

**Otty Lake Association
Board Meeting Minutes**

Sat May 11, 2019 10:00 AM

McMartin House

Present: Robert Cosh, Kyla Haley, Barb Hicks, Christine Kilburn (Treasurer), Reid Kilburn (President), Ian McDonald, Jacquie Mallory (Secretary), Monika Siegmund Savage, Anne Scotten (9)

Regrets: David Bromley, Wally Robins, Cathy Kari, Rachel Roth (4)

Welcome - Reid welcomed everyone to the meeting. He gave a special welcome to Monika for being able to be present in person.

Agenda - Add Snake report if time permits. **Motion 2019-02-01** to approve the agenda as amended (Robert) Second (Monika) **CARRIED**

Approval of previous minutes - **Motion 2019-02-02** that the minutes of the Board meeting of Feb 9 2019 be approved as circulated. (Ian) Second (Robert) **CARRIED**

Financial Report - Christine presented the 2018 Income Statement presented for the auditors as well as the Proposed 2019 Budget with the changes to reflect the inclusion of Directors' Insurance. It was noted that there is now only a \$10 surplus which reflects a more appropriate position for a Non-Profit organization. We still have almost \$6000. in GICs. Rachel was selected to explain the decision to have Directors' Insurance with the membership at the AGM as she has done extensive research on the matter. Robert asked whether it would be possible to insure some members only and others not. Reid explained it was a General Liability policy and would prove more costly to unbundle and therefore would not benefit the organization. **Motion 2019-02-03** to accept the Financial Report as presented (Christine) Second (Anne) **CARRIED**

Communications Committee Report - Barb has sent out her report and has nothing to add. Barb questioned who should be approving what is being sent out to members and whether Jacquie should be doing so as Secretary. Anne stated that she felt things were going well as currently done and Board members concurred. Robert wondered how far the Board should go regarding Radon information without creating panic based on the great turnout at the Radon Information Workshop. Reid felt the Board had done due diligence. Barb mentioned that she had been receiving numerous inquiries for lost/found docks and questioned whether they could go on Facebook. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that not all members are signed up for Facebook. If Barb receives more than 6

enquiries a week, the Board will revisit the issue. Perhaps rather than posting the enquiries one by one they could be included in a section called Lost and Found and posted once a week. Barb continues to need material for the newsletter as well as pictures.

Motion 2019-02-04 to accept Communications Report as presented (Christine) Second (Monika). **CARRIED**

Shoreline Planting - Christine reported that all 265 plants had been sold thanks to Karen Hunt's efforts. Since the OLA is subsidizing the sale of the plants, a loss of \$311.22 will be incurred. **Motion 2019-02-05** to accept the report as presented. (Monika) Second (Kyla) **CARRIED**

Radon Workshop - There were 90 attendees, the majority were from Perth. The workshop was held in the recreation hall at the Perth Pool. They charge by the hour, which makes it affordable for short events. There was an issue with availability of sufficient chairs, though they advertise room for 100. All three presenters, (the local Health Unit, the Health Canada representative and Mr Radon salesperson) were all good speakers. However, Mr Radon's sales pitch was longer than desired - though he was very knowledgeable. **Motion 2019-02-06** to accept the report as presented (Barb) Second (Christine). **CARRIED**

Nominations Committee Report - Christine stated that a Committee had been struck with members being herself, Karen Hunt, Dan Woods and Linda Church. There are 4 positions on the Board as well as President to be filled and numerous possibilities have been contacted. There has been excellent feedback and some names presented for consideration are: Susan and David Murray, Kevin Terrion, Linda Cuthbertson and Robert Cosh. Monika questioned whether a joint directorship was best for the Board. Anne stated there was nothing in the Constitution against it as long as only one person attended and voted. Perhaps the keenest could attend meetings and the other could assist in the role. Reid confirmed that "the Constitution is silent on the matter". As the vacancy needs to be filled, perhaps one could be designated and the other be an observer as all members are welcome to attend meetings. As OLA is incorporated only one name can appear. Anne extended kudos to the nominating committee on the work done so far. **Motion 2019-02-07** made to accept the Nominating Committee report as presented. (Anne) Second (Jacquie) **CARRIED**

