

Otty Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sat May 23 2020 10:00 AM via ZOOM

Present: Reid Kilburn (co-President), Krista Hearty McLean (co-President), Christine Kilburn (Treasurer), Jacquie Mallory (Secretary), Barb Hicks, Kyla Haley, Kirsten Brouse, Linda Cuthbertson, Anne Scotten, Rachel Roth, Ian McDonald, Kevin Terrion , Robert Cosh (signed in at 11:26 am) (13)

Regrets: Monika Siegmund Savage, Cathy Kari (2)

Welcome - Reid welcomed everyone to our first Zoom meeting. He mentioned the use of the hands feature on Zoom for voting. Krista also welcomed everyone and assumed Chair of the meeting.

Agenda - addition of correspondence received and discussion of community sentiment during the current Pandemic. **Motion 2020-02-01** to approve the agenda as amended (Rachel) Second (Linda) **CARRIED**

Approval of previous minutes - **Motion 2020-02-02** that the minutes of the Board meeting of Feb 8 2020 be approved as circulated. (Krista) Second (Christine) **CARRIED**

Correspondence - Christine received a lovely note from Ron Mahurin from Michigan with a cheque for his OLA membership. Included with minutes.

Spring Information Package - Gail Read reported that due to COVID 19 a lot of changes have been required. An educational component took place May 1st via Microsoft Team on aquatic plants. The video is available on YouTube. There has been a broad-based emailing of information and the webpage has been updated. Excel is being used for data collection. Follow-up with members will be done via email or phone call. E transfers of membership dues have worked well and area counsellors will work with those who don't use technology. The SIP has been larger in content this year due to the use of technology and the budget has been positively impacted with reduced use of paper. There was a message from the President as well as pieces on the Gypsy Moth initiative as well as social distancing when boating. There are 26 areas with 20 counsellors covering. Recruiting for certain areas has proven difficult, ie Area 8 and McLaren Lake. This year the personal contact component has put on hold due to the virus and counsellors have been working within the guidelines given. Krista thanked Gail for all her efforts during this challenging time.

Financial Report – Christine presented the Financial Report. There have been \$4,359 received in membership fees to date. The Shoreline Planting sales have not taken place yet and no Water Testing costs have been incurred as the lab is closed. There have been no costs incurred by the SIP as all has been done electronically. GICs are at \$5000 and the bank balance is approximately \$7,300. The Board should look at possible projects to use this money. **Motion 2019-02-03** to accept the Financial Report as presented (Christine) Second (Jacquie) **CARRIED**

Nominations Committee – presented Krista. A note has been placed in the SIP asking for interest to be expressed in any vacancy on the Board. committee to ensure Board. Reid, Krista and Christine are all stepping down effective 2020 AGM as will Monika. Ian expressed his frustration with LAP reports and the amount of work required and stated he might want to step down as well. Suggestions such as an abbreviated format as well as only justifying new projects rather than standing projects ie AGM would lessen the load. It was also suggested that new projects would only be looked at during budget deliberations and planning. Ian agreed to stay on one more year.

Communications Report – Barb sent out her report prior to the meeting. She continues to look for contributors and articles.

AGM Committee – Krista will look into having the AGM held on ZOOM and the possibility of counsellors speaking. Kyla suggested the meeting be deferred to late Sept/Oct. Barb suggested taping the meeting and presentations and providing a link. Kirsten stated that there is a legal requirement to have live engagement for 3 key components of an AGM : approval of the financial statements, appointment of an auditor and voting on a slate of members for the Board. This vote can be a "yes or no" response. Anne stated the AGM should take place in July as usual and perhaps be a 1 hour format. It would include careful scheduling and a simple agenda. Krista asked both Kirsten and Anne to join the AGM committee in an advisory capacity. Christine mentioned that The Friends of the Tay AGM is scheduled for June and perhaps that would help OLA board members formalize how to proceed.

Shoreline Planting - Rachel has organized plant pickup for June 13 with 155 plants to be picked up between 9am and 1 pm. She will collect the money and then send an e-transfer of the total amount to Christine. Plants that are not picked up at the assigned time will be offered to members on the waiting list. Kirsten and Krista offered to help June 13th.

Annual Picnic - Kyla will inform the membership of the cancellation via an informal blurb on Facebook.

I Naturalist - Jenipher asked Board members to join the Otty Lake group which she initiated by submitting 50 photos from around the lake. It was also suggested to consider the Species at Risk group. Barb asked if an article for the newsletter might be forthcoming. Krista felt that perhaps an email blast to membership might elicit more interest.

Governance Committee - Krista, Reid and Kirsten met after our Feb Board meeting and documentation was drawn up on how to prepare the Board for transition. What are the core pieces that need to be emphasized and what are we accountable for? What projects would be "nice to do" if volunteers were available. Discussion is on-going.

Lake Steward Program 2020 - presented by Reid. Everything is on hold due to Covid 19 other than Physical Limnology undertaken by Derek Smith. The lake has been cold and water levels are low due to a dry Spring. Everyone involved is on standby until circumstances change.

Other - Reid asked Board members about how OLA membership around the Lake were feeling. Some seasonal residents are feeling their rights are being curtailed and some cottagers are not feeling supported. It was a consensus around the table that permanent residents were very tolerant and understanding and that the OLA should only pass on the messages issued from various governments and the Public Health not subject to interpretation or opinion.

Next meeting - June 20 2020 via Zoom

Adjourn - Motion 2020-01-06 (Kirsten) Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am

