



Otty Lake Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2014, 7 pm

McMartin House

Minutes

Present: Robert Cosh (President), Evelyn Dore, Chris Harrison, Barb Hicks, Cathy Kari, Christine Kempster (Secretary), Ian McDonald, Bill McLeish, Roger Nuttall, Gail Read, Peter Siemons, Derek Smith

Regrets: Ginger Hay, Karen Hunt, David Bell

Welcome - Robert called the meeting to order at 7 pm

Approval of Agenda - Motion (Christine/Cathy) That the agenda be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

E-Mail Motion 1 - Robert informed everyone that the following motion which had been circulated via e-mail by Karen Hunt had carried.

Motion (Karen) That the OLA cover the cost of two cartons of Take 10 coffee for each of the two days in September when the RVCA and OLA complete Phase 2 of the Bass Habitat Enhancement work. The total cost should be \$66.40 **CARRIED via e-mail**

E-Mail Motion 2 - Robert pointed out that another motion, below, had been circulated but had not yet been voted on. Some discussion took place. **Motion** (Derek/Chris) That Mr. Ian McDonald (coordinator of OLA projects) and Mr. David Bell (OLA Treasurer) are delegated the authority to approve requests for pre-approved incidental expenses of less than \$100 (referred to as Petty Cash) submitted by an organizer of an OLA Board approved project. Receipts must be submitted to them for reimbursement. **CARRIED**

Action: Ian McDonald agreed to report monthly on the project expenditures.

Minutes of Aug 1 Meet & Greet - Motion (Christine/Gail) That the minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

Crown-owned Islands

Bill circulated his report (attached), which addresses the task of producing an analysis and recommendations for improved management of Otty Lake's Crown-

owned islands. There was significant discussion related to the issue of refuse on these islands, particularly on Cloverleaf Island. Numerous possible solutions were proposed and discussed.

Actions:

1. Derek committed to take photos to be used in an article in Cap'n Otty's Log to educate members on the conditions of some islands.
2. Members of the Board are asked to submit their ideas to Bill via e-mail.
3. Bill will issue a report of his additional findings.
4. Bill will look at condominium corporations for ideas.

State of the Lake

Derek spoke about his Groundwater Sampling Program (Science Note attached). He's now seen 13 of the 19 results and all are fine. He is planning to speak with Caduceon re possibly doing future tests for a total of \$125 rather than their \$142.25.

Derek then informed the Board about the current zebra mussel situation. He believes the number of zebra mussels has declined compared to previous years. He is observing 8 zebra mussel traps. None are producing zebra mussels. He also believes algae is declining. We need to identify the algae species. He led the discussion about the sighting of blue green algae in the Big Rideau which has been reported in the news this week. It can be transported by boat. Derek is monitoring the algae, and invites us to look under his microscope. Gail suggested signage at the boat launch ASAP. The OLA was not prompt enough with the posting of signs when zebra mussels first appeared.

Actions:

1. Roger offered to investigate if ducks & geese transport blue green algae.
2. Robert asked Barb to put a link on the website to the Citizen article, with a covering message about how blue green algae can be spread.
3. Robert asked Barb to send a note to all OLA members to ensure they are informed about the danger of blue green algae. Barb advised the Board that this capability to communicate is still being tested.

Shoreline Planting

Evelyn asked the Board if they would consider continuing the Shoreline Planting program in 2015. Many of the members who purchased in 2014 were new, and the plants ordered sold out very quickly. Evelyn informed the Board about the 2015 recommendations for wildflower choices:

- Swamp Milkweed

- Fringed Yellow Loosestrife
- Cardinal Flower (ordered in 2013 but heavily requested to be repeated)

Philip Fry of Old Field Garden and Wildflower Nursery requests that we order in lots of 24 and that we advise him by the end of August. The Shoreline Planting team also recommends we order 100 shrubs again from the Ferguson Forest Centre. As was done in 2014, the OLA will subsidize 50% of the cost of wildflowers (total cost \$8/plant) and shrubs (total cost \$6/shrub). The plants would be picked up on July 2nd, (Gail is familiar with the process for the shrubs and Ev for the wild flowers) and Sat Jul 4, 2015 would be the date for OLA members' pick up of plants. There was discussion about asking purchasers for permission to follow up with them to see how the plants are doing, ask for photos, educate them that wire cages do protect the plants. We also want to ensure that the plants are staying on the lake. Pictures and an article could be included in the newsletter.

Motion (Ev/Peter) That the Shoreline Planting team proceed with the purchase of the 72 wildflowers and 100 shrubs. **CARRIED**

Ev asked the Board to move the Plant Sale date from May 16 to Sep 5 (updated schedule attached). Profits from sale would go to OLA projects.

Land Use Report

Peter reviewed his land use report (attached with one revision to previous report circulated).

Action: Peter will get in touch with the RVCA re the North Shore property about the location of the septic.

Planning an OLA Program for 2014-2015

Robert summarized the purpose of the report (attached). The Board must always be aware of possible projects, so that we can prioritize. The document also identifies the need for measurable results for each project. Derek pointed out that there are 24 major initiatives being supervised by a handful of individuals. This is very impressive. **Motion** (Robert/Derek) That the Board accept the Planning document. **CARRIED.**

Robert thanked the Board for accepting and actioning the process of providing all Board members with material for upcoming meetings 10 days prior to the meeting date, to give everyone a chance to digest the material and communicate thoughts. This also allows time to make motions via e-mail and vote prior to the meeting.

Robert adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

