

**LOWER BEVERLY LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
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**2008 Annual General Meeting
July 10, 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 55 people in attendance including a newcomer, Sandy Bickerstaff. Guests included Ron Holman, Mayor of the Township of Rideau Lakes, Sheldon Laidman, Rideau Lakes planning manager and Svenja Belaousoff, project manager for the upcoming lake study and Svenja's team of student researchers.

IN MEMORIAM: President Faust requested a moment of silence in memory of those who had passed away during the last year.

MINUTES OF AGM from July 11, 2007 were presented by Barb Kirkham.

Motion: that the minutes be approved as presented (Ed VanVoorhis/Fred Olivo)
Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Betty Penstone.

Motion: that the report be accepted as presented. (Millard Goodsell/Don Santos)
Carried

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

- Float in Delta Fair Parade: The Mardi Gras theme float prepared by Lily Faust, Barb Kirby and Claire Angermann won First Prize. Thanks to all for their hard work.
- Cleanup Day: The cleanup was a success. Our lake is getting cleaner each year and we are definitely helping the environment.
- Boat Flotilla: There were 12 boats attending with fantastic decorations. Sadly, we had a very poor weather day.
- Historic picnic: Many attended in period costumes.
- Loon platforms: 3 new platforms on the lake but unfortunately, no babies this year.
- Monument: The stone canoe is being carved and we hope by the end of the year to have the monument completed including a plaque reading "Honour the Path".
- Newsletter: A 2007 fall newsletter was sent out by e-mail.
- Special thanks: People mentioned for their continuing support were Fred Olivo and Earl Patric for the care of the shoal markers and loon platforms, Don Santos as our auditor, Laura White for work on the historic picnic, John Truyens for working with the Frontenac Arch paddling committee, Richard Bordeleau as web master and the complete executive team.

PLANNED EVENTS FOR COMING YEAR:

- Delta Fair float – Theme is sports and our float will be “Have a Ball on Lower Beverly”. Float to be done by Sharon Olivo and parade is July 26th.
- Lake Clean up Day – scheduled for July 31st after the Fair.
- Picnic – is to include a golf tournament this year and will be held Aug 16th.
- Lake management study – to continue throughout the summer.

REPORTS

Ron Holman, Mayor of the Township of Rideau Lakes, reported that the inspection of septic systems on Lower Beverly Lake would be done in 2009. We also have a new Fire Hall and we were invited to the Opening on July 26th. The Mayor thanked us all for our contributions. There is a large investment of \$1.2 million this year in road work and he explained how a construction fabric is laid first, then rock on that and then a surface treatment on that. He also mentioned that our tax rate was lowered this year due to the charges for the garbage tags.

Sheldon Laidman, Manager of the Development Services Department for Rideau Lakes, also discussed septic issues. He reported that there are 2 full time inspectors for the Township and that 110 permits were issued last year. The inspection of existing systems was done on a voluntary basis. Questionnaires were sent out and there was a 25% response rate. Of the inspections that were done, 41% were fine, 5% failed and for 51% some remedial action was necessary. He will contact LBLA in the spring to obtain our areas of concern for the inspections and asked that we mention these upcoming inspections in our spring newsletter. He also said that the Township would be willing to help with our lake management plan and with our concerns regarding the management of nutrients by local farms on creeks coming into our Lake.

President Faust thanked our guests and presented them both with a copy of the Lower Beverley book “Ripples Through Time”.

LAKE MANAGEMENT STUDY

Dave Champagne introduced our special guest, Svenja Belaoussoff, a biologist from Queens University. She is to be project manager for the summer’s upcoming study and will coordinate activities.

Svenja told us that this is a multi-year project and includes 13 different partners. Information about all this and updates on their activities can be found on the A2A website. She gave some background from the study on Charleston Lake and the Gananoque River watershed. She advised that we are the head waters for the entire watershed. A grant for \$56,000 has been obtained and the work should be completed by the end of August. A final report will be presented by February, 2009. She stressed the importance of the study as a community stewardship project and encouraged our participation.

Svenja outlined the three phases of the study as species inventory, shoreline analysis and water quality analysis and that 5 summer students were hired to work on the various phases. In phase 1, the team of 2 summer students and Scott Smithers from Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources will be doing netting to identify aquatic species and their

habitat. Phase 2 will be done by a shoreline team of two summer students. They will leave information packages on each dock and then take an inventory of the shoreline vegetation to ascertain the areas of most concern in the health of our lake. An assistant coordinator will also attempt to meet owners on the shoreline. Phase 3 will collect water samples from the inputs and outputs stream around our lake so we can report on the water quality of our lake.

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

President Faust reviewed the ongoing activities of our Association.

- Our book, “Ripples Through Time” was completed and continues to have excellent sales.
- The map of the lake and the boating safety instructions pamphlet is complete and is found in all our welcome packages which are given to new residents on our lake.
- We continue to encourage new membership. This year we have reached our highest numbers yet.
- The LBLA website is continually updated with new information.
- The Association continues to try to work with the government agencies to maintain the water level of our lake.
- We also continue to work on a lake management plan to improve the health of our lake.

President Faust then asked the members to identify objectives for the Association for the next three years. She also asked for everyone to consider working on the executive or working as volunteers in any area of their interest. We broke into 2 groups and produced a list of possible objectives for the Association. A list of these suggestions is appended.

The meeting was adjourned. When a date is set for next year’s meeting, it will be posted on the website.

LBLA BRAINSTORM July 10, 2008-07-14 **“What we want from our lake association”**

GROUP 1

*(Note: The * indicate the number of votes given to the items by group members)*

1. Installation of turtle crossing signs for our roads. ***
2. Marking of the entrance to the Delta Creek ‘slow way’ with red and green buoys and chains (cost of approx. \$150) ****
3. Opportunity to learn more about the weeds and algae, perhaps through a speaker *
4. Contest to name the 4 un-named islands near English Island.
5. Identify and deal with the invasive species **
6. Develop a comprehensive wildlife inventory so that we know what wildlife exists around our lake ***
7. Do something to prevent boats from parking in the bulrushes along the banks of the Delta Creek. *
8. Near the Three Sisters, beavers are plugging up the culverts and preventing pike from spawning. We should clean the culverts or deepen the channel.

9. Conduct a check on our frog species (as they are an environmental indicator of health in the lake) ***
10. Ask members for a separate contribution to the lake management plan as a separate item on the registration form.
11. Maintain the lake water level at the current high level.
12. Have a hot line system (or buddy system) to phone and tell people about species that may have been seen around the lake (eg. bears, coyotes, etc). Post sightings on our web site, maybe publish in Cottage Life magazine.
13. Eliminate the graffiti on Marble Rock.
14. Look into the farm run-off issue, instead of just going after septic inspections of seasonal properties. *
15. Encourage more of the members to come out:
 - Follow Keith Hubbard's example and have champions talk to people in their own neighbourhood
 - organize a system whereby individuals canvass each road
 - have a booth at the Delta Fair
16. Maintain an updated list of our members on the LBLA web site

GROUP 2

1. Tell us what we as an individual can do about our weeds and algae.
2. Promote law enforcement of boating, and fishing & game regulations.
3. Ensure that the Township Park enforces setbacks along the Delta Creek, and look into the 'permanent, private' RV's and campers on the shoreline
4. Keep on doing a great job!

WHAT SHOULD THE LBLA ORGANIZE FOR THE UNVEILING OF THE PADDLE TRAIL MONUMENT?

Organize a 'Paddle-Rama' with canoes and kayaks heading to the inukshuk for a formal unveiling.