will be approaching the deputy minister early in the New Year to get things in order. The attached 5 yr plan shows more detail.

#### Buoy Markers

- There were more challenges than normal with markers breaking loose this year and new boaters not familiar with the lake going in the wrong areas, we have a meeting later in Sept to solve this and have several solutions in the works, we will also be looking at night makers for the worse shoals that people can also use as navigation aids. Numbering of buoys as well as a digital map with the numbers of the buoys at the locations similar to how transport Canada does their marine mapping is the suggested format.
- Our approach with all of this will be to educate and inform.

#### Communications Mathew Ingram

- I am now in charge of E-mail, Web site, domain name and the Facebook group which has 1930 members. We currently have 80 followers on Instagram including the businesses in the area.
- There has been criticism of the Facebook group re number of promotional posts involving either item to sell or business posting their ads which is against the term of use for the page.
  - Mathew will look at the current guidelines and propose updating the policy as well as enforcement procedures.
- Posted the FOCA Lake Steward report on the site.
- Updated many other links
- New page written for the Bonnechere Water Management Plan one for water-level information and one for Hydro One rate class changes, with ore current information.
- Reconfigured the top menus to make them more intuitive, especially the fishing ones
- Handled submission for the Scavenger Hunt that were passed on to me by Sylvia and posted the winner's photo on the website.
- Posted the link to the CBC story on the Walleye program.
- In the Month of August we had 1,600 page views compared to 953 for the same period last year with a high of 230 page views on August 9. I am going to add some analyses to tract the visits.

- 30% of page views went to home page, 9% Fishing page

MOTION: To accept all Committee Reports

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MOVED: Kate O'Hara

SECONDED: Rob Bryce

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS:

#### **AGM Kate**

- The Hall Rental was \$85.00
- 115 attended the AGM Meeting
- Kate reported on a good meeting with decent attendance in spite of our having to change location twice. St. James school staff in Eganville were welcoming and helpful to us on short notice given them.
- Good feedback on the presentation by Shawn Cameron from RPG
- .Expenses for meeting itself were about \$175, including hall rental, catering costs. There were additional costs of \$200 to post the two location changes in The Leader.
- We will be seeking alternate locations available to us for the 2024 AGM and will have definite confirmation for this to include in the GLPOA spring newsletter.”

#### **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Natalie**

- We had 50 Member for the meal.
- Will start earlier to look for a caterer.
- We should look into a new location to hold the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner if we wish to draw younger volunteers.

#### **Code of Ethics / Purchasing Procedures**

- Dave reviewed the purchasing process and the associated approval levels / requirements
  - Expenses are to be pre-approved either via the budget process (full board approval) or associated approval process for non budgeted items
  - Expense form will be updated and provided to the board
- All board members need to review and sign the Code of Ethics

#### **Banking Signatories, E-Transfers Process Dave**

- Dave to follow up with the back to look at options for e-transfer (auto deposit), possibly through oging to single signatory.
  - If Single signatory is required then we will implement an internal process to require cheques to be signed by President but only issued by the Treasurer (etc.) to ensure appropriate diligence / audit trail.

- If approved by the Bank it will require a Constitution amendment.

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### **Filing of Information Changes (post AGM) / Financial Obligations**

- This requires 2 steps,
  - One after AGM and within 15 days of the meeting to update the new Board members on the corporate registry
  - Year end report to be filed in January
- Year end filing of our Financials with CRA.
  - The 2022 Financial have been filed and assessed
  - The next will be our 2023.
- Would like to add our Treasurer on as an alternative should something happen to the President.

### **Storage for GLPOA Equipment**

- Kate was in contact with the Insurance Company they must know what our operations are and the organization name to prepare the Certificate of Insurance.
- Discussed under Events at beginning of Meeting and Motion passed to pursue option of shed purchase.

### **FOCA renewal 2023 2024**

- Renewal is based on membership at a rate of \$4.00 per member and \$125.00 for the Association.
- It was suggested that we inform the membership what their \$20.00 fee pays for and the importance of our sponsors / volunteers.
- Sylvia will prepare a submission to FOCA for their Achievement Award, based on our success with the Snow Moon Skating Loop.

### **FOCA Fall Seminar.**

- The Seminar may well be held in person in Toronto this year, usually the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November. FOCA will send the information by end of September.
- If it meeting is in person, we can send 2 people, with GLPOA covering their expenses.
- Should a Board member wish to join the meeting on-line, your registration will be reimbursed by GLPOA..

NEXT MEETING: October 14 2023                      12:00 Noon    Elder Lodge

MOTION: Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

MOVED: Kate O'Hara  
CARRIED

SECONDED: Toni McLeod

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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.