

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
9:30 am Saturday June 19, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Attendance

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

Welcome and Agenda Approval

Chair welcomed everyone to our zoom meeting. Three items were added to the agenda: Gypsy Moth Spraying, Proposed Changes to Conservation Authorities Act Update and OLA Whistle.

Motion (2021-03-01)

Moved by Susan Murray and seconded by Rachel Roth “ that the agenda with the three additional items be approved.”

Carried

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 2021

Motion (2021-03-02)

Moved by Jen O'Donoughue and seconded by Susan Murray “ to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2021 with one change under the Treasurer's Report section, remove Susan and add Jen.”

Carried

OLA 2020 Income Statement and 2021 Budget

Anne and Jen presented four spreadsheets: Income Statement 2020 Actuals, G.I.F.I. Line Numbers, Income Statement 2020 Actuals vs Budget as of June 28, 2020 and Income Statement 2021 Proposed Budget as of June18, 2021. They also provided two pages listing banking transactions.

Verification of 2020 records will be done on June 20th. Our income statements are reviewed every year. Christine Kilburn has completed the CRA form for 2020. The financial reports will be approved as one package for voting at the AGM.

Motion (2021-03-03)

Moved by Jen O'Donoughue and seconded by Reid Kilburn “to accept OLA Income Statement 2020 Actuals and that the Budget Statements be approved to go to the Annual General Meeting.”

Carried

Updates to OLA Constitution

On behalf of the Governance Committee, Kirsten, presented recommended changes to the Constitution. The changes give clear parameters but allow for needed flexibility in Articles 6 and 12. Other suggested changes discussed will be forwarded to the committee for consideration and any recommended change decisions will be brought forward at next year's AGM.

Motion (2021-03-04)

Moved by Kevin Terrion and seconded by Jen O'Donoghue "to bring the proposed changes to the constitution to the AGM for approval."

Carried

Annual General Meeting Plans

The AGM will be via zoom at 6pm. on July 8th. The planning committee are finalizing the agenda. At today's meeting there was an opportunity to practice and test the zoom polling application for motion approval at the AGM.

There will be special presentations by township representatives, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and iNaturalist. Keith Desjardins will be recording the minutes of the AGM.

Letter to Lanark County

Linda composed a letter to send to the Warden and Council of Lanark County. The letter both commends and thanks the county for their efforts to reduce the spread of invasive phragmites. Board approved sending the letter to acknowledge and encourage continued county practices to control the spread of invasive species.

Update on Land Use Applications

Reid reported on the status of three application hearings he attended by zoom. Susan, David and Kevin volunteered to work with Reid on the land use issues committee.

Project Reports and New Business

Gypsy Moth Spraying

Otty Lake residents, like everyone else in the area, are very concerned about the devastating damage and possible tree loss due to the gypsy moth caterpillars. Reid reported on the aerial spraying contracted and paid for by residents of Burgesswood and Loon's Way. Late spraying due to covid and weather conditions so may have missed optimum timing but visible signs of some reduction of infestation. Residents from these areas, who participated in the spraying program, welcome discussing the initiative with other area residents

who are considering this option in 2022. OLA will continue efforts to educate and update members about this issue.³

Area Counsellors Report

Gail Read reported that survey input from area counsellors enabled them to develop a very comprehensive electronic Spring Information Package. Interaction between counsellors and their neighbours is highly valued. Three new area counsellors joined the team. Still need a counsellor for Area 8 and one for Maple Glen in 2022.

Positive feedback from counsellors about the map and including it as a membership perk.

OLA Whistles

Susan approached Gail about this membership perk for 2022 before presenting the idea today. Susan reported the cost of 360 whistles to be \$1.57 each with an additional \$30 setup fee. You can put a logo for OLA on the whistle. Since it is the law to have a whistle on board all forms of water transportation this purchase would encourage boating safety. Susan agreed to look into the cost of lanyards for the whistles. Board supportive of this idea and including it as free with next year's membership fee.

Proposed Changes to Conservation Authorities Act

Kirsten is looking at the ramifications of the proposed changes for our lake association. There are a lot of changes being proposed by the Province and there is a Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide. They are trying to find a regulatory framework that will work for Conservation Authorities and Municipalities. There are concerns about the designation of mandatory and non-mandatory programs/services and that they will need more time to establish service agreements with municipalities and implement these changes. Kirsten will continue to keep informing board members about the implications and status of this new proposed act.

Captain Otty's Log Report

A request was made to have a special anniversary announcement put in the Log. It was decided not to fulfill this request as no special personal dates or announcements have ever been noted in the publication.

Barb has been busy collecting articles for the upcoming summer edition.

Mapping Project

Ian reported that to date 334 maps either distributed or out for distribution and 216 in reserve. Ian was unable to attend today's meeting but raised questions about continuing the mapping project to develop an electronic version for the

OLA website. Reid lead the discussion on his behalf. An electronic version would allow for different layers so, for example, it could enable the viewer to click and see more information about given or historical names of islands and precise GPS coordinates for shoals.

The board is supportive of the continuation of the mapping project to explore the feasibility of an electronic version. Ian is resigning from the board but will continue as chair of the mapping project team. Reid and Linda agreed to continue to be part of the committee. Keith will be added to the committee.

Otty Lake Clean-up Report

David has arranged for volunteers, garbage picker tools, water transportation of garbage and trailer dump run. Clean-up will happen in July and August.

Next Board Meeting

An informal gathering with a short business component will take place at David and Susan's home this summer. The date and time are yet to be determined.

List of Reports/Items shared prior to this meeting:

Financial Statements— Anne Scotton, Jen O'Donoughue

Mapping Project — Ian McDonald

Area Counsellors— Gail Read

Constitution with Proposed Changes— Kirsten Brouse

Letter to Lanark County— Linda Cuthbertson

Lake Clean-up— David Murray