



# Otty Lake Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 13th, 2015, 9:30 - 11:30 am  
The Hunt Home

**Present:** Phil Anderson, Dave Bell, Robert Cosh (President), Barb Hicks, Karen Hunt, Cathy Kari, Christine Kilburn (Secretary), Ian McDonald, Bill McLeish, Roger Nuttall, Anne Scotton, Peter Siemons, Derek Smith (13), Guests: Murray Hunt, Reid Kilburn

**Regrets:** Ginger Hay, Gail Reid

**Welcome** - Robert called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

- Robert thanked the Hunt's for hosting. He also thanked everyone for following the document distribution process, and taking the time to read and comment on the items being broadcast prior to the meeting.
- **Agenda - Motion 2015-03-01** (Robert/Dave) Approve agenda as amended  
**CARRIED**

**Minutes of May 2nd Meeting - Motion 2015-03-02** (Robert/Peter) Approve minutes as distributed. **CARRIED**

**NOTE:** These minutes do not capture the details of all the excellent discussion which took place. They summarize the presentations and results of those discussions. Thanks to all who participated and created thought provoking conversation.

**Communication received:** Christine read a portion of the Friends of the Tay letter previously distributed by Karen, regarding their Watershed Discovery Day, celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the lake management planning program. They were inviting all lake organizations to attend this event on Sat Aug 15 from 8 am to 1 pm. Robert will be there as a member of the FoTW Board. They are core partners of the Lake Management planning process, and getting the Trillium fund. David Taylor has copies of all our reports, to be displayed at this event.

**Financial Report** - Dave reviewed our budget. He also reviewed the 2014 financials. As of May 2 our bank balance was \$2,375 but now it is about \$3,800. Some folks who haven't been members for a while are coming back. Some of these are as a result of the SIP's, since he is getting the membership forms from those packages. Dave's presentation at AGM will be a narrative budget, to explain what members' money is used for.

**Communications Report** - Barb - Susan Code has edited the last 4 newsletters and will be stepping down from this role. Barb sent her a nice thank-you in recognition of her efforts. Don Beattie will edit the next couple of newsletters.

**Environmental** - Derek - Murray, Roger and Derek have sampled lake water twice this year, once for bacteria, once for nutrients. Derek has set out eight zebra mussel traps of varying substrates. The water temperature is 21. The first green algal bloom was seen around June 1<sup>st</sup>. They are monitoring what the species are. He hopes to update last year's State of the Lake Report in the fall, to compare to last year's. FOCA has good information on controlling various invasive species. Murray has prepared an article about blue-green algae for the next newsletter, covering topics such as what it is and why it is of concern, and how to identify as well as who to contact. Blue green algae forms in shallow, warm water, calm conditions. Only high concentrations are of concern. In large quantities, it can affect the liver and the brain. It is of concern if drinking water is obtained from the lake.

**Nominating Committee Report** - Karen presented the full final slate of nominees for the Board. At the AGM we will go through the democratic process, asking for any additional nominees. Thanks to Phil, Bill, Ginger for having served on the Board and all their hard work. Thanks to Nominating Committee - Dave Bell, David Reesor, Linda Church and Christine Kilburn. Some of the folks the committee contacted won't be on the Board, but are happy to help with short term projects. Christine has the list of those individuals.

**Motion 2015-03-03** (Karen/Anne) - That we accept the nominating committee's report and the full slate of nominees as presented. **CARRIED**

**AGM** - Robert - The focus this year will be on the Otty Lake activities residents are involved in. Attendees will see all the members of the Board and the work they do. They'll see a face related to the activity. AGM planning committee created the agenda which was distributed prior to the meeting. There was concern expressed re keeping our speakers on time. Gail has volunteered to be the time keeper, holding up signs when time is running out.

**Motion 2015-03-04** (Anne/Cathy) - revise the agenda to have the election after the Board introduction with a caveat that the current Board stays in effect until the end of the meeting. **CARRIED**

There was discussion about possibly taking advantage of a photo opportunity if Robert passes the Paddle donated by RVCA and MVCA, as well as Robert's Rules of Order to the new president. It was felt that, unrelated to a presentation, the membership should see these items. Karen will bring the paddle and the FOCA certificate to the AGM. Ian had a question re the road signs advertising the AGM. Christine volunteered to have the signs made at Images InterAlia.

In addition to talking about invasive species, Roger will have a display about invasive species to refer people to, broken down by those already here and those potentially coming. FOCA will bring information on numerous projects, including invasive species.

**Shoreline Planting** - Ian provided an update on behalf of Gail who is in Winnipeg.

- Flowers - Ordered 72 - 70 are spoken for.
- Ferguson Forest Centre neglected to place our order for 100 shrubs. Gail downsized the order to 50. Residents have ordered about 40. The shrubs will now cost \$320 (\$361.60 with taxes). Our original cost for 100 shrubs was \$640 plus taxes. The original 100 shrubs were going to be in 1 gal pots. The 50 we will now be receiving will be in 1 gal, 2 gal and 3 gal pots. Ferguson Forest Centre has gone above and beyond to compensate us for their error.
- Thanks to Gail for all her efforts in dealing with this difficult order.
- In 2009, 500 plants were ordered. At that time, they were bare roots, so there was a high volume of plants for minimal cost. This raised a few issues, such as low survival rate and cottagers not yet on Otty Lake on May 1<sup>st</sup> when the bare roots had to be picked up. So the following year, we went with 1 gallon pots.
- We are advertising that we will be doing follow up work to help residents plant in the right spots. We are offering to provide assistance with the actual planting. Karen mentioned that Watersheds Canada has received grant money which could be used for workshops. Perhaps we could suggest a possible workshop on native plants.

**Family picnic** - Ian for Gail - The picnic will be on Sat July 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30.

Magician will be the entertainer, from 11 to 11:45. Roger will provide the parachute again. There'll be games such as Bocce ball, dancing donuts. Ian will fill in for Dave on BBQ when he leaves early. Robert will bring rope for tug-of-war. Advertising the event was in the SIP's, at AGM, roadside signs. We will be asking for contributions of \$3/person to offset cost of food. Board members should try to bring someone along.

**Community Partners** - Anne - gave a brief history of formation of the committee at the last meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This ad-hoc Committee consisted of Anne, Karen, Reid, Christine. Cathy is willing to help. The committee used the OLA Constitution to develop a policy. The committee grouped our partners into 3 categories of partners, namely Operational/Strategic, Projects, Network. These can be found on the attached list of Community Partners. **Motion 2015-03-05** (Anne, Cathy) - that the draft policy and approach be adopted for the coming year. **CARRIED**

The Board now has the authority to review the list of Community Partners annually, as recommended by the Ad-hoc committee. It was decided that Fire Services should be added to the list with Dave as the contact. Karen mentioned that a subset of the Lake Networking Group meets with the OPP twice a year. Cathy volunteered to be the liaison with the OPP. Bill raised the issue of OPP costs having gone up by 56%. FOCA lobbies on behalf of lake communities. Municipalities would love to bring down the policing costs, but that is how much it costs to provide that service. Minutes of the LNG subset with OPP have been circulated by Karen to the Board. It was pointed out that the Community Partner liaison doesn't have to be a Board member. We don't necessarily need a contact

for each organization at all times, but may be specific times when it's necessary. It was decided not to add a column indicating the importance of each partner to the OLA.

**Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop** - Barb - maybe put a sign-up list at Roger's display table, and people can sign up if they would like to attend, indicating if they would prefer  $\frac{1}{2}$  day or 1 day. Also send out a request for expressions of interest in the newsletter and on the website. Roger will have information available at the AGM about what individuals can do about certain invasive species. For some, e.g. zebra mussels, there is not much we can do. Nature will take care of them, and find a balance. Yellow iris - we can get rid of by digging up all the roots. Purple loosestrife - about 15 years ago, for \$1,500, (OLA paid and RVCA split the cost) we bought 3 types of bugs and spread them out in the Perth Wildlife Preserve. There is significantly less Purple Loosestrife now, those remaining are stunted, and have holes in the leaves. Education component of a workshop would let people know they can pull out purple loosestrife, yellow iris. Bugs don't eat anything else but purple loosestrife, so die off once supply runs out.

**Other Business** - Bill is working on an Island Etiquette policy, starting with the one prepared by Christie Lake. What about an Adopt-an-Island program?

- Karen requested that Board members send photos to Kaitlin per the list Karen circulated on her behalf.
- Bill - found blue paddleboat on lake, found kayak. Could OLA have a hotline? Instead, Barb sends an e-mail to her contact list. We could advertise this as a service provided by the OLA.
- Robert thanked Board members for all their effort during his term as President.

**Adjournment** - (Robert/Ian) The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.