

OLA Board Meeting, October 7, 2025, Zoom meeting, 7PM

Present: Jen (chair), Barb, Susan, David, Kim, Cathy (minutes), Nancy, Linda, Charles, Anne

A planning meeting was held on July 13.

Water Quality Data Consolidation: David received and read the preliminary report and he has some suggestions for revision. It was agreed that it might be a good idea for Carolyn to attend the next AGM. Carolyn may present the report at our next board meeting.

- David to meet with Carolyn to discuss

Bylaws: Bylaws (the old constitution) were discussed as there is new Provincial legislation. Currently we have two votes per member at the AGM, whereas one is recommended by ONCA. The consensus seemed to be that we adopt one vote per member, that new members must pass basic criteria (not bankrupt etc.), board members to determine the membership fee, board members to appoint all roles, including President, the AGM requires quorum, voting will be by a majority, and we will adopt a conflict of interest guideline document. It was noted that we do have director liability insurance. We will likely get people such as Reid and Christine to review our final document.

Paddle Power: Kim has taken over management of this event. It was noted that there was not a good turnout this year. It was suggested that a good meeting spot is Clover Leaf Island, followed by a tour of the north shore, and that participants will be encouraged to bring their own snack. It was noted that parking might be an issue there.

- Kim to work on advertising the next Paddle Power.

Memberships: It was noted that membership was down from last year. Thanks go to Heidi for her efforts in improving the program. Discussion ensued on how to increase membership numbers, including documenting ambassador roles and making door to door visits optional, recognizing lake ambassadors, giving ambassadors more information, making OLA bookmarks to be handed out at the library and sending out more reminders of dues payment. It was also decided that volunteers should get OLA buttons and the the production of the buttons would be done at the library.

Projects: A new logo for the T-shirts was suggested, perhaps a reprint of the cookbook, staging a volunteer event and perhaps some sort of member appreciation. It was decided to order plants for the volunteer appreciation.

- Susan is to send out an email about the volunteer appreciation in order to determine a list of volunteers.

Eurasian Water Milfoil: Invasive Milfoil was discussed.

- Linda is to find out more information.

- Nancy has done research and will formulate a response to queries about Milfoil. This response to be reviewed by the board.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2026. This meeting was closed as moved by Cathy at 8:31PM.