

Otty Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes

9:30 am Saturday May 8, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Present: Kirsten Brouse (Chair), Barb Hicks (Zoom Host), Linda Cuthbertson (Acting Secretary), Reid Kilburn, Ian McDonald, Anne Scotton, Kyla Haley, Robert Cosh, Kevin Terrion, Susan Murray, David Murray, Jen O'Donoughue, Keith Desjardins, Cathy Kari, Rachel Roth

Welcome and Agenda Approval

Chair welcomed everyone. The order of agenda items was changed to accommodate time constraints for some participants.

Motion (2021-02-01)

Moved by Reid Kilburn "that the Agenda as distributed with changes to the order of reporting be approved."

Carried

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes February 20, 2021

Motion (2021-02-02)

Moved by Susan Murray "to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2021".

Carried

OLA Leadership Report

Reid reinforced the need to update the constitution and create a better succession plan. A new leadership model or models will be presented at the AGM.

Kirsten has agreed to be President with Reid continuing as Past President. Keith has agreed to be Vice President. Other board members expressed a willingness to consider leadership roles or assist members already in leadership roles.

Treasurer's Report

Anne's income statement has three columns to represent 2020 Actuals, 2021 Proposed Budget and 2021 Actuals to date. It is a report not a formal accounting statement. Errors, omissions and suggested revisions were

noted. A discussion group made up of Susan, Cathy and Christine will work with Anne to prepare the Budget Report that will go to the auditor before presentation at the Zoom AGM. Anne thanked Christine, past treasurer, for her assistance and Barb for providing technical support as she transitions into this role.

Motion (2021-02-03)

Moved by Anne Scotton and seconded by Ian McDonald “that the treasurer’s report be received as presented”.

Carried

UPDATES AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

Land Use

Reid reported on two minor variance applications for proposed new permanent residences on Otty Lake. Strict adherence to township legislation is not always possible. Compromises have to be made but OLA advocates for improved septic systems that benefit lake water quality, efforts to naturalize the shoreline and site plan controls to monitor the building process and remediation of the shoreline agreed to. The OLA are advocates for the lake, looking for the best possible solution for the lake.

Motion (2021-02-04)

Moved by Susan Murray and seconded by Ian McDonald “that Reid attend the zoom sessions for the two variance applications discussed to express OLA concerns and support efforts made to come better in line with shoreline remediation and the respective township requirements”.

Carried

Map Project

A draft of the map was examined. Kevin noted some incorrect addresses. Ian reported that all OLA members will receive one free map per household. Additional maps will cost members \$5. Non-members will be charged \$5 per map plus the cost of mailing or shipping. Burgesswood subdivision wants one map per household so will pay any extra costs required.

Discussed location on the draft of Marl Bay as there was feedback that indicated it was incorrectly labelled. No previous maps or reference materials available had it labelled. If confirmation is uncertain Linda recommended removing it from the map.

Membership

Cathy is inputting membership data from information forwarded by Linda and Anne. Gail needs to receive membership updates to forward to area councillors.

Area Councillors

Gail has a zoom meeting planned for the area councillors on May 12th. In addition to seeing some of the information in the upcoming spring package there will be a special presentation on iNaturalist. Maps and phragmites brochures will also be distributed by the area councillors following covid protocols.

Area councillors are needed for several areas.

Communications

Barb continues to monitor usage of OLA MailChimp, Facebook and Website. She worked with Gail to prepare the Spring/Summer Information Package and is currently working on the July edition of Captain Otty's Log. Contributions or ideas for the Log are always appreciated.

Water Quality and iNaturalist

Although water testing hasn't started yet Kevin looks forward to working with the very experienced and competent Derek. Kristen will be preparing a special thank you for Derek for his many years of service in this capacity.

Kit Muma has a special iNaturalist activity planned, identifying fish species.

Annual General Meeting

The date is July 8th at 6pm via zoom. A save the date has be forwarded to members. The AGM planning committee of Reid, Kyla, Keith and Kirsten have arranged virtual presentations by the two townships and RVCA.

Shoreline Planting

The fact that they sold out quickly even though they were selling more than other years reinforces the popularity of this program. Wendy Coombs will be responsible for the Plant Pick Up on June 12th. Total deficit for the program was \$56.41.

Invasive Phragmites

On behalf of OLA Linda submitted a funding proposal and request to FOCA on March 15th. FOCA has partnered with a number of organizations and ministries to form the Green Shovels Coalition to fight the spread of invasive phragmites. The proposed project goals involved actions to increase awareness and education. Linda planned a program to meet these goals and OLA partnered with Friends of the Tay Watershed to host a webinar on April 22nd. The webinar focused on a citizen science approach and generated a lot of positive response and media attention. Linda also arranged to get 100 Phragmites Brochures from Lanark County. On April 29th FOCA confirmed our funding request for \$600 was approved. Linda will use the money to purchase equipment and supplies for teams to eradicate small strands of phragmites. Interested participants will form teams once covid regulations are relaxed.

Pitch-In 2021

Elizabeth Allcock made the necessary arrangements and sent out communication to ensure every area was covered. Most reported a lot less garbage compared to previous years. Elizabeth encourages everyone to do on-going clean up of respective areas.

Otty Lake Shoreline Clean-Up

David proposed a plan to clean up the shoreline and shallow water areas. Using a form of Watercraft the materials would be collected and taken to his place to be sorted for recycling or disposal. Board were very supportive of this initiative and will look into the use of a suitable watercraft for retrieval of larger items.

Motion (2021-02-05)

Moved by David Murray and seconded by Barb Hicks “ that \$200 be allocated to cover costs to complete the clean-up and dump charges to dispose of collected waste”.

Carried

OLA Swag

There is a spot on our website for clothing sales. Traditionally items were purchased at the AGM. We need someone to assume this sales role. It was suggested that the next newsletter include an article to see if anyone is interested in doing OLA Swag sales. Even though sales usually just cover costs everyone agreed swag sales are a good way of promoting OLA. Suggestion to look for a store venue to carry the goods may be

considered in the future but it was noted that the swag is labelled with OLA not just Otty Lake.

Next Zoom Meeting: Saturday June 19, 2021 at 9:30am.

List of Board member reports shared prior to this meeting:

Communications Report- Barb Hicks

OLA Income Statement-Anne Scotton

Shoreline Planting Project-Rachel Roth

Invasive Phragmites Action Report-Linda Cuthbertson

AGM Project Update-committee

Otty Lake Shoreline Clean-up-David Murray

Draft Otty Lake Map 2021-Ian McDonald