

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 31, 2026 - 7 pm
Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Present: Barb Hicks, Jen O'Donoghue (Chair), Susan Murray, Nancy Lynn,
Anne Scotton, David Murray, Linda Cuthbertson, Charles Mojsej, Bev Garvin
Regrets: Cathy Kari, Kim Bolton

Bev Garvin - confirmed as secretary

Agenda - moved by Susan, seconded by Charles.

Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2025, good enough moved by Anne seconded by Charles
Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2026, minor changes moved by Anne seconded by Charles

AGM Update

Timekeeper (one of the AGM committee members)

Tech support (Charles to help setup if needed) looking for a young technical person to do the slides

Susan will bring an extra projector

Door prizes maybe extra plants, maybe Tay Valley, possibly OLA clothing/buttons -AGM committee to look after

Slide presentation – Barb to complete

Elections – Jen to do that

Volunteer – Susan and Linda – Heidi/Nancy doing a lake ambassador table but could help

Presenting - Charles

Minutes - Bev

Material for agenda items, financial, changes in constitution May 7th

Cover letter for the package by Jen

Membership

David and Susan want to move on, Busy time near the AGM

Need to work with Kim (financial) and Lake Ambassadors

Online form – Barb to check if address is mandatory

Job includes sending out updates to Ambassadors so they can reach out and updating after they get it back, deposit cheques and report to Kim

Put it out to the membership, no one interested on board, confidential information statement needs to be signed, could be done by a part time member as mostly online, Jen to chat with Kim – if she isn't interested then post it and ask at AGM

Need to send out a reminder for membership payment – Barb to send a few more reminders before AGM

Water Quality Team

David has been doing a great job, need new volunteer

First sampling is May, takes 3-4 hours a month

Hard sell at the AGM, may hire a university student

Charles to write something (tie into AGM) and Barb to send out email.

SUSAN has Double chocolate chunk cookies this week!

Financial Update

Jen to validate last years expenditures before the AGM
This year's budget is moved David, seconded by Linda

New Bylaws

Jenn – still need to meet with Burgess Wood, Charles and Jen to work on
Conflict of interest updated, decisions on directors no longer being on the board
Households wording changes
Circulate by email so they are ready to go on the website, new version to be discussed on May 7th.
Go out 2 weeks before AGM
Recommend at AGM for them to be approved

Plant sale

Sat May 30th
Kim and Jen can help deliver plants around the lake to the 50 volunteers if they are not coming May 30th
or don't pick up on own – Barb can help if desperate
Cards to Susan at least a week ahead of time - Bev to help with Cards during the day
\$500 subsidy to shoreline plants - moved by David seconded by Anne
Printing cards comes under misc in budget

Wildlife homes

July 19th
David to put a volunteer sheet at AGM for volunteers
Need a date for precutting wood so that we can get helpers – possibly Charles
Need help day of

Buttons

Buttons can be printed for free from the Library (donation given)- print some for AGM volunteers, money
in budget for donations

Tshirts

Possibly new design, David Bromley to potentially help with that
What is the benefit to OLA for Tshirt sales? Lots of OL already available from other sources
Cost neutral
Was promoting the Association to the membership, to be proud to be an Otty Lake member
Nice option - is it worthwhile for the effort to create a new design and source printing.
How many sold last year?
Discuss at next meeting

Paddle Power

Drone coverage of Paddle Power Aug 9 (or Aug 16) – Jen to look into this
Paddlers
Nancy has a package of whistles to hand out

Completed in 1hr 8 mins
Confirm Next Meeting and Focus – currently is set as Thursday May 7 by Zoom
Adjournment Motion by Susan

Next meeting

Revisit Bylaw

Tshirt

Need volunteers for

Lake ambassadors

Paddlers

Drone person

Water quality team

Membership person

Wood cutting

Wildlife home construction