

**Otty Lake Association
Board Meeting Minutes**

Sat Nov 2 2019 10:00 AM

McMartin House

Present: Reid Kilburn (co-President), Krista Hearty McLean (co-President), Robert Cosh, Ian McDonald, Jacquie Mallory (Secretary), Monika Siegmund Savage (via FaceTime), Anne Scotten, Rachel Roth, Kirsten Brouse, Linda Cuthbertson (10)

Regrets: Cathy Kari, Christine Kilburn (Treasurer), Barb Hicks, Kyla Haley, Kevin Terrion (5)

Welcome - Reid welcomed everyone, both old and new members to the meeting. Members then introduced themselves one by one with an emphasis on past experience and reason for joining the Board.

Agenda - Add Lake Links Report and FOCA Lake Quality report. **Motion 2019-03-01** to approve the agenda as amended (Krista) Second (Monika) **CARRIED**

Approval of previous minutes - **Motion 2019-03-02** that the minutes of the Board meeting of May 11 2019 and AGM Minutes of Jul 14 2019 be approved as circulated. (Jacquie) Second (Kristen) **CARRIED**

Financial Report - Reid presented the Financial Report on Christine's behalf. Membership is now at 273 which is an increase. Revenue is on track and expenses are currently under because water testing costs are under. We have an excess of about \$6000 as well as GICs of \$5000. It was suggested that perhaps the Board could be looking at exploring initiatives which would put these resources to good use and benefit the organization. **Motion 2019-03-03** to accept the Financial Report as presented (Reid) Second (Anne) **CARRIED**

State of the Lake Report - Reid has not distributed a State of the Lake report yet. Derek, as Lake Steward will do the limnology and Reid will coordinate different contributors and then draft a report to be distributed to Board members.

Lake Activities Report - Ian continues to follow up on water testing. Shore-line planting was discussed and whether this was of value as numerous plants do not survive. Ian felt that the program should be looked at for "value for money" and whether we are fulfilling our mandate.

Communications Committee Report - Barb sent out her report prior to the meeting. Captain Otty's Log went out on schedule. Only 55 copies were printed so costs are being reduced. All contributions are welcome and needed. Between May 1 and today the list has been used 18 times for messages. Six of those were for Lost and Found. There are 452 names on the list, up from 443. Our Facebook page has 256 members up from 212, It is still largely a photo sharing place. No major changes to the website happening.

Kyla's Report - Paula Stewart for Public Health has received funding for 2 more years to enable Radon Workshops and education. Two new sessions are planned for Smith Falls and Carleton Place. The Radon Test kit is available at the Smith falls Health Unit at a cost of \$20. November is Radon Awareness month. It was suggested the poster be placed on our Facebook page.

Motion 2019-03-04 to accept Sate of the Lake, Lake Activities, Communications and Kyla's report as presented (Robert) Second (Linda). **CARRIED**

Leadership Opportunities - Reid mentioned the need for leadership for the AGM Planning Committee as well as for the Shoreline Planting Committee. In order to attract volunteers, it is important to communicate to members about the stewardship role of the OLA as well as promote the RVCA and the work they do. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of finding students for the Shoreline Planting initiative and perhaps a grant to work with the RVCA.

Motion 2019-03-05 The Board will support the Shoreline Planting Committee with Rachel Roth as liaison (Rachel) Second (Jacquie) **CARRIED**

Land Use - Reid presented the Board with a current approval for a site plan which demonstrates a more collaborative approach between the OLA and neighbouring Townships to ensure water quality of the lake water.

Establishment of Committees - a sign-up sheet at the AGM was left for volunteers to indicate interest in various initiatives for the Lake. The Board will approve committee existence and structure and disseminate information as warranted.

I Naturalist - Kevin and Jennifer Terrion have volunteered to lead this initiative and engage the community and the Board agreed.

Formation of a Governance Committee - The Board agreed to the formation of this committee comprising of Reid, Krista, Monika, Kirsten and Anne.

Lake Steward Program - with the transition from Murray Hunt to Derek Smith the job description was modified. Derek will conduct the chemical and physical limnology measurements. The Board agreed there is a need for a committee to ensure other reporting and data collection continues. Reid will prepare a proposal which will include the Environment Committee requirements and responsibilities for review and approval.

Recognition of Richard & Jay Hendry-due to their continued provision of their boat for Lake testing etc and active participation in water sampling and loon survey initiatives, it was suggested that they should be recognized as Volunteers of the Year at the 2020 AGM. Kirsten suggested the Board come up with alternatives such as a list of potential volunteers for these activities as a means of engaging more residents.

Shoreline Lake Protection workbook - as we have 139 copies remaining, Ian suggested that 1 copy been given to each of the Counsellors and then they could take orders from residents as they make their rounds. Monika suggested that a copy could be given to residents who pay their annual fee.

Motion 2019-03-06 - that a copy given to each Counsellor and to paid members of OLA (Ian) Second (Rachel) **CARRIED**

Lake Links - Karen Hunt is looking for suggestions and ideas to attract more attendees to the conference. She is aware that the agenda needs to come out earlier. Board members mentioned that the "full day" format can be problematic for many people. Any thoughts or suggestions are to be sent to Karen.

FOCA - The Lake Partners Program is under threat due to recently announced plans to cut budgets. This means that important water quality data may not be available to over 600 lakes in Ontario. FOCA wants members to write to their MPP to express concern. Reid will draft a letter on behalf of OLA after further consultation with FOCA. It was suggested that an example of the letter be added to the newsletter to inform members and provide background. Kirsten also suggested a cost-benefit analysis be provided.

Next meeting - February 8 2020 at McMartin House 10:00 am

Adjourn - **Motion 2019-037** (Kirsten) Meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm

