

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
7 p.m Thursday May 15, 2025
Teams Meeting

Attendance

Present: Barb Hicks, Jen O'Donoughue (Chair), Susan Murray, Kirsten Brouse, Nancy Lynn, Anne Scotton, David Murray, Cathay Kari
Regrets: Linda Cuthbertson, Keith Desjardin

Approval of the Agenda

Motion (2025-03-01)

Moved by David, seconded by Cathy that the agenda be approved as distributed.
Carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Some members did not receive the minutes so approval to be conducted secretarially by email after everyone receives them.

AGM

David and Susan provided an update that the facility has been paid for. David is going to send in the floor plan this week. Susan and David will pick up cookies, lemonade and water for the event. Heidi is confirmed to help Susan with the registration table. Susan will have notes on the table to provide instructions for AGM attendees wanting to pay by e-transfer.

Jen requested that all Board members who have not submitted their membership do so soon so that it can be processed before the AGM.

Kirsten will send agenda and minutes to Barb to put on the website. Jen will provide the financial statements to make up the AGM package.

Barb will confirm attendance with presenters and ask for their slides ahead of the AGM. This includes both Drummond North Elmsley and Tay Valley Townships, as well as the representative from Watersheds Canada.

The group reviewed the outline of the AGM presentation. Kirsten agreed to share the link to a google slides version of the presentation with everyone to make edits and additions by May 23rd, at which point Barb will finalize the slide deck ahead of the AGM.

Susan suggested that name tags identifying Board members might be useful and the group agreed.

Micro grants

Barb provided an overview of the Love your Lake microgrant opportunity that had been distributed by email. The group discussed and Susan agreed to call Watersheds Canada to investigate whether this year's plant sale would be an eligible expense for the grant.

Wood for bird houses

David provided an update that McVeigh lumber provided a very generous deal to the OLA for the wood that will be used to make habitat boxes. The group agreed to send a formal thank you after the event.

Barb will buy 30 cards for the Board to be able to use for this purpose and other thank yous going forward.

Records to Watershed Canada

David will give the records (photos and documents) that are currently being stored at David and Susan's house from previous love your lake programs to Watersheds Canada for posterity.

Shared drive

The group discussed the potential benefits of having a shared drive for the OLA to ensure continuity of information. Barb will look at options for storing documents on the website and we will revisit.

Feedback from lake ambassadors

Some lake ambassadors have provided feedback that not having real time information about who has paid and who hasn't can create some awkward moments at the door. The group discussed the challenges with the manual process currently involved in processing membership payments. The consensus was that additional efforts can be made to better align updates with when lake ambassadors are more likely to reach out to neighbours, however some coaching of lake ambassadors on how to manage this issue at the door may also be needed.

Photo contest

The group agreed this is relevant to the members and Barb will send out by email.