

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JULY 16, 2004, 7:00 P.M.
Delta Fair Hall, Delta, Ontario

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:** President Ed VanVoorhis called the meeting to order and welcomed guests Velma Kelsey, Deputy Mayor from Leeds and 1000 Islands Township and William Morris, the new park superintendent of the Delta Campground.
2. **IN MEMORIAM:** President VanVoorhis requested a moment of silence in memory of LBLA members who have passed. Margaret Bressler, Harold Colbert, Minnie Tupper, Robert Kyle, Robert MacMachen, Bill Sellar, Esther Connelly, and Gordon Bamber.
3. **MINUTES OF AGM 16 of July, 2003:** Hard copies were passed out. **MOTION:** That the minutes be approved as presented. (Don Santos/Earl Patric) **CARRIED.**
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Betty Penstone. Entire report appended.
Highlights: Bank balance December 31, 2003: \$3,739.33. At end of June, 2004: \$5,515.18
Donations for Volunteer Fire Departments: \$1,185.00.
 - a. Ed read an article recognizing the fire departments quick response to a fire on Black Jack Island. If the department had not responded so quickly, many homes would have been lost. Contributions to township fire departments from members of the LBLA are most helpful and appreciated.
 - b. **MOTION:** That the Treasurer's Report be adopted. (Earl Patric/Louise Mantha) **CARRIED.**
5. **SPEAKERS:**
 - A. Norm Rattan, Executive Director of the Thousand Island Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve spoke about the Biosphere Reserve Project. **Highlights:**
 - a. November, 2002, the Thousand Island Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve covering territory from Westport to the 1000 Islands became the 12th Biosphere Reserve in Canada.
 - b. We are blessed in Eastern Ontario with natural resources which stimulate economic and social development.
 - c. The Frontenac Arch is the last natural corridor from the Appalachians to the Boreal Forest.
 - d. There are 5 biological areas meeting in our Biosphere containing the greatest diversity of any place in Canada with an amazing array of wild plants and animals.
 - e. 90% of the Canadian population live along the border. The human population in this area puts large numbers of species at risk.
 - f. The Biosphere Project is looking for different approaches such as a Chamber of Conservation to work on sustainability.
 - g. Also, working on networking, integrating programs at the community level. Recognize the need to work together.
 - h. The Biosphere is a non-partisan project: not involved in politics on the provincial or federal level.
 - i. **Funding:** Receives \$10,000 a year from member organizations. Also look to

foundations for grants. Budget is \$300,000 to \$500,000 a year.

- j. Do shoreline reviews at the request of property owners.
- k. Do lots of work for non-profit organizations.

l. Biosphere Reserve designation can be retracted if it doesn't live up to UNESCO standards.

MOTION: That the LBLA become a paying member of the Frontenac Arch 1000 Islands Biosphere Reserve. Total cost \$150.00. (Louise Mantha/Mary Santos) CARRIED

B. Andrea Klymehko from the Centre for Sustainable Watershed was our second speaker Highlights:

- a. Andrea explained the shoreline property review for any property owners who are interested. Ask for a \$25.00 donation to help pay for the cost of gas.
- b. Give advise on healthy shorelines
- c. Made 150 visits last year
- d. Also sponsored a Native Wildflower Workshop
- e. Is an information centre and sell environmentally friendly products. Store open in Portland from 10:00 to 4:00.

6. WATER QUALITY: Don Santos. Don's report was part of the LBLA newsletter sent out in the spring.

- a. Will begin phosphorous testing this summer (2004)
- b. Water quality on Lower Beverley Lake is improving
- c. Zebra mussels are all over the lake. So far the spiny water flea has not found its way to our lake.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: Doug Kilpatrick passed out his written report.

MOTION: To accept the Executive Secretary's report as presented (Mary VanVoorhis/Mary Santos) CARRIED

8. LOON PLATFORMS: Earl Patric

- a. There are four platforms around the lake. Doug Kilpatrick was the main builder with help from Earl Patric.
- b. What we have learned: platforms can stay out all winter. They do get waterlogged and need to be boosted up with empty plastic containers filled with air. Platforms should be 5" to 7" above the waterline. Also need vegetation. Jeanne and Earl Patric will put vegetation on the platforms in the spring.
- c. Success: One nesting platform behind Horse Island was used. There was some use on the platform by the third Sister but the eggs didn't hatch.

