

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
6 p.m. Wednesday June 15, 2022  
Zoom Meeting

**Attendance**

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

Regrets: David Murray, Keith Desjardins

**Introduction**

Chair welcomed everyone. Reid did the land acknowledgement.

Five items were added to the agenda. The Mapping Project was added under Decisions. Under Updates the following were added: Jack Lynn's Passing, Bear Presentation, Nature Floatilla and Shoreline Planting.

Motion (2022-03-01)

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

Carried

**Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

Motion (2022-03-02)

Moved by Barb and seconded by Kevin " that the minutes from the May 14, 2022 Board Meeting be approved as distributed."

Carried

**Decisions**

1. Approval of draft letter to be sent to Tay Valley and Drummond/North Elmsley Townships concerning services provided by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA).

Some of the services provided by RVCA will require financial support from the municipalities and the letter strongly encourages them to support the work RVCA does for our watershed. OLA depends on several, what are categorized as "non-mandatory ", services such as the monitoring of water quality, aquatic/terrestrial habitat, lake levels and invasive species to name just a few.

Motion (2022-03-03)

Moved by Susan and seconded by Barb "that the letter drafted and distributed by Kirsten be sent to our municipalities."

Carried

## 2. Map Project

The Map Project Committee presented arguments for creating a temporary sign to be posted at the public dock. The sign would include a map of the lake on which the shoal markers installed this spring are indicated. It would be temporary as a kiosk with signage will be installed next year by Tay Valley Township (TVT).

Motion (2022-03-04)

Moved by Reid and seconded by Barb “that up to \$250 be approved to cover the costs for making and installing a temporary sign at the public boat launch site this summer.”

Carried

OLA Map Committee is working cooperatively with TVT to design the signage for the new kiosk to be installed at the public launch next summer.

Motion (2022-03-05)

Moved by Barb and seconded by Linda “that on the recommendation of the Map Project Committee OLA make a \$500 contribution to Tay Valley Township towards the cost of the kiosk sign. The cheque would be forwarded this summer.”

Carried

## Discussion

OLA Annual General Meeting will be by zoom at 6 p.m. on July 7th. Board members looked at the proposed agenda and slide deck. There is no keynote speaker but 3 smaller presentations. Board member’s roles and responsibilities were reviewed.

## Updates

1. Reid has been keeping board members aware of a road construction connecting an island to the mainland at the southwest end of Otty. The new owner of the island property has infilled a wetland and waterway above the water level to create a vehicle causeway. RVCA, TVT, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Environment and OLA have been investigating the situation. The owner has been served a Notice of Violation.

OLA Board and lake residents are very concerned and feel anything significantly altered should be restored and any remediation be a net gain for the lake. Residents have videos showing people canoeing/kayaking around the island.

Reid agreed to draft a letter to send to TVT and RVCA to emphatically express our concerns and the growing outpouring of frustration from our members.

## 2. Newsletter Format

The electronic format used was never meant for a printable version of the newsletter so it is difficult to format when the focus is to create a print version. They would like to use an electronic format that would optimize the newsletter for an electronic format and not a printable format. They would still be able to print copies for those members who don't use email. Barb said they would like to try using an electronic format for the upcoming July newsletter. Board supports any suggestions to make the tasks of this hard working team more manageable.

Motion (2022-03-06)

Moved by Anne and seconded by Susan " that the board pre-approve up to \$20 to cover the costs of a new electronic format program if required."

Carried

3. It was brought to our attention that a former board member and chair of the environment committee died May 28th. Jack Lynn cared deeply for Otty Lake and contributed a great deal to the board. It was agreed that Linda would send a note of condolence on behalf of the board to his surviving wife, Jeanette Lynn.

4. Barb has a contact who is available to do a live or virtual presentation on black bears.

5. Plans for the Nature Floatilla on July 16th were summarized.

Participants will canoe, kayak or power boat to 5 sites where there will be wildlife experts sharing information about birds, turtles, fish, snakes and ticks. They appreciate the support from Maple Glen. They will be using their shared property for a presenter and a concluding picnic gathering. There will be email blasts about the event.

6. Rachel reported another very successful Shoreline Planting Project. People were very appreciative.

New date for the Blanket Exercise is August 20th.

Paddle Power is August 21st.

Susan and David will host a board get together August 14 from 2-4. Bring a snack to share and a drink.

Susan moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 p.m..

**Items shared prior to this meeting:**

Agenda- Kirsten

Board Meeting Minutes May 14, 2022- Linda

Draft Letter for Municipalities- Kirsten

Email Correspondence about the Causeway Construction- Reid