BBQ - Kyla reminded members of the discussion to hold the picnic the same day as Paddle Power. Kyla and Rachel were unsure whether the Paddle Power team were concerned about competition between the 2 events. A previous Paddle Power event held in conjunction with a picnic had not been successful and thus not repeated. There was

also concern about the different demographics involved as well as the location of the Extended paddle. Ian (who is part of the Paddle Power team) felt it was appropriate to try to combine the events on the same day again. There was agreement to hold both events on August 17th. Kyla will discuss with Rachel, to see if they will commit to planning the BBQ. **Motion 2019-02-08** to accept the report as presented (Kyla) Second (Christine) **CARRIED**

Lake Steward Report - Reid reported that the ice on the lake was out April 20th and that lake levels peaked April 21st at 132.227 ft above sea level which is slightly above normal. Chemical limnology testing will be undertaken and Richard and Jay Hendry will provide their boat on May 13 2019. **Motion 2019-02-09** To accept the report as presented. (Anne) Second (Robert) **CARRIED**

2019 AGM- Christine will sign the contract with the Legion for rental of the Hall at the cost of \$125 and effect payment May 13 2019. They no longer provide tea and coffee but will make it for us if we provide the supplies. There will be a dry run held July 11th at 9:30 am to ensure a smooth meeting. RVCA is no longer able to send anyone to have a display at our AGM but will provide material for dissemination. Tobi Kiesewalter will speak on Citizen Science and Bio-diversity. There will not be any Lake Steward's table. **Motion 2019-02-10** to accept the report and based on the LAP report submitted by Christine, the AGM requires a budget of \$460. (Anne) Second (Kyla) **CARRIED**

Lake Steward Duties - At the Oct 13 2018 meeting Derek presented the Lake Steward Duties. Recently, he advised Reid that he will take care of the Physical and Chemical Limnology items but not the Special Projects and Communications Tasks. Discussion ensued about the need for a committee to take care of these duties. In the short term, someone is needed to present a summary of water sampling at the AGM. Since Kyla agreed to assist Derek with the data base of water sampling data last Fall she will meet with him and discuss presenting the report to the AGM.

Revisions to the Constitution - Reid stated there were 3 items for consideration:

1. The Board decided that a couple cannot hold one Board position. One member of the couple must decide to be the voting member. The other is welcome to attend Board meetings, since they are open to all OLA members
2. Members attending the AGM will be asked to vote to amend the Constitution to state that the Board will consist of a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 members rather than the current 15. **Motion 2019-02-11** (Anne) Second

(Christine) The newsletter will be sent out to ensure members are advised the required 2 weeks in advance. **CARRIED**

3. A proposed change to the Constitution might be proposed to the AGM by the nominating Committee in the case where they are unable to find a candidate for the President's position but 2 individuals step forward to act as co-presidents.

Elevator Pitch -At the request from Area Counsellors (ACs) at a recent meeting, Reid prepared a brief description of what the OLA does for its members, to be used as needed by the ACs when visiting their neighbours. He sent this to Board members prior to the Board meeting. It was approved and will be sent to Gail to provide to ACs.

Snake Report - Monika's recommendation, namely to use Citizen Science and have residents report Gray Ratsnake sightings directly to the appropriate website rather than to her, eliminating a step, was accepted by Board members. She will include an article in the next Newsletter to advise Otty lake residents.

Next meeting - the AGM will be the next meeting. Kyla will let the Board know when the "Meet and Greet" get-together will be at her place. This was discussed at the meeting.

Adjourn – Motion 2019-02-12 (Robert) Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM