

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
9 a.m. Saturday May 14, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Attendance

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

Introduction

The chair welcomed everyone, followed by indigenous land acknowledgement and approval of the agenda.

Motion (2022-02-01)

Moved by Susan Murray and seconded by Rachel Roth "that the agenda as distributed be approved."

Carried

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Motion (2022-02-02)

Moved by Reid Kilburn and seconded by Susan Murray " that the minutes of the February 26, 2022 Board Meeting be approved as distributed."

Carried

Decisions

1. Jen O'Donoughue presented the OLA Income Statement for 2022 with the YTD actuals.

Motion (2022-02-03)

Moved by David Murray and seconded by Reid Kilburn "that the budget as presented be approved".

Carried

Discussions

1. Board Succession Report

There are 12 Board Members who have confirmed they will continue to serve for the 2022-2023 year. Kayla Haley and Rachel Roth have decided to step down from the Board. Kayla will continue to serve as the loon survey co-ordinator and Rachel as the shoreline planting co-ordinator. They were thanked for their service on the Board and continuing co-ordinator work for OLA.

It was agreed that yearly recruitment of new Board members would be the best policy. Approaching individuals personally usually is more successful than an email blast. It was decided to include a short article in the next newsletter about Board recruitment policy and skills based recruitment.

The constitution states that the size of the Board can range from 10-15 members.

2. Painted Rock

Crown land issues and concerns were discussed. Reid and Kirsten agreed to check with MNR and RVCA about potential environmental and water quality impacts. There is information about responsible use of crown land on the OLA website.

Updates

1. Finance

OLA treasurer, Jen O'Donoghue, will adjust YTD actual expenditures to reflect changing project costs and motions carried at this meeting. We are in a good financial position.

2. Water Quality

Kevin Terrion reported that the Ontario Government's Lake Partner Testing Program has already started. Murray Hunt, David Murray and himself do monthly testing. RVCA also do water testing. E-coli testing will be done. Kevin will contact RVCA (Jennifer) about fish habitat monitoring.

3. Membership Update/ Area Councillor Update

As of May 12th the total paid memberships are 46. Area councillors have met and Gail Read indicated they have the information package and whistles ready for distribution. They appreciated input provided by OPP for the information package and zoom councillor meeting. Susan will contact Barb to send an email blast indicating when the area councillors will be visiting. It should be indicated that only members of OLA are able to vote on motions at the AGM.

4. Communications

Some OLA email addresses already established need to have their contact information updated. Kyla Haley will be the contact for Wildlife emails and Reid Kilburn will be the contact for Land Use emails.

5. AGM

Kirsten, Susan and Reid met and opted for a virtual AGM at 6:30 pm, Thursday, July 7th. Instead of one keynote speaker they have and are approaching several area people to do shorter presentations on a variety of topics. To date representatives from TVT and DNE have confirmed attendance. Noelle Reeve (TVT) will speak about green initiatives. They are looking at speakers to talk about septic inspections and Murphy's Point.

Jen will record all paid memberships in the membership database before the AGM. David and Susan will verify if there are enough paid members on line for voting purposes in the virtual zoom meeting. Keith will be the meeting secretary again this year.

AGM announcement and relevant documents in a meeting's package will be mailed and emailed to ensure members receive information 2 weeks before the meeting. The AGM package will also be available on the OLA website.

6. Map Project

Ian McDonald, Barb Hicks, Reid Kilburn and Linda Cuthbertson met with Tay Valley Township staff at the public boat launch site on April 25th. TVT have initiated plans to create a kiosk sign board along with other improvements to the launch site in 2023. OLA will be involved in determining information to be displayed on the sign. It was suggested that OLA make a contribution to TVT to help cover the costs of these improvements.

For this boating season the team recommends a temporary sign be designed and posted at the site. The sign would include the lake map with new shoal markers indicated.

7. Shoal Marking

Eleven shoal markers have been purchased. Volunteers are planning to install the markers on the May long weekend. The team will check with the volunteers recruited as to what date best suits them for removal in the fall or late summer.

8. Shoreline Planting

Rachel indicated they are on track for selling all 175 plants and the program will only cost OLA \$26.63. Extra funding for the project came from the Rural Clean Water program. Susan has offered to help sort the orders prior to pick up at 183 Mile Point Road on June 11th.

9. Reconciliation Working Group

This group meets monthly. The guest speaker on May 10th shared information and perspectives on the Algonquin nation. They plan on reaching out and connecting with the Algonquin of the Tay River.

A blanket exercise for lake neighbours is planned for June 25th at the Gibb-Carsley cottage, in the event of rain it will be held at St. Paul's United Church. Details about the event will be forwarded in an email blast.

10. Beaver Deceiver

The professional firm approached to assess the feasibility of installing a beaver deceiver at Jebb's Creek determined it was not an option. The capacity flow is beyond the ability for it to work. A beaver deceiver on any area greater than 10 square miles is not recommended.

This was a helpful exploring exercise even though it didn't provide a good environmental solution to the Jebb's Creek beaver dam problem. David's investigative work is much appreciated.

11. Picnic

The picnic will be part of the paddle power event. Details will be provided closer to the event date.

12. Nature Flotilla

Jenepher Lennox-Terrion is leading the organization of the nature flotilla. Eleven volunteers from around the lake will help with the organizing of about 6 stops around the lake. At each stop wildlife experts will share information about different species of plants and animals in the ecosystem. They met May 11th and have tentatively set the event date as July 16th, rain date July 23rd.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Zoom Board Meeting Wednesday June15, 2022 at 6p.m.

List of Reports/Items Shared prior to this Meeting:

Agenda- Kirsten Brouse

Board Minutes February 26, 2022 - Linda Cuthbertson

Income Statement as of May, 2022- Jen O'Donoughue

Summary of AGM, Reconciliation Working Group and Nature Flotilla

Actions - Kirsten Brouse

Communications Report to OLA Board for May 2022- Barb Hicks

Shoreline Planting Project- Rachel Roth

Board Succession Report May 14,2022 - Reid Kilburn