

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
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2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JULY 8, 2010 7 p.m. DELTA FAIR HALL

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:

President Dave Champagne called the meeting to order. There were approximately 50 people in attendance even in the extreme heat. Our guest speaker, Heather Gerstmar from The Center for Sustainable Watersheds, and her two young associates were present also.

IN MEMORIAM:

President Champagne requested a moment of silence in memory of those who had passed away during the last year. Those remembered were Elizabeth (Beth) Brett, Gerald Gardiner, Elmer Newcombe, Gerald (Gerry) Saunders, Maynard McEwan and Jane Albright.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Dave Champagne presented two slides showing our 2009 Revenues and the 2009 Financial Summary (appended). This report has been audited and passed. Dave thanked our auditor, Ed VanVoorhis and our treasurer, Betty Penstone for their continued hard work. Motion that report be approved was carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:

Dave presented a slide showing the highlights of the 2009 AGM minutes. Copies were available for anyone interested and a copy will be shown on our website in future. Motion that report be approved was carried.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES:

Dave advised that in order for Louise Mantha to continue our application for charitable status, it is necessary for us to make some minor changes to our constitution. These changes must be ratified by a 2/3 vote of members present. The changes necessary were (1) add a table of content (2) state the powers of the directors and (3) add a section to state that we are a non profit organization. It was moved by Claire Angermann and seconded by Ed VanVoorhis that the changes be accepted. The vote was unanimous.

REVIEW OF LBLA ACTIVITIES FOR 2009:

Coloured slides were presented by Dave.

- The float in the Delta Fair Parade was “Three Men in a Tub” prepared by Lily and Bob Faust. Thanks for a great job-the award was won again.
- There was a day of tree planting along the Delta Creek.

- On Cleanup Day our dedicated team of volunteers collected many bags of trash.
- The golf and picnic at The Maples was again a great success with over 50 people attending and lots of fun for all.
- We continued to put out our loon platforms and our shoal markers.
- The water quality and water levels were continually monitored.
- The Spring newsletter was sent out to all.
- The executive committee completed the draft of the Lake Management Plan.
- Special thanks were extended to our diligent volunteers – Fred Olivo, Earl Patric & Glen Snider for the loon platforms and shoal markers, Ed VanVoorhis, our auditor, Sandy Ellis for the cleanup day, Louise Mantha and Dann Michols for the picnic and golf , John Truyens for the water measurements and all of the Executive Team.

WEBSITE PRESENTATION:

Lynne and Brian Jeffries are now looking after the LBLA website. Lynne gave an excellent presentation to show us all the features of this great site. There were slides for each page and an explanation of each of the headings. There is a large amount of information available to us on the site. Anyone with questions about boating safety will find all the information on our site. A new bulletin board has also been added for our personal use if needed.

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Lynne also gave everyone a sheet with the many action items of our plan on it. She asked that we complete this sheet showing our priorities and return it to her.

PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2010:

- Dave mentioned that we are currently trying to distribute the lake management plan and the lake study results to each property owner.
- The Delta Fair float will be done by Lynne Jeffries. The theme is Hawaiian and Lynne was able to get many great items at the dollar store enabling her to do this. She asked for people to volunteer to ride on the float on July 24th, 2010.
- The eagle nest locations were checked out this past Monday. A question was raised as to whether eagles on the lake would drive out the ospreys. We will check this before the nest is installed.
- Cleanup the Lake Day will be again held after the Delta Fair on Thursday, July 29th, 2010. Sandy Ellis is again responsible. Lunch will be provided and Sandy suggested we bring rakes and/or nets to assist us.
- The Canoeshuk Dedication/Paddle Event is planned for Sunday, July 18th 2010. John Truyens gave us the details, 5:30 a.m. leave the Delta Creek boat launch after coffee and muffins, 6:00 a.m. dedication, 8:00 a.m. breakfast at the Post in Lyndhurst and 10:00 a.m. tours of the Delta Mill. John asked for volunteers to help at the various locations.
- A Fish Fry is planned for Saturday, Aug. 14th, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the Delta Fair Hall. This will be catered by Mike Mundell's. Sharon Olivo said we would like to try to get 100 people so that we could break even. Lots of special events are planned. There will be minnow races (no animals will be harmed in this event)

with dinner following at 5:00 p.m. After dinner, there will be a dessert auction to “make a little dough” for our association. As well, there will be a guest speaker, Ed Bebee on the early days of fishing. Larry Lunman will be there with his duck decoy collection and Tom Connell Jr. with some antique fishing tackle. Check our website for more details to follow.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dave introduced our guest speaker, Heather Gerstmar. She is an environmental biologist and scientist and is currently pursuing her Doctorate in water resources management at McGill University.

Heather described for us many of the early sanitation systems. Most of these were waterborne but this resulted in many diseases. In approximately 2/3 of the world most sanitation is very basic. Natural cycles have been disturbed by our over use of pollutants. The fertilizers we put on our fields come into our ground water. The use of too much phosphorus has caused it to become a pollutant. This results in the growth of algae and weeds and contributes to making many of our lakes mesotrophic. Lower Beverley is such a lake with a high level of phosphorus particularly near Oak Bay. There are many systems that can be used to improve our recycling of our wastes. We want to influence the phosphate levels in our lakes. Three ways to do this are (1) plant uptake-the plants use for their growth but this solution is only temporary, (2) secretion-this only results in a very small decrease in amount each year, (3) adsorption/absorption which is binding of the phosphates to a particle. Blast furnace slag has resulted in the highest removal levels of bacteria and is one of the methods that are being used in larger treatment systems such as hog farming operations. Heather suggested that as a lake community we should try to use phosphate free products. We should also continue to monitor target areas that currently have high levels, such as Oak Bay, other head waters and land fills. She also offered pamphlets on waterless toilets for anyone interested.

Dave thanked Heather for her interesting talk and presented her with a small token of appreciation.

OTHER CONCERNS:

Sandy Ellis mentioned her concern about the growth of the Township Park. There are now 85 permanent campsites and 235 others. The safety on our lake with 300 extra families on it is a great concern. Suggestion that we try to pursue this problem in the coming year.

Motion that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.