



Otty Lake Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Tues July 28, 2015, 6:30 - 8 pm

The Kilburn Home

Present: Dave Bell, Robert Cosh, Krista Hearty McLean, Barb Hicks, Cathy Kari, Christine Kilburn (Secretary), Reid Kilburn (President), Ian McDonald, Roger Nuttall, Gail Read, Wally Robins, Anne Scotton, Chuck Shenkman, Derek Smith (14)

Regrets: Peter Siemons

Before meeting - Dave thanked Reid and Christine for their hospitality, and offering up this great venue for our first Board meeting.

Welcome - Reid called the meeting to order at 6:45, after the food contributions were enjoyed by all. He thanked everyone for their support and said he was looking forward to working with everyone. We have a diverse and talented Board. He likes flat empowered organizations, he likes change and innovation, he likes to learn, and he likes to have fun.

Agenda - Motion 2015-04-01 (Robert/Dave) Approve agenda as handed out. **CARRIED**

Minutes of June 13th Meeting - Motion 2015-04-02 (Christine/Dave) Approve minutes as distributed. **CARRIED**

Confirmation of Officers per Constitution - Cathy is a Vice President, Christine is the Secretary. They indicated they were happy to serve the second year of their 2 year terms in their current positions. Dave is Vice President and Treasurer, and is eager to serve in his 2 year term. Reid is beginning his 2 year term as President

Finance - Reid thanked Dave for his innovative AGM presentation. Great feedback has been received. Dave reported as follows:

- Bank balance - \$2,951.96
- Current membership 250. 12 have paid for 2016. In 2014 we had 270. Wally can bring his new neighbours to the OLA. Discussion turned to Shoreline Binders. Gail has 10 left. Owners are supposed to leave binders with the home/cottage. They should check before requesting a new binder. Barb pointed out that all the information in the Binders is on our website.

Motion 2015-04-03 (Dave/Roger) Accept Dave's finance report as presented. **CARRIED**

AGM Post Mortem - Reid thanked the AGM Planning Committee. All feedback has been positive feedback. It was a success. The only negative aspect was the technology, namely the projection of presentations and the quality of the microphone.

- Dave pointed out that, at the AGM, we collected \$1,420 in memberships. The sale of post cards brought in an additional \$3.
- Gail praised the work Tiger did under very difficult circumstances, such as USB's handed off without identification, and receipt of presentations the night before, or at the AGM. Gail had assembled photos for each person who spoke. Regardless of all the issues, Tiger is willing to provide the same service again next year. Gail handed out an excellent document identifying recommendations related to technology for next year's AGM. She reviewed it with the Board.
- Anne suggested that Gail and Tiger should not be devastated by what happened. There's no need to over manage in the future. We can make it more professional quite easily. If our partners and other presenters know they have to have presentations ready 2 weeks in advance, then we can share all presentations amongst all presenters - may adjust what they speak about knowing what other speakers are going to address. Common format from all presenters, e.g. all use PowerPoint.
- Dave volunteered to look into the sound system at the Legion.
- Wally - we had 94 people at the AGM. If we reduce that by the number of Board members + significant others, this reduces the number to about 75. He thinks our attendance compared to other lake organizations is great, and that our AGM presentations are exceptional.

Motion 2015-04-04 (Anne/Wally) Accept Gail's and Tiger's recommendations and try it for the next AGM. **CARRIED**

- Gail will collect photos. Tiger will project. Krista and Dave both offered that they have access to projectors.
- Dave has the contract with the Legion for next year; there is no time limit on when we have to sign. The Legion costs are \$65 hall, \$50 Coffee and Timbits, \$50 to set up and tear down. The Lion's Club charges \$125 for the hall.
- Krista commented that this was the first AGM she had attended and thought it was awesome. She did request that we have water available next year.
- How can we attract more people to the AGM? Though hard to believe, some people don't want to go to a meeting on a Sat morning, even though we've brought it down to 2 hours. Anne does evaluation as part of her career. She volunteered to chat with her colleagues to look into doing surveys - pre-AGM, perhaps in the Newsletter and one at the end of the AGM. All the information is on line, so why come to the AGM? We could consider a panel discussion on a topic discussed by more than one presenter, or having an informal time after the AGM where individuals can talk to the experts. Wally facilitated visioning sessions for the Lake Management Planning exercise - lots of participation. As part of the planning for next year's AGM, Gail

will pull together a group to consider these options. Wally volunteered to be part of this committee.

Road Sign Management - Ian took this over from Murray. We have 13 signs. Some roads don't see any signs. Some signs have been vandalized in the past. Ian changed the location of some signs to ensure all residents see one. Keep signs simple so they can be read at 80 km/hr. The AGM is always on the 2nd Sat of July, so make signs in such a way that only the date needs to be changed. It costs \$25 to design a new sign. Ian will keep the signs, then give them to the chair of applicable committees every year. Ian welcomes input.

Lake Activity Projects (LAP) - Ian provided a history of how this position came to be. Robert asked Ian to chair this new committee last year, after the dissolution of the Lake Plan Action Committee. Ian established guidelines for projects or activities, namely they must provide:

- Event
- Dates
- Key contacts
- Description of project (it's possible that 2 projects could work together)
- Outcome (want to ensure we get a decent return on our investment)

Ian feels it is important that those who pay dues, as well as the Board, know where the money is going. On the other hand, this is one more bureaucratic level.

