

LOWER BEVERLY LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
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2009 Annual General Meeting
July 11, 7:00 P.M. Delta Fair Hall, Delta, Ontario

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: President Lily Faust called the meeting to order. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. Guests included Martin Streit, head of the Leeds County Stewardship Council, and Emily Conger, head of the A2A Association, and her two associates. President Faust advised that the speakers would be presented first and then we would continue with the business part of our meeting.

IN MEMORIAM: President Faust requested a moment of silence in memory of those who had passed away during the last year. Special mention was made of a gift that was given to the LBLA in memory of one of these people. We are trying to attain charitable status as an organization to be able to give income tax receipts in future for donations of this kind.

SPEAKERS:

Our first speaker was Martin Streit, who is employed by OMNR and who works closely with the Leeds County Stewardship Council. It was noted that he was responsible for obtaining our eight new “turtle crossing” signs. He reported that he and a group of volunteers from LCSC were focusing on stream restoration in order to protect lake water quality and any species at risk. A lake with phosphorus levels between 10 – 20 ug/l is considered a mesotrophic lake which is a middle class lake. Our range is between 18.2 and 23.4 ug/l; Charleston is 13.1ug/l. Phosphorus levels are caused by some natural sources in the lake but are increased by soil erosion, manures, and our detergents, thereby encouraging the growth of algae. Charleston’s plan to protect their water quality includes shoreline naturalization, input to planning regulation, septic inspections and the sale of phosphorus-free detergents. The LCSC is monitoring streams going into the lakes and has found high levels of phosphorus. Many associations have partnered with them to correct this problem. They are building solar water systems, cattle exclusion fences and water crossings and culverts over streams on farms. Approximately 1000 cows are no longer drinking from this area. They have also restored some wetlands that are no longer farmed, had school tree planting sessions and established bird nest boxes. Because of these initiatives, the water quality has improved and phosphorus levels are declining. This year, it is hoped to partner with two farms on our lake for stream restoration and to work with local farmers to improve water quality and other environmental issues. He also agreed that we should work to try to get the eagles back in our area. He will work with us to find a location and Ontario Hydro with build the nest, hopefully in the fall.

Our second speaker was Emily Conger, the head of the Algonquin to Adirondack Association- A2A. Our members in both 2005 and 2007 had requested a lake management plan and Phase 1 was completed in the summer of 2008 by the people from A2A in cooperation with 21 other organizations. Emily stressed that A2A covers the entire area of the Frontenac Arch. This area has a huge variety of soil types, vegetation and forest types. There is more diversity of plant life in our area than in any other area of Canada. She reported that last year the study concentrated on species inventory, critical habitat analysis, shoreline analysis, and water quality testing. Seining was used for species inventory and all creatures found were measured and recorded. The shoreline analysis made 3 passes of each cottage and did 344 data sheets with some sensitive areas being found. This year, A2A has received a bit more funding and will finish Lower Beverley Lake. Each home will receive its own binder with information on that property, such as the current state of the property and recommendations for improvements, contact lists for information, and septic tank options. It is intended that this binder be part of the cottage/house and should be left for new owners. A tree planting seminar will be conducted in August. It is hoped that healthy properties will improve lake health.

Both speakers were thanked and presented with small gifts of appreciation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report was presented by Lily Faust showing current financials and last year's expenses. Report appended. Lily thanked both our auditor, Don Santos and our treasurer, Betty Penstone for their hard work and continued support. Motion that report be approved. Carried.

MINUTES OF AGM:

Overview of minutes from 2008 AGM was presented by Barb Kirkham. Copies were available for anyone interested. Motion that report be approved. Carried.

REVIEW OF LBLA ACTIVITIES OVER THE PAST YEAR: presented by President Faust.

- Float in Delta Fair Parade was prepared through the hard work of Fred and Sharon Olivo and Sandy Ellis in and out of the pouring rain. We again won the award.
- Cleanup Day had lots of volunteers who were able to find lots of trash.
- Golf and picnic was a huge success with 50 people attending and lots of fun for all.
- Loon platforms and shoal markers still present in lake.
- Water quality and water levels are continually monitored.
- Spring and Fall newsletters were sent out.
- Phase 1 of the lake management plan was completed.
- Special thanks was again given to our faithful volunteers for their continued support. Folks mentioned were Fred Olivo, Earl Patric and Glenn Snider for work on the loon platforms and shoal markers, Don Santos, our auditor, Sandy Ellis for Cleanup the Lake Day, Sharon Olivo and Barb Kirby for the golf and picnic, John Truyens as our representative at the Frontenac Arch paddling committee and all the volunteers who had shore lunches and those who worked on the lake study.

EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

- Install turtle crossing signs – to be done in spring.
- Mark entrance to Delta Creek – markers are now in place.
- Identify invasive species – done during past summer.
- Provide information on weeds and algae – more information will be available after Phase 2 of lake management plan at end of summer.
- Develop wildlife inventory – ongoing.
- Look at farm run-off – Martin Streit doing now.
- Clean channel on Railroad St. to allow pike to spawn – channel is currently clear and will be monitored.
- Prevent boats from parking along Delta Creek – will try to work with Park management when we do tree planting.

PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2009:

- Delta Fair float – The theme is nursery rhymes and our float will be “Rub-a-dub-dub, Three Men in a Tub”, currently looking for volunteers for these positions.
- Lake Cleanup Day – Planned for July 30th.
- Picnic and golf – Planned for Aug 15th with a rain out location at the Delta Fair Hall.
- Lake management plan – Phase 2 to be done this summer.

ELECTION:

Lily Faust announced the following slate of officers for the next two years.

President:	Dave Champagne
Vice President:	Dave Johnson
Treasurer:	Betty Penstone
Secretary:	Barb Kirkham
Director at large:	Lynne Jeffries
Past President:	Lily Faust

Motion that the slate be accepted. Carried.

THANKS:

Newly elected President Dave Champagne presented Lily Faust with a commemorative plaque for her work over the past two years. He also gave the members his biography and thanked Earl Patric for his guidance and practical applications of our work. He talked about assuring that the new binders from Phase 2 will be useful to the homeowners. Dave also wants to increase communication through the use of our improved website. He also hopes that we can reduce costs and increase revenues by using electronics. Our other new executive member, Dave Johnson, also gave a brief biography.

STREET/ROAD CHAMPIONS:

Lily posted a list of all the streets in our Association area. It is appended. She was able to get volunteers to become champions for almost every street. These folks will canvas their area to be sure all the residents are aware of our Association and ensure that they join us.

Motion that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.