



Otty Lake Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 8, 2013 9:30 a.m. (294 Three Bay Road)

Chair's Report and Associated Updates:

- The meeting was brought to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chair Robert Cosh
- A motion to accept the agenda as stands by Anne Scotton and seconded by Rick Stojak.
- OLA Board and Committee Members: Update on succession planning – David Reesor
 - 5 openings currently exist with 3 good candidates willing to stand: Ginger Hay, Peter Siemons, Barb Hicks
 - Of the many residents approached, there is a common concern for the amount of time expected of Board Members.
 - It was suggested by Anne Scotton that timed agendas be created. The guideline could consist of four (4) meetings per year, adhering to 2 hours per meeting.
 - A further suggestion was floated that voting items be held early in the meetings so discussion would be complete and member input maximized.
 - It was suggested by Cathy Kari that circulation of documents prior to the meeting would allow email voting in order to create greater meeting efficiency.
 - It was suggested by Gail Read that committee reports could be emailed with the agenda and that Board members could pose questions and seek clarification at the following meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Gail Read

- Minutes of the May 11, 2013 Board & Counsellors Meeting were accepted as written.
- Minutes of the July 13, 2012 AGM, recorded by Shari Beattie, were seen as accurate and ready to be floored as written at the upcoming AGM.
 - Gail Read expressed appreciation for Shari Beattie's efforts and accuracy in her past role as secretary. She noted that Shari has agreed to assume the role of secretary for the July 13, 2013 AGM due to Gail's absence for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Bell

- Dave Bell noted that 120 memberships have been purchased to date.
- The Financial Statement was provided but an updated document will follow as additional monies were added effective this meeting.
- Financial documents to be presented at the AGM were accepted as ready for presentation.

Environment Committee

Wally Robbins

- Wally Robbins, has met with a biologist, Jennifer Lamaroux, of RVCA re fish species, habitats and "all that happens below the surface". Two RVCA staff and Wally will be taking a shoreline tour in mid-June (2 day initiative) to examine bass nest activity.
The Senior Officer of MNR is to meet further with Wally regarding project partnership and funding from this government sector to possibly:
 - Drop pea gravel in areas where bass are active
 - Explore "fish sticks" which will further enhance the shoreline (4-8 metres)
 - Wally was thanked for the very professional input of his committee. His continued input and involvement is encouraged after his departure from the OLA Board.

- *Lake Steward Report* Murray Hunt
 - This report was emailed to Board Members. No questions were generated.
- *Land Use Committee* David Reesor
 - There are no building issues at present. Following the AGM it is hoped that a new member to the Board, Peter Siemons, will bring his planning expertise to chair this Board. Introductions to Karl Grenke (D/NE) and Noelle Reeve (TVT) are underway.
- *Naturalist* Roger Nuttall
 - A hike will be offered on Sunday, July 14th. This will be offered to attendees at the AGM.

Communications Committee

- *Membership and Counsellors* Phil Anderson
 - Packages continue to be delivered by the Counsellors. Fee payments are being collected as well as an invitation extended to attend the AGM and pay OLA fees at that time.
 - An update on Counsellors names will be undertaken by Phil and forwarded to Rick Stojak for website posting.
 - Shoreline Handbooks will be provided to the residents of McLaren Lake as well as increased communication undertaken.
- *Website* Rick Stojak
 - Financial statements are old and will need to be updated. The last two years and budget for the upcoming year are recommended for inclusion. Dave Bell will respond to this request and added that he has organized the paper records and has them safely stored in his home.
 - Information changes for residents need to be streamlined. As changes are submitted they should go directly to Dave Bell who maintains the data base. An inclusive email to Board members would allow pertinent data to be updated for the records maintained by many. Secretary Gail Read is to update the list of Board members and responsibilities for the webpage following the AGM.
 - A request was made to complete a survey of demographics of those who use our website. This will be done by Rick through a show of hands at the AGM to establish ability to receive information and best resolution.
- *Newsletter* Don Beattie
 - Thanks to all for the quick responses for the last edition which was ready for production eleven days ahead of schedule. A discussion followed regarding furthering connections between Capt'n Otty's Log and the website with longer versions of articles and relevant research being offered online. Don also recommended further inclusions of hyperlinks.
 - Barb Hicks' potential and keen manner were highlighted by Don in welcoming the new editor to her post. She will be looking to complete a survey and clarify the mandate of this newsletter.

Lake Plan Action Committee

Karen Hunt

- *Shoreline Planting Program 2013*
- *Shoreline Survey*
- *Partnership with Carleton University: John Milton update*
- *Wetland Project overview of Toronto Zoo presentation (June1/13)*
- *Five Year Review of Otty Lake Management Plan*

- This report was emailed to members. No questions were generated.
- *2014 Calendar: Flora and Fauna of our Otty Lake Watershed*
 - Gail Read reported that the 360 copies of the 2014 calendar are selling well and David Reesor, Robert Cosh, Karen Hunt or Gail Read may be contacted regarding purchases at 1/\$10, 2/\$15 or 3/\$20. The calibre of this year's edition was praised by Board members.

AGM Planning

Robert Cosh

- Food table coverage is needed this year as former volunteers, Judith and Bill Landles, are unavailable.
 - Phil Anderson will contact Counsellors to seek support.
 - Wally Robbins suggested establishing a Tim Horton's table with donations going to the "send a kid to camp" program.
 - Gail Read will ensure that supplies are available.
 - Food is usually dropped off by residents in attendance.
- Gail Read provided an overview of the AGM Agenda: speakers, displays and those involved with both. Concerns re multiple local lake AGMs has been expressed by presenters who will need our assistance in providing early speaking blocks.
- It was suggested by Anne Scotton that the OLA minimize the number of speakers and allow attendees time to gain information from the experts at the display portion of the program.
- As this year's speakers have been confirmed our draft agenda will be edited to offer speaking blocks prior to OLA business.
- A display map has been created and OLA members will host the following displays: Environmental Committee, Otty Picnic/Paddle Power, Otty Calendar, Otty clothing (if more becomes available), as well as sign in and information update tables.

Other Business

- *Otty Lake Picnic* Chris Harrison
Chris chairs this committee and provided an overview on games and events. The focus will be a Community Picnic with all age groups welcome. All Board Members are asked to attend and to bring a neighbour family.
 - Chris continues to investigate a zoo presentation, prizes and additional help
 - Dave Bell will be in charge of the BBQ
 - Roger Nuttall will conduct a shoreline investigation
 - Gail Read and Daphne Reesor will oversee the food
 - Community Picnic Members will prepare for the games
- *Paddle Power* Gail Read
The committee has been struck and is chaired by Ian McDonald. An invitation for all who kayak and canoe was extended and Board Members asked to share the word and invite a neighbour. Flyers will be made available. The goal will be to congregate 200 paddle powered boats and attempt to have an aerial photo taken. This area will be within the triangle formed by Cloverleaf Island, Maple Glen Beach and Mile Point. Participants will be welcome to paddle over to the BBQ for lunch and a social gathering.
 - A mass mailing of the Picnic/Paddle Power was recommended.
- New Ontario legislation for no-profit incorporations will be spearheaded by Don Beattie who will review materials as they are released and provide updates to the OLA Board.

Adjournment and Next Meetings:

- David Reesor was thanked for hosting this meeting,.
- Anne Scotton moved the adjournment of the meeting at 11:40 a.m., seconded by Cathy Kari.

The next meeting will be held on August 17, 2013.