

# Otty Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sat Oct 17 2020 9:30 AM via ZOOM

**Present:** Barb Hicks ( Leadership Team, Rachel Roth (Leadership Team, Kirsten Brouse (Leadership Team) , Reid Kilburn (past-President), Anne Scotton (Treasurer), Jacquie Mallory (Secretary), Kyla Haley, Kirsten Brouse (Vice President), Linda Cuthbertson, Ian McDonald, Robert Cosh, Kevin Terrion (12)

**Regrets:** Cathy Kari (1)

**Welcome** - Barb welcomed everyone to our third Zoom meeting and assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

**Agenda - Motion 2020-04-01** to approve the agenda as presented (Ian) Second (Robert) **CARRIED**

**Approval of previous minutes - Motion 2020-04-02** that the minutes of the Board meeting of June 27 2020 be approved as circulated. (Reid) Second (Linda) **CARRIED**.  
AGM minutes to be approved in July 2021. General consensus regarding the AGM held via Zoom was that attendance was quite good and that the weekday evening worked well. Reid felt that 40 people in attendance was a good result. The only concern voiced was the lack of social time before and after the meeting.

**Communications Report** - report was distributed prior to the meeting. Barb stated that getting the items for the newsletter continues to be a painful process particularly during the pandemic when activities are restricted. Next deadline is Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Robert suggested perhaps a follow-up on the Radon Workshop as well as a status report from the Health Unit might be of interest.

**Loon Report** - Kyla - there are 4 surviving chicks this year which are still in residence.

**I Naturalist** - Kevin stated that there are currently 1000 observations on the site and 56 observers, only 13 of which are OLA members. Barb asked if an article for the newsletter might be worthwhile as well as 3 observations and Kevin was asked to come up with a message which could be emailed to members to generate more awareness of the site.

**Management Approach** – Rachel asked for feedback regarding the current management approach for the OLA. Jacquie tendered her resignation at this point for personal reasons. Barb stated that leadership was a challenge due to the logistics of getting three people together to get decisions made as well as to get a consensus.

**Financial Report** – Anne presented her abbreviated financial report. There were issues with obtaining signing authority due to COVID 19. Anne also mentioned difficulty getting co-signatures for checks. Linda checks the postal box in Perth.

## **New Business**

**Lake Steward** – Kirsten has been very busy but is now able to convene a group to assess water quality and to recruit volunteers. Reid stated that Derek will stay on for 1 more year to help Kit & Bruce Muma. Richard and Jay Hendry will continue to volunteer use of their boat. There is a need for a committee to ensure advisors and enablers are available.

**State of the Lake Report** – Reid mentioned that the report will be less comprehensive this year due to COVID 19 and the impact on activities ( partner programs cancelled etc. However, Derek's observations as well as shoreline planting information will be included. It was suggested that I-Naturalist information could also be included. Barb extended thanks to Reid and Derek on behalf of the OLA.

**Map Project** – Reid stated that the Lake Association should perhaps commission a map of Otty Lake to help boaters identify the 30 metre shoreline boundaries as well as recognition of shoals etc. Mississippi lake currently has shoals marked with approved buoys. However these are costly and require volunteers to maintain and monitor. It was suggested that a 2021 LAP project to issue a map with the information and to educate boaters might be worthy of consideration. As well, to phase in lower speed limits and no wake areas was suggested. The amount of detail to be include on a map would be dependent on cost factors. **Motion 2020-04-03** to initiate a proposal and costing for a map to be posted at the boat launch ( Anne) Second (Ian). **CARRIED**. Ian will write up a LAP to get the project underway. **Motion 2020-04-04** authorizing up to \$500 for prototypes of the map as well requiring reporting back to the Board on total cost. (Anne) Second (Kyla) **CARRIED**

**Board Response to non-mandated Issues** – Rachel asked members if they felt the Board had the right to respond to issues not mandated within the Constitution. ie the Water Ski Slalom course. It was felt that discussion within the Leadership team should occur and then if no consensus could be reached then a meeting would be required. A

vote was initiated within the Board with 7 members agreeing and 4 dissensions that the Board had the right to respond to non-mandated issues before going to the membership. Barb stated that Board members were elected to represent the membership and that if we wanted to change what was described in the Constitution then a full membership meeting would be required.

A FOCA group presentation via webinar is available at a cost of \$30. **Motion 2020-04-05** that the OLA cover the cost for anyone who volunteers to attend ( Anne) Second (Ian).**CARRIED**

**Next meeting** - Feb 20 2021 9:30 AM via Zoom

**Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am