

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
7 p.m. Thursday April 17, 2025
Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Present: Barb Hicks (Zoom Host/ Chair), Susan Murray, Kirsten Brouse, Nancy Lynn, Anne Scotton, Jen O'Donoughue (Chair), David Murray, Linda Cuthbertson (Secretary)

Regrets: Cathy Kari, Keith Desjardin

Special Guest: Caraline Billotte

Approval of the Agenda

Motion (2025-02-01)

Moved by Susan and seconded by Anne “ that the agenda be approved as distributed”.

Carried

Approval of the Minutes

Motion (2025-02-02)

Moved by Barb and seconded by Nancy “ that the minutes of the OLA Board Meeting February 20, 2025 be approved as distributed”.

Carried

Guest Presentation

Kirsten introduced Caraline Billotte. Caraline has signed a consultant agreement with the Board and will be organizing historical water sample data, dealing with the collection/monitoring of water samples this year and interpreting data collected.

This was an opportunity for Board Members to provide input and concerns about water testing and data collection to Caraline.

Concerns were raised about e-coli testing, algae blooms, micro-bugs, biodiversity, water temperature and report summaries being written in an easily understandable format. It was reassuring to hear that science communication is an area Caraline has focused on in her university studies.

Treasurer's Report

Jenn distributed a Proposed Budget for 2025 via email following our last Board Meeting and it was approved via email.

Updates

Shoreline Plant Sale

Discussed the best way to advertise the sale start date. The pick up date is May 24th. Decided to make members aware that there will be a plant sale and that they should watch for an email blast early on May 1st. This is a very popular program and plants are sold on a first come basis.

Wildlife Home Building Workshops

David is considering holding the workshops the last weekend in July. He plans on having sample homes on display at the AGM. There will be sign up sheets at the AGM.

Bass Spawning Sanctuaries

There are two related but separate activities. One is to check out previous brush bundle sites and consider other suitable sites lead by RVCA. The second is by Dave Philipp and his crew who will be recording numbers of largemouth and smallmouth bass, size, ages and aggression of nesting mates. They are planning to come sometime during the week of May 19th.

Ryan Paquette and David Murray have offered to help with one or both of the bass spawning activities described above. Barb will keep Ryan, David, Dave and Kit informed about both activities as there may be opportunities to coordinate efforts.

Volunteer Recognition Event

Anne has family issues that interfere with planning an event this spring so it was decided to move the event to the fall.

Annual General Meeting

The list of roles and members responsible was confirmed as presented. Barb will ensure that both mailed letters and email notifications are forwarded according to timelines established in the

bylaws. Due to the earlier date of the meeting this year it was suggested that more than one email blast reminder would be helpful. Someone from Watersheds Canada will be the guest speaker.

New Business

Board Positions

Kirsten requested confirmation from Board Members as to roles continuing for the two year term beginning following the AGM. Linda already indicated resigning from the secretary role but agreed to continue as a director.

Love Your Lake Reports

Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation will be mailing information to Otty Lake shoreline property owners with information on how they can access their personalized property report.

Lake Ambassadors

Nancy and Heidi McKean are new to this coordinating role but have good ideas and plans in place. Board provided some input from previous years and information about signage materials already available. Nancy will speak about the role of Lake Ambassadors at the AGM.

DNE Road Associations and Funding

Barb and Jen expressed their views and they decided that OLA will not play a role in coordinating/assisting DNE Road Associations in efforts to join with the Mississippi Lake Association (MLA) to lobby the township for Private Road Equity Payment (PREP). Nancy informed the board that her road association has met and will be contacting MLA and their team coordinating PREP initiatives.

Nancy moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m..

The next meeting will be by zoom at 7 p.m. on May 15th. Linda sent her regrets at not being available for that meeting. Kirsten agreed to take minutes in her absence.

Reports and Email Correspondence

The following reports and emails were submitted following the last Board Meeting and prior to this meeting:

Agenda — — Barb

Minutes from OLA Board Meeting February 20, 2025 — — Linda

Proposed Budget for 2025 — — Jen

Bass Projects — — Barb

Role of Consultant and Terms of Agreement — — Kirsten

Membership, AGM, Spring Plant Sale, Wildlife Home Building

Workshops, Water Sampling for 2025 — — David and Susan

Jebbs Creek Wetland Embayment Creation and Wetland Restoration
from RVCA — — Barb

Email from president of MLA about PREP — — Barb

Funding by Municipalities for Maintenance of Private Roads
(forwarded to DNE Road Associations) — — Barb