After some excellent discussion, it was decided that LAP would be the incubator for new and innovative projects. Reid suggested that ongoing projects are working well under their current leadership. In our flat organization the project chair presents to the Board. Ian will be the bridge between new ideas and the Board. As our Treasurer, Dave must be part of this process.

Shoreline Planting - Gail summarized the report she had sent out prior to this meeting. For example, she and Ev found that there are a number of people buying plants who aren't OLA members, or don't live on the water. If individuals buy 5 plants, their OLA membership is paid for, since the OLA subsidizes each plant for \$4. She and Ev are meeting with RVCA this Thurs to green light options for next year. Dave indicated that the sale of Flowers & Shrubs brought in \$534.80. Gail asks each Board member to review the list of questions at the end of her report, and provide her with feedback.

BBQ - Gail handed out a summary about the picnic. The picnic was over budget. One item is the food, which is bought in volume, e.g. at Costco. Some of the leftovers went to today's Meet N Greet. Other supplies will be used at Board meetings. Gail has questions identified in her handout, and welcomes comments.

Fish and Wildlife - Wally provided an update. He will receive proposed costs for Phase 3 from Jennifer Lamoureux (RVCA) when she's back from vacation. It should be less than 1st

2 phases since they are considering only 50 to 60 beds this year. The idea of nesting boxes for wood ducks, bats, swallows is receiving positive feedback. One cost item which requires further study is the rental of pontoon boats. Our past supplier in Westport is no longer in existence. Understandably, people on the lake don't like the thought of using their boats as a working boat. Wally and Jenn are looking at building structures in some back bays, which would be loved by herons, amphibians, small fish, possibly even loons. A resident of Otty Lake is willing to build the boxes. OLA will buy the material. Sometimes Jenn has access to grant money. Per a motion made at the Board meeting on Nov 2, 2014, the OLA agreed to support and finance the Bass spawning enhancement program, in association with the RVCA, for an additional 3 years (2015, 2016, 2017). The level of support would be approved on an annual basis.

200th Anniversary – Reid presented 3 possible options:

- Collect historical info and put together in a book. This type of activity is already being done by the townships, and Perth.
- Calendar project - photo history, key history dates. Both are projects under way by TVT and D/NE.
- Engage the youth. Define and implement a project the youth could get involved in. History or science teachers could be engaged. They could work on it during the winter. The winner could present at AGM. Disseminate the project's guidelines, encouraging those far or near to get involved. The educators on our Board could help guide the Board. Engaging our next generation would be helpful. Have their familiarity with social media help advertise Otty Lake. Krista, Cathy, Barb volunteered to work with Reid. Anne suggested we should introduce a competitive element, e.g. "The President's Challenge". Be as inclusive as possible. Anne also thought it would be interesting to collect the stories around the lake, e.g. related to the Camps, the Dance Hall formerly at Camp Shomria. She could investigate the stories.

Peter's Land Use Report – Gail is concerned about one of the 3 minor variances. She sent a letter to D/NE and was thanked by the Township for providing input. Reid asked everyone to assist Peter with the important work he is doing.

Conservation Authority Discussion Paper – Reid suggested we could provide Otty Lake input to the Lake Networking Group, or provide input directly. Robert has some thoughts and is willing to work with a couple of others to pull together a response. All Board members will read the discussion paper by the end of August. Share comments with other Board members.

Future Meetings – In the past, the Nov Board meeting has been followed by a meeting of the Board and Counsellors. Gail is disappointed at the turnout of Counsellors at this set

up. She thinks an educational meeting only with counsellors would be better. She'll send a survey out to them by mid August, and will let the Board know of the results.

Board meeting Sat Nov 7th, 9:30 am at McMartin House. We'll set future dates at that time.

Other Business -

- Dave - Jennifer Jilks - does not live on Otty Lake but is very supportive. Krista's dad would like to support the OLA as well. Our database has a list of members, as well as interested parties. Individuals do not have to reside on Otty Lake to be members.
- Myrna LeCou, a recent resident on Otty Lake, paid her membership at the AGM. She is an advocate for educating on Lyme Disease, since her daughter suffers from it. She would like to do a presentation on Lyme Disease (at our AGM or educational piece?). Wally will speak to her.
- Dick Atkinson - claims he has a lifetime membership. Do we have that? We think David Code was a lifetime member, but he always paid his membership. Dave will follow up with Karen.
- Dave is a licensed pyrotechnician - he'll be setting off fireworks on Labour Day. He can put together a great show for about \$1,000.
- Robert - Brian Campbell mentioned having a fireworks display where all organizations pool their resources to have a really big display. There would be Liability considerations.
- Krista is not aware of all the subcommittees. If someone feels she'd be helpful on a committee, get in touch with her. Chuck also offered his assistance. Gail would like help with Counsellors.
- Anne offered a vote of thanks to the host and hostess.

Adjournment - (Cathy/Robert) The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.