

OLA Board Meeting
Sun. Aug. 18 at 2:00 p.m.
139 Settlers Lane
(home of Susan and David Murray)

MINUTES

Present: Susan, David, Jen, Kirsten, Nancy, Barb, Anne, Cathy by Zoom

Regrets: Kevin, Linda, Keith

1. **Welcome.** Jen welcomed the group and started the meeting 2:22 p.m.
2. **Approval of agenda** moved by Kirsten, Seconded by Susan.
3. **Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2024** moved by Barb, Seconded by Susan.
4. **Roles and Responsibilities** (confirm or reassign). These changes were noted:
 - Leadership Team – Cathy, Barb, Jen.
 - Banking and Mail – Treasurer Jen. Dave and Jen to discuss banking, possibly switching banks.
 - Recording Secretary – Linda.
 - Communications and newsletter content editors. Barb. Nancy to help with content, will meet on the 29th with Cathy and Gail. Another possibility is Charles, who should be approached to see if he would like to be involved.
 - Nominating Committee - Kirsten in charge, could use assistance. Steve, who is new to the lake and a former CA, might be someone to approach.
 - Lake Ambassador Coordination (LAC) – Susan has not been able to speak with Heidi about this (available only Mondays). Nicola Oddy might help with Paddle Power. Susan explained the role of the LAC. (Also looking for new Ambassadors.) Ambassadors did not get together this year, but may do a wrap up event. Nancy can take on the coordination but is concerned re time commitment, so would likely do the bare minimum. Susan to follow up with Heidi, and will know better then. Kirsten suggested a get together of all volunteers – add to Projects and Priorities list.
 - Shoreline Plant Sale – Susan.
 - Membership – Dave.
 - Lake Steward – Kevin is the Lake Steward for the rest of this year, but not next year. Stephanie and David willing to help, but no one is really in charge yet. Hendry's can help with boat transportation. David is willing to do sampling (with some changes) but needs someone to interpret the data. He hasn't been able to connect with Stephanie yet. Kirsten is pretty sure Stephanie is willing to do that. Dave would like to spend \$300-600 for a tablet so could be able to see a map with sites, and be able to record data while out sampling. Would be easier to transfer info to someone else afterwards, also.

5. **Meeting Times for Coming Year.** Suggesting all four be by Zoom. These are Thursdays that are roughly what we did this past year:

Oct 24 24

Feb 20 25

Apr 17 25

4th meeting should be a couple weeks before AGM, so will decide on the fourth meeting once we discuss AGM. Those present were OK with this. (This would put a meeting to discuss final AGM details at Thurs. May 16 - only a month after April 17.)

6. **Debrief AGM.** Discuss possible dates for 2025 and who to coordinate.

Have had good feedback. Had about 43 attendees, which was less than last year, maybe 15-20 less people than last year. Handed out 62 voting cards. Work was well distributed. Were OK with not having displays. Did not have loon report, and Wally was not asked to report. (BH to send original survey results to Nancy.) Report validated many things, including that people like the municipal updates. (Reeve followed up with Nancy on her deer crossing suggestion.) Both reeves very willing engage with lake population. Lots of interest on lake water quality. Speaker on that would be good (LYL results will be available by then.) Kit and Bruce have contact with Queens, RVCA might be available. Will be trying an earlier time so that may help attendance.

Must be after May long weekend. Hybrid option? Or a recording? Submit questions in advance if you can't come? Susan commented people at back couldn't hear the questions from the audience. Have someone travel the room with the microphone. Facebook live? Speaker on water quality could be a good draw. Possibly Sun June 1. Dave agreed to book the Legion (and has now done so.)

7. **Love Your Lake Report from Reid.** Others did not receive, Barb to resend. Went well, only two prickly situations occurred which were quickly diffused. A couple of questions followed the AGM and email notices on LYL and were dealt with.
8. **Lake Steward Arrangements** – suggestion re testing - see lpad/notebook suggestion above.
9. **State of the Lake report** – establish who to coordinate. The water quality data was the difficult part to chart last year. Could suggest the project of getting someone to summarize the 50 years of data and interpret it. But can anything be done with this year's data? Past info is in boxes at Kevin's. Water level report would be important this year – ask Bruce? Barb to coordinate, Nancy, Cathy and Anne to assist.

10. **Project and Priority Planning.** The group went over the chart circulated:

Add Leadership Team.

Add Nancy on newsletter content.

Land Use – to discuss. Reid still doing. Not sure about Richard Dougherty. There was another woman interested that Jen spoke to. Her husband, ex MNR person, interested also. Should have a board member as key contact. Cathy to convene.

Make shoreline an ongoing item not a project.

Delete the project list and start again.

Make water quality interpretation a project. Not sure how much we can expect from RVCA. Kirsten will look into it, start with a one pager on scope of project. (Where is the core sample data from 20 years ago?) Would the digitizing of data be part of this project? Kirsten will talk to David after she puts together the one pager and he will fill Stephanie in. Jen will include the iPad for the water sampling in the budget, Dave will research prices.

Add Governance and Bylaws as a project.

Add Volunteer get together / volunteer appreciation. Time of year not important. Anne will take lead, Jen will assist.

OLA has a lot of money. Regular expenses don't draw it down much. Would we be interested in a grant program, possibly related to LYL, where people are given grant dollars or a matched grant. People need to be operating in good faith. It has been fairly easy to get RVCA to assist with shoreline remediation. Could we work with them? Subsidize what they are able to provide? Nancy has just used RVCA, she will work with Jen to look into what would be possible. Love Your Lake microgrant is still a possibility for next year.

Another suggestion was plants. Shoreline planting has been selling out, could we somehow allocate more money to that.

Barb and Jen will fix up the table and recirculate.

11. Water Level – Some sort of statement is in order. Should we suggest people contact RVCA if they are having difficulty? Some people will have trouble even accessing their properties if water level rises further. We would like to know exactly where the dams are, could someone look this week? Plan on an email update to members, send first draft to Kevin then to Justin. Share what we do know.

12. Adjournment. Moved by Anne, Seconded by Nancy, approximately 3:40 p.m.