

**LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
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2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JULY 6, 2011 7 p.m. DELTA FAIR HALL

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME;

President Dave Champagne called the meeting to order. There were approximately 35 people in attendance including our guest speaker, Bud Andress and 4 guests from the Upper Beverley Lake community.

RETIREMENT;

Dave advised that Earl Patric is retiring from our Executive Committee. Dave thanked him for his many years of hard work and his expertise given to this Committee.

IN MEMORIAM;

A moment of silence was requested in memory of those who had passed away this last year. Those remembered were Diane Morrison, Tom Connell Sr., Margaret McCann Morrow and Bert Mantha.

FINANCIAL REPORT;

Our past president, Lily Faust, gave the financial report. Our revenues were \$8481. in 2010 with \$2165. going in and out for the local fire departments. Expenses were \$4469. leaving us with a closing balance of \$12084., of which \$10000. is currently in a GIC. Ed Van Voorhis is currently auditing our books.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM;

Dave presented slides showing the highlights of the 2010 AGM minutes. These were reviewed and a motion to approve was carried.

CHARITABLE STATUS;

Dann Michols [commented on](#) a recently received letter from the Canada Revenue Agency stating that our application had not been approved, since the purposes and objectives of our Association were

too vague. He told us that this status is not usually granted to organizations that only benefit a few people. Charleston Lake Association was unable to gain status and created a "Friends of Charleston Lake" that did get charitable status. Our Executive Committee will contact them to see what further action they took and a decision whether we should proceed will be made.

REVIEW OF 2010 ACTIVITIES;

Dave showed slides of last year's events

- Our float in the Delta Fair parade once again won first prize.
- The fish fry organized by Lily made \$500.+ and was a well received event.
- The dedication of the canoesuk and the paddling event was a fantastic day. Lots of boats and paddlers for the dedication of the canoesuk. A native Indian gave a blessing, as did Rev. Ross, and Kathy Neiley played the violin. An outdoor breakfast followed at the Lyndhurst dock.
- We continue to put out the loon platforms and shoal markers.
- Cleanup Day, again handled by Sandy Ellis, was successful and there seems to be less trash each year.
- Monitoring of water quality and levels continued. Our readings are not getting any worse.
- Fall and spring newsletters were sent out.
- Most of the binders prepared for residents were delivered and hopefully were used.
- The website is continually updated by Lynne. She stated that this site is for our use and she will add anything of interest we might have.
- Special thanks again to our volunteers - Fred Olivo, Earl Patric and Glenn Snider for the loon platforms and shoal markers, Ed Van Voorhis, our auditor, Sandy Ellis for the cleanup day, Lily Faust for the great fish fry, John Truyens for paddling and water measurements, Louise Mantha for the newsletter, Brian and Lynne Jeffries for the super website and all the Executive Committee.
- The new eagle nest was built and put up at Blue Heron Point in Little Bay near Kendricks Park.

PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2011;

- At the start of this meeting, no one had offered to do our float for the Delta Fair but as usual, our faithful volunteers, Lily Faust, Sandy Ellis and Clare Angermann agreed to do it again.
- Sandy Ellis again has Cleanup day on Thursday July 28th under control.
- The Centre for Sustainable Watershed wanted us to do a follow up on the binders we delivered but a show of hands decided this was not necessary.
- The eagle nest dedication will be made by Millard Goodsell and is planned for Saturday, August 6th. All interested should meet at the site in their boats by 2 p.m. with a picnic to follow at Kendrick's Park at 3 p.m. Bring a dish to share and hot dogs will be provided.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON;

Lily spoke about the festivities that take place each Christmas season in Delta. The Township Park is lighted with approximately 75,000 lights, carols are playing, Santa is there and the Mill and Museum are open. She suggested that the LBLA should build some kind of display to place in the Park. Millard Goodsell, Dann Michols, Sandy Ellis and Hal and Jean Benham offered to help come up with a design, then we will search for volunteer carpenters and painters.

UPPER BEVERLEY LAKE;

Dave told us that in our Constitution our Lake is described as "all tributaries and effluent creeks and shorelines" so he feels that we could encompass Upper Beverley Lake as well. Requirements for membership in LBLA are that you respect the lake and pay your dues. We had 4 visitors for UBL, Joy, Sandra and John and Bev Anderson. Dave suggested we might approach UBL to see if there is any interest in joining us.

ELECTIONS;

There were no new volunteers to hold any positions on the Committee so the new slate will be as follows-

Co-Presidents – Louise Mantha and Lily Faust (1 year term)

Vice-President – Dave Johnson

Vice-President – Lynne Jeffries

Secretary – Barb Kirkham

Treasurer – Betty Penstone

Past President – Dave Champagne

Directors at Large – Fred and Sharon Olivo

Sandy Ellis moved and Clare Angermann seconded that this slate be accepted and all present approved.

GUEST SPEAKER;

Dave introduced our guest speaker, Bud Andress, who is co-chair of the St. Lawrence Bald Eagle Working Group and a member of the Leeds County Stewardship Council.

Bud gave a presentation of approximately 45 minutes. He had wonderful slides of eagles and eaglets and their nesting platforms that had been erected. He told us that ospreys are smaller (about 2-4 ½ lbs) compared to eagles (female about 11-13lbs and males about 9-11 lbs). In 1992, there were only 2 osprey nests in the Thousand Island area but now there are over 200. The birds had built on the navigation towers in the River so the team had to build off site to keep the towers clear. The ospreys are a great recovery story but the eagles are still on the recovery path.

After the ban of DDT in the 80's and 90's we began to see the return of eagles in the winter. The SLBEWG wanted to find what habitat remained for the recovery of the bald eagles. Five Canadian and five American sites were identified and monitored for winter activity.

In 1999, a nest was found on an island near Ivy Lea. Twenty eaglets have been raised since then. A second nest was discovered in 2007 near Chippawa Bay and six eaglets were raised in 2009. A third nest was found in 2007 on the Ontario side. The team began its' tracking of the young using satellite telemetry. The young birds are banded, weighed measured and feather and blood samples are taken and the transmitter attached. They are followed for about 4 years until they are mature.

The Bald Eagle Platform Partnership has erected 2 platforms on Charleston Lake, 1 on Red Horse Lake, 1 on Gananoque Lake, 3 in the St Lawrence River and 1 on the conservation easement east of Rockport. Currently there is an occupied nest on Upper Beverley Lake and the birds have been seen feeding on our Lake.

Bud also had great slides of the new platform on Lower Beverley Lake. There were some of the volunteers who helped erect this platform; also one of the predator guard placed around the tree to protect the nest. Another great shot was from above the nest box so

we could see into the actual nest. It is currently occupied by osprey but Bud suggested that next year he hopes the eagles will take over Bud gave us a website-www.thousandislandlife.com which is an e-magazine we might enjoy and Birds Studies Canada has a site – www.bsc-eoc.org also.

Dave thanked Bud and presented him with a Charles Broley book.

Lily moved and Lynne seconded that the meeting be adjourned.
Carried.