

**Otty Lake Association  
Board Meeting Minutes**

Sat Feb 8 2020 10:00 AM

McMartin House

**Present:** Reid Kilburn (co-President), Krista Hearty McLean (co-President), Christine Kilburn (Treasurer), Robert Cosh, Jacquie Mallory (Secretary), Barb Hicks, Kyla Haley, Monika Siegmund Savage (via FaceTime), Kirsten Brouse, Linda Cuthbertson, Cathy Kari (via phone) (11)

**Regrets:** Anne Scotten, Rachel Roth, Ian McDonald, Kevin Terrion (4)

**Welcome** - Reid welcomed everyone.

**Agenda** - addition of the communications report. **Motion 2020-01-01** to approve the agenda as amended (Krista) Second (Monika) **CARRIED**

**Approval of previous minutes** - **Motion 2020-02-02** that the minutes of the Board meeting of Nov 2 2020 be approved as circulated. (Krista ) Second (Robert) **CARRIED**

**Financial Report** - Christine presented the Financial Report. Income for 2019 was \$6721 while expenses were \$6422.75. 276 Membership dues have been received out of a potential 530. Dues have been increased to \$25 and are reflected in the increased budget. Insurance, membership in FOCA and water testing represent the largest expenses. The budget will need to be reviewed due to the changes in the Shoreline Planting report. GICs are at \$5000 and the bank balance is approximately \$6000. The Board should look at possible projects to use this money. **Motion 2019-03-03** to accept the Financial Report as presented (Christine) Second (Jacquie) **CARRIED**

**Lake Activities Report** - Christine thanked Rachel for all her work on the Shoreline Planting project. 155 plants have been ordered. The RVCA will sponsor \$500 and will pot bare root trees. It was suggested OLA charge \$2 for \$4.40 plants and \$4 for \$9.90 bushes. Monika suggested not giving away any plants so that residents would have a vested interest. Kirsten suggested OLA charge  $\frac{1}{2}$  the cost of the plant. Leftover metal fencing will be disposed of and no further coils ordered. Robert suggested an inspection of past plantings should be undertaken to determine survival. A compromise was reached, whereby, residents picking up this year's plants would be asked about survival of previous plantings. **Motion 2020-01-04** Christine moved that plant pricing be established at approximately 50% of the plant value rounded to the nearest dollar. Second (Monika) **CARRIED**

**Communications Report** - Barb sent out her report prior to the meeting. She suggested a team approach to get potential stories and contributors. Christine and Reid volunteered to be part of the team. It was suggested that an appeal on Facebook might be worthwhile. Kyla suggested I Naturalist as a potential resource. Reid mentioned InfoGraphic as a possibility for a digital version. Linda mentioned a meeting of the Friends of the Tay March 26<sup>th</sup> with all welcome. **Motion 2020-01-05** acceptance of the report as tabled. (Barb) second (Robert). **CARRIED**

**Nominations Committee** - co-presented by Reid and Krista. There is a need for a committee to ensure Board vacancies are filled. Reid, Krista and Christine are all stepping down effective 2020 AGM. Krista volunteered to chair this committee. There is a possibility of the establishment of an Executive Committee. It is also possible that there will be a need for an Area Counsellor Co-ordinator if Gail resigns. Both Reid and Krista agreed that co-presidency works. The possibility of such an arrangement with a permanent resident and a seasonal resident was suggested. Robert suggested contacting more people within the watershed via the Townships to create a bigger pool of potential candidates. Reid stated that it was the "soft side" of the job which takes up the most time ie being available on short notice for potential political connections which are extremely important. Robert suggested that more delegation of tasks might lessen the workload. A list of Board vacancies will be sent out.

**AGM Committee** - The AGM will be held July 12<sup>th</sup> 2020. Krista will organize the guest speaker as well as ensure projection of the program slides. Barb will organize the displays. Jacquie is in charge of refreshments and communications.

**Status of I Naturalist** - submitted electronically by Kevin

**Governance Committee** - Krista is chair and will hold a meeting and conference call after the Board meeting.

**Lake Steward Program 2020** - it is imperative to identify the initiatives and ensure the people required to cover them. Derek Smith will undertake the chemical and physical limnology in preparation for the State of the Lake Report.

**Archives** - Karen and Murray Hunt are leaving the lake and have a treasure trove of information on Otty Lake . This needs storage. Kyla volunteered to store the archives.

**Spring Information Package** - A previous Board motion stated the Lake Protection Workbooks would be given to counsellors for distribution to paid members of the OLA who want one. Leftovers will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the AGM. There is a need for someone to co-ordinate the SIP ( slimmed down version) and to ensure distribution to counsellors.

**Budget Excess Revenue** - as in previous meetings, it was stressed that initiatives proposed must benefit the lake and residents. Krista will contact Jennifer Lamoureux RVCA to see if any students from Queens might be interested in a summer project. Christine suggested educational boat tours to enlighten those making decisions about the lake. A map of Otty Lake has not been produced in 10 years. Perhaps an aerial view using drones to mitigate costs could be undertaken. Kirsten suggested maintaining the reserve to ensure water quality testing in the future in light of uncertain political and financial changes. A project involving community members such as turtle egg preservation ( nest building) was also suggested.

**Annual Picnic** - date is August 15 2020 to coincide with Paddle Power. Kyla will coordinate.

**Next meeting** - May 23 2020 at McMartin House 10:00 am

**Adjourn** - Motion 2020-01-06 (Kirsten) Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am