

# **Otty Lake Association (OLA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 2 to 4 pm Perth Legion**

**Welcome:** At 2 pm, Reid Kilburn, President – OLA, welcomed everyone to the AGM. Before moving into the agenda, Reid honoured and acknowledged with respect and care that we are meeting today on the unceded traditional lands of the Algonquin people.

Reid called the meeting to order. Approximately 100 people were in attendance.

**Agenda – Motion** (Ian McDonald/Rachel Roth) – Approve agenda as distributed. **CARRIED**

**July 8, 2018 AGM Minutes – Motion** (Jacquie Mallory/Robert Cosh) – Approve minutes as distributed. **CARRIED**

**Financial Report Presentation** – Christine Kilburn thanked Ross Hollingsworth for once again reviewing the financial results. She acknowledged Dave Bell on what would have been his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. Dave passed away Oct 18 2018 and his valuable contribution as OLA treasurer since November 2007 was remembered.

#### **Budget -**

- Revenues \$6730 Expenses \$6720. A budget line has been added to include Directors’ Insurance. After polling other Lake Associations (7 out of 10 of which have insurance) it was decided to include this expense to ensure protection for current Board members as well as attract future members.

**Motion** (Christine Kilburn/Jacquie Mallory) - approve 2019 Budget as distributed. **CARRIED**

**2018 Financials** - Christine pointed out that the 2018 financial results were pretty consistent.

- Revenues \$6700.81 Expenses \$4156.77

**Motion** (Christine Kilburn/Rachel Roth) - approve 2018 Income Statement **CARRIED**

**Introduction of Board Members** – Reid presented our current Board members, a number of whom were unable to attend.

- President – Reid Kilburn
- Past President – Robert Cosh
- Vice President – Director -Loon Surveys – Kyla Haley
- Treasurer – Christine Kilburn
- Secretary – Jacquie Mallory ( Appointed by the Board)
- Director - Newsletter Coordinator & Webmaster – Barb Hicks
- Director – Communications – Monika Savage
- Director – Newsletter Layout – David Bromley (retiring)
- Director – Fish Enhancement Project – Wally Robins (retiring)
- Director - Lake Activities Projects – Ian McDonald
- Director – Anne Scotton
- Director - Rachel Roth
- Director – Cathy Kari

Lake Steward – Derek Smith

**Proposed Change to OLA Constitution** – Reid requested a compliance change to the Constitution to ensure efficient operations. The proposed amendment was to the required number of Board members. The current 15 members would be amended to 10–15 members, one of which must be the past president. **Motion** (Rachel Roth/Ian McDonald) to approve the change in the Constitution as presented **CARRIED**

**Elections** – Reid then thanked the Nominating Committee for their hard work. Christine Kilburn, Linda Church, Karen Hunt and Dan Woods worked diligently to secure 4 new Board members as well as a new candidate for President.

Reid Kilburn advised everyone that based on the OLA Constitution we are required to hold an Annual General Meeting and elections. He asked Linda Church to run the elections. Linda pointed out that Kirsta Hearty McLean's bio was included in the handout packages. **Motion** (Linda Church/Christine Kilburn) That Krista Hearty McLean be nominated OLA President **CARRIED**

We have 5 openings for directors, and we have 5 individuals willing to fill those positions. Bios from Kevin Terrion, Kirsten Brouse Linda Cuthbertson, Robert Cosh and Jacquie Mallory were included in the package. Reid asked if there was anyone in the audience interested in becoming a Board member. There was no one. **Motion** (Linda Church/Karen Hunt) that the slate as presented be approved. **CARRIED**

**REPORTS, UPDATES and COMING EVENTS** - a PowerPoint presentation by Reid Kilburn

**State of the Lake** – this report has been done for 7 years

- Ice was out Apr 20 2019
- Water level is 51 cms below spring levels
- Water quality is monitored monthly starting in May
- June 22 – report of large algae mass in specific areas – nutrient fed
- Jebbs Creek hardly moving

**RVCA Report** – Reid gave a brief update prepared by Jennifer Lamoureux from RVCA:

- Fish habitat project – 58% occupancy
- Jebbs Creek Embayment off to a successful start. RVCA to put signage for visitors

**Loon Report** – 5 chicks this year with 11 pairs of birds. Thanks to Richard and Jay Hendry for monitoring and reporting on the birds and for Terry Crabbe photographer

**Shoreline Planting** – 265 plants were distributed this year, 2627 plants in the last 10 years

**Paddle Power** is in its 7<sup>th</sup> year and will take place Sat Aug 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM mid-lake off Code Island.

