

# **Otty Lake Association**

## **Annual General Meeting**

Saturday, July 09, 2011, Lions' Hall, Perth, Ontario  
Draft Minutes

1. **Welcome** – Karen Hunt

Karen Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM with a quorum. She thanked those who volunteered to help organize the AGM, the speakers, Township representatives, exhibitors and all the members who came out.

2. **Acceptance of July 10, 2010 AGM OLA Minutes** – Shari Beattie

**Moved by Anne Scotton to accept the Minutes of the OLA AGM 2010. Seconded by Diana Nuttall. Carried**

3. **Approval of the Agenda** – Shari Beattie

4. **Financial Report and 2011 Budget** – David Bell

Copies of the Treasurer's Report and 2011 Proposed Budget were circulated before the meeting for membership perusal.

**Moved by David Bell to accept the Financial Report. Seconded by Eric Hanson. Carried**

**Moved by David Bell to accept the amended Proposed Budget 2011. Seconded by Gardner Church. Carried**

5. **Overview of Year's activities** – Karen Hunt

Karen spoke of this year's continuing implementation of the Lake Management Plan. Some of the initiatives included: Pirates' Day, Otty Lake Shoreline Calendar with a special thank you to Gail Read and an apology to Norm Hall who supplied the aerial photograph on the cover but whose name was omitted, Otty Lake Map (if mistakes are found, please contact the municipalities), Black-legged Tick Kits and working with our community partners. She introduced 2016, 200 years of local history for TVT, D/NE and Perth saying that the history of Otty Lake is a valued part of local history.

6. **Election** – Linda Church

David Reesor was unable to attend the AGM and asked Linda Church to conduct the election. The Nominating Committee Report recommended that Robert Cosh be elected President. Robert gave the members a brief overview of his interest in Otty Lake, his background, and his positions on the Board. Linda called three times for nominations from the floor.

**Moved by Marlene Hudson to accept Robert Cosh as President. Seconded by Diana Nuttall. Carried**

Karen Hunt automatically returns as Past-President. Three Directors were returning for the second year of their term: Robert Cosh, Rick Stojak and Shari Beattie. The Nominating Committee proposed that those Directors wishing to run for another term: Phil Anderson, Don Beattie, Dave Bell, Darlene Bishop, Chris Harrison, Murray Hunt, David Reesor, Wally Robins and Anne Scotton be returned. Biographies of those directors were circulated before the meeting. Linda Church asked three times for nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

**Moved by Ian MacDonald to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Seconded by Willie Newsome. Carried**

With two positions open, the members were asked to please consider joining the Board.

**7. Tay Valley Township – Deputy Reeve Susan Freeman**

Susan Freeman presented Karen Hunt with a token of appreciation for her work with TVT as the President of the Otty Lake Association. She thanked Karen for being kind, respectful, diligent and professional in her relationship with TVT.

The 14 mining claims still in Burgess have been bought by MegaGraphite. TVT has contacted the company and has been told that they plan to develop the claims but not in the near future. They will clean up the damage done by the previous owner. The township is developing a strategic plan for the next twenty years and asked for suggestions from the OLA. There will be three more meetings this summer for residents.

**8. Drummond, North Elmsley Township – Reeve Aubrey Churchill**

Aubrey Churchill reported that three new councillors were elected. Karl Grenke has been hired by the Township as the Planner. The Reeve gave a summary of updates in the township over the past year.

**9. Lake Carrying Capacity and Land Use Planning – Noelle Reeve, TVT Planner**

Noelle Reeve described a just-released MoE study of lake carrying capacity on Farren, Christie and Otty lakes, using a new model based on background level of phosphorous before development. This model showed that Otty Lake is already above capacity but the model is developed for lakes that are off the Canadian Shield, [this should read “on the Canadian Shield”] whereas Otty Lake is a mix of Shield and non-Shield areas. She stated that the results came as a big shock to the township and the lake associations. More work needs to be done and she will meet with MoE, MNR, and RVCA to see what action should be taken. Each lake must be viewed as individual with unique characteristics which would include many more factors than just the phosphorous level.

**10. Wetland Conservation Program – Lynda Ruegg, Toronto Zoo**

Lynda Ruegg, Toronto Zoo Turtle Care Technician, described The **Adopt-A-Pond** Wetland Conservation Programme which includes the Ontario Turtle Tally and Frog Watch programs and encouraged the OLA to send observations to the zoo at their website. At present, seven out of eight turtle species in Ontario are at risk. Reporting turtle sightings will help establish where turtles survive and what threatens them.

**11. Fish Report – Wally Robins**

Wally Robins, Chair of the Environment Committee, spoke at length about the threats to Otty's bass population. After more than 20 years of monitoring bass, Wally has found that during the past four years the population of adult bass has dropped markedly which will compromise the health of the lake. He believes that fishing out of season, and taking large numbers of bass over 2 pounds during the legal season, are responsible for the decline. He recommended photographing out-of-season offenders and calling MNR to report incidents.

**12. Loon Report – Bill McLeish**

Karen Hunt presented Bill's loon report and sightings. He has seen nine adult loons with five babies so far on the lake. One member spotted another baby to bring the total to six. Mark Semple asked if the OLA could put up signs in the area of nesting loons. Karen Hunt said that the Board would consider it for next season.

**13. Board Introductions and Responsibilities – Karen Hunt**

Karen Hunt introduced the 2010-2011 Board stating each person's responsibilities:

Karen Hunt – President, Robert Cosh – Vice-President, Anne Scotton – Vice-President, Dave Bell – Treasurer, Shari Beattie – Secretary, Phil Anderson – Membership and Counsellor Chair, Don Beattie – Log Editor, Darlene Bishop – Director, Linda Church – Communications Chair, Chris Harrison – Director, Murray Hunt – Lake Steward, David Reesor – Past-President and Land Use Chair, Wally Robins – Environment Chair, Rick Stojak – Website.

Karen then named the past year's Area Counsellors and asked them to stand.

**14. Questions from Floor for any Board Member/Committee Chair**

There were no questions from the floor but Marlene Hudson thanked Karen Hunt for all she had done for Otty Lake.

**15. Other Business**

Names were drawn for door prizes and a Foodsmiths' gift basket.

**16. Adjournment**

Ric Potter moved that the OLA AGM 2011 adjourn.