9. WOOD DUCK BOXES: Earl Patric Earl built 6 boxes which LBLA members agreed to take care of on different properties around the lake. The association advanced the money so Earl could get the job started.

- a. 4 boxes were deployed in the fall of 2003 and two in the spring of 2004.
- b. Too early to say if they have been successful.
- c. Earl secured a grant from the MNR (and thanked them publicly) to pay for the materials. The association will be reimbursed. Earl also thanked the association for having faith in this project.

MOTION: That the LBLA thank Earl Patric for all his dedication and hard work (Louise

Mantha/Don Santos) CARRIED

10. PARTICIPATION in the DELTA FAIR

Dave Gagnon is organizing a LBLA booth to pass out general lake information at this year's Delta Fair. Ed asked for volunteers to help Dave out.

11. LBLA DELTA FAIR PARADE FLOAT: Mary VanVoorhis and Dann Michols are organizing a float of the Delta Fair Parade which takes place at 2:00 on Saturday, July 24. Special thanks to the Rideau Docking System for lending us their flat bed truck. The theme is "Preserving the Lake for Future Generations."

12. PICNIC AND CLEAN-UP DAY: Sandy Ellis announced that our second annual Clean-up the Lake Day will be on Thursday, July 29 from 10:00 to 1:00. All interested, please meet at the boat ramp by the Delta Campground. Also, Sandy announced that the LBLA is sponsoring a picnic at Kendrick Park on Saturday, August 7, from 3:00 to 7:00.

13. BASS TOURNAMENTS: Ed read a letter written by Louise Mantha and Sandy Ellis expressing concern of the LBLA about these tournaments and how they affect the health and safety of our lake.

14. SEPTIC TANK PUMPOUT: Millard Goodsell announced that 10 to 12 island folks have signed up. He hopes to get more involved as that will lower the cost for all participating. Cost right now will be \$600.00 to \$800.00 per cottage.

15. CONSTITUTION: Presented by Louise Mantha

a. This is a document which describes who we are, what we stand for, and how we will be governed.

b. By-laws are the longest part of the document.

c. Why have a constitution?

1) Liability protection for LBLA and the executive

2) Easier to write and receive grants

d. Used constitutions from the Charleston Lake Association and Gananoque River Waterways Community Association to help form our own LBLA constitution.

e. This constitution was reviewed by a lawyer: it respects federal guidelines for incorporation and an attempt has been made to keep it simple.

f. Next steps:

1) Seek incorporation

2) Govern LBLA according to the new constitution

3) Post on LBLA website

4) Review mission and set priorities at next AGM in July, 2005.

MOTION: To approve the constitution as written (Al Brown/Dann Michols) CARRIED

FOLLOWUP: Will seek liability insurance and try to work with the Biosphere Project to get group insurance. Clare Angermann expressed thanks to Louise and Ed for all their hard work on our new constitution.

16. MOTION: To have an election tonight to fill the new position of Director at Large created by the newly approved constitution. (Mary Santos/Mary VanVoorhis) CARRIED

9 opposed and 11 for.

17. **NOMINATION:** Earl Patric was nominated by Millard Goodsell, seconded by Mary VanVoorhis, to serve as the Director at Large on the LBLA Executive Board. **CARRIED**
Earl will represent the LBLA as the new Director at Large.

18. **THANKS:** were given by Ed to Doug Kilpatrick for the many years of work he has put in to keep our lake healthy and safe.

19. **SUGGESTIONS:**

- a. That the newsletter be posted on the website
- b. **MOTION:** That the Executive investigate the advantages and disadvantages for the membership of holding the AGM on a Saturday or Sunday in 2005. Results will be announced in the newsletter. (Doug Kilpatrick/Dann Michols) **CARRIED.**

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned. (Mary Santos/Bert Angermann) **CARRIED**
Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.