**OLA Picnic** will take place Sat Aug 17<sup>th</sup> , 12 until 3, and will be a more informal affair based on members' feedback on the Lake survey. It will take place at the Maple Glen Boat Launch and participants bring their own picnic.

**Lake Protection Workbook** – it is for shoreline property owners as a tool to self-assess. It is completely confidential and for property owners to keep.

**Lake Links Workshop** - Oct 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a Lake Links Workshop at the Civitan Club.

## **Our Future :**

- Lake Management Plan – 3 member surveys have been conducted over the last 10 years
- Review strategic direction & mission – stewardship? Science? Climate change?
- Explore potential Partnership with Tay Valley Township's Climate Change initiative
- Reid pointed out the difficulty in attracting new members to the Board. In the interest of full disclosure, Reid Kilburn indicated that he and Krista Hearty McLean would be co-chairing the OLA for the next year to assess the viability of a co-chair model. If this trial proves successful in reducing leadership workload, the Board may entertain further changes to the Constitution for next year's AGM. As well, they will be looking at more committee structures which may provide opportunities for the broader membership to participate in areas of interest to them. Volunteer sign-up sheets were distributed.

**Volunteer Recognition** – Reid called on Murray Hunt to present him with a certificate of recognition for his 14 years of service to the OLA as Lake Steward.

**Friends of the Tay Valey Watershed** – David Taylor, President and one of the founding members, is stepping down. Reid introduced Glenn Tunnock from Otty Lake, who was in the audience, and will be assuming the role of President of the Friends of the Tay Watershed.

**Drummond/North Elmsley** – Reid introduced Steve Fournier, Reeve who highlighted some initiatives from the past year.

- Roads are in good shape
- Buffer areas are being established around landfill sites
- New LED lights are being installed
- \$5 million being spent on Tennyson Rd
- Recreation plan being coordinated with Town of Perth, Tay Valley Township and Drummond North Elmsley
- there will be an Open House regarding the use of land for cottage owners
- There is a new planner at the Township
- Questions regarding the use of the Perth Dump will be studied

**Tay Valley Township** – Reid introduced Brian Campbell, Reeve who highlighted some of the work done this year.

Brian thanked the OLA for all the good work done. He stated that there were 5 new faces around the Council table due to the election. He mentioned the Recreation Plan Initiative which will request public input via 2 meetings. There is a working group for the Green Action Plan and funding has been received for "mainstreet revitalization." Three local bridges are being refurbished and Tay Valley is currently working with Lanark County for improved cell phone coverage. There is a new 5 year plan being established for Roads Needs Study.

Noelle Reeve planner for TVT mentioned a change in the zoning bylaw to allow 213 sq ft tiny homes.

- Council has made bunkies legal as long as there are no toilet or kitchen facilities
- There is a 50 year plan in place for St Anthony's monastery
- There is a new winery off Bollingbrooke Rd
- Farren Lake & Adam Lake have requested a change in the Official Township Plan for increased lake frontage in the hopes of further reducing phosphorus emmissions.
- Climate Change Survey will be used as a planning tool and may facilitate lobbying the provincial government to take action. Surveys available at OLA meeting.

## **Tobi Kiesevalter – Key Note Address**

Reid introduced Tobi who works out of Murphy's Point. Tobi's topic of CITIZEN SCIENCE included the mention of the Discovery Program which focusses on Indigenous interpretative work. This is the second Birch Bark Canoe being built at Murphys Point Provincial Park and is open for public viewing from Jul 6-19<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Friends of Murphys Point. Raffle tickets were being offered for a chance to win the "one-of-a-kind" canoe.

Tobi encouraged the audience to examine the biodiversity of their surroundings and to catalogue findings on the iNaturalist website. His main theme was moths, caterpillars and their significance to the biodiversity of our forests. There are over 4000 species of beetles and 175 species of dragonflies and damsel flies.

Citizen science means more eyes on the ground to input data for research.

Tobi or Mark Read of Murphys Point Provincial Park have offered to help us set up an iNaturalist site specific to Otty Lake.

## **Questions from the floor**

Karen Hunt questioned whether it was time to increase membership fees to \$25 a year to support stewardship initiatives. Reid asked her if she would like to present a motion **Motion** (KarenHunt/Christine Kilburn) that the OLA membership fees for 2020 be raised to \$25 **CARRIED**. It was noted that out of approximately 500 residents, 267 members had joined this year. We thank those who support OLA efforts.

Reid asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

Reid thanked Rachel Roth for her help as well as all others present.

Five Door Prizes were drawn and handed out.

The 2019 OLA AGM was adjourned at 4:02 pm.