

Otty Lake Association
Board “Meet & Greet” Meeting Minutes

Fri July 27 2018, 5:30 – 7:45 pm
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Present: Dave Bell, David Bromley, Robert Cosh, Kyla Haley, Barb Hicks, Murray Hunt, Cathy Kari, Christine Kilburn (Secretary), Reid Kilburn (President), Ian McDonald, Wally Robins, Rachel Roth, Derek Smith (13)

Regrets: Monika Savage, Anne Scotton, Michelle Soucy (3)

Welcome – Reid welcomed everyone to our “Meet & Greet” meeting. He thanked Kyla and Jason for hosting again this year in their beautiful home, thanked Dave for BBQing and welcomed our newest Board member, Rachel Roth.

Agenda – As distributed, there are 3 items on the agenda:

- Succession Planning
- 10 Year Lake Management Plan (LMP) Anniversary Report
- All Candidates Debate in Burgess ward, Tay Valley Township
- A new agenda item has been added, namely Shoreline Planting

Discussion –

- **Financial Update** - Dave reported that our GIC will be worth \$5,124.11 when it matures Feb 2019. Our bank balance is \$5,914.25, and we have 250 members. This is more than we’ve had in quite a few years. The new e-transfer capability is working well.
- **Succession Planning –**
 - Murray is stepping down as Lake Steward at the end of 2018. He’s fulfilled this role since 2004. Reid thanked him for his dedication. Murray pointed out that Derek joined him in 2011 and made Murray’s life easier. Derek will take over as Lake Steward and considers it a great honour. Kyla will take care of maintaining the database.
 - Reid will step down as President at the 2019 AGM. He asked the Board to give serious thought to who might succeed him. We don’t want to repeat what happened in 2015, when Reid stepped in, not having been on the Board. At our Oct meeting we’ll discuss next steps.
- **Ten Year LMP Summary** – Wally volunteered to prepare a document summarizing the recent 10 year survey. It will be similar to the summary done 5 years ago, and will be posted on our website.
- **All Candidates meeting for municipal elections** – A question was asked by a member at the AGM, asking if the OLA will once again organize such a meeting. Kay Rogers of Pike Lake has approached us to see if we’d sponsor one for Burgess Ward in TVT, possibly on Sat Sep 1st. Otty, Pike, Black, Adam Lakes could get together if there is interest. There are 3 Reeve candidates (Brian Campbell, Susan Freeman, Keith Kerr), 2 Deputy Reeves (Judy Farrell, Barry Crampton). The format of the meeting is currently unknown. No one in D/NE has come forward to organize a meeting. RVCA’s jurisdiction has been questioned by a candidate. Discussion amongst Board members concentrated on the good work RVCA does and that we are

supportive of them. Kyla pointed out that RVCA was instrumental in the stop work order related to the Blueberry Creek forest school. We should follow this situation and consider optics, if there is a conflict of interest. It was decided that Reid will get back to Kay, indicating that the OLA Board is not supporting an All Candidates meeting, but would support development of questions in conjunction with other lake associations which will be provided to the candidates. Their responses will be posted on our website, and members will be sent a broadcast e-mail advising them to educate themselves. A support letter to RVCA, indicating support of them and specific support they have provided to the OLA will be drafted.

- **Shoreline Planting – Motion 2018-03-01** (Christine/Wally) that the OLA have another Shoreline Planting initiative in Spring 2019. Discussion followed re the importance of the education component of such an initiative. People will allow other plants to grow around those plants, contributing to the buffer zone. **CARRIED**

Next Meeting – Sat, October 13

Wally updated everyone on the good news that the success of the Otty Lake/RVCA fish habitat project is being recognized, and duplicated on other lakes. The Wolf Lake Association has put together an outstanding proposal to help their walleye population. This is the result of a successful discussion between their director, Wally and Jennifer. Jennifer is hoping to get them some grants. If RVCA approves, there could be funding available.

Ian moved meeting adjourned.