

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
JULY 7, 2016 p.m. at DELTA FAIR HALL

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 6:30 p.m. members gathered to enjoy some refreshments and visit with friends. At 7:00 p.m. our President Lynne Jeffries called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were only 32 people in attendance, perhaps because of the usually warm weather that day.

IN MEMORIAM

A moment of silence was held for those who had died during the past year. We remembered Dr. Splane, Stan Rakowsky, Brenda Harrold and Dawn Broughton.

MINUTES FROM 2015 AGM

The minutes of last year's meeting were reviewed and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report prepared by Betty Penstone was delivered by Lynne. Slides were shown breaking down our revenues and expenses. The final balance on hand was shown as \$19620.00 including our GIC of \$11200.00. It was moved by Dave Johnson and seconded by Ann Love that the report be accepted. It was suggested that in this coming year the duties of the Treasurer would be divided. Betty would continue to do our Receivables and Marsha Antoine-Gutierrez would be responsible for the Payables and the booking of any necessary halls, etc. It was motioned by Clare Angerman and seconded by Bev Wallis that this new arrangement be accepted. Millard Goodsell moved and Sandy Ellis seconded that as stated in our Constitution, an audit would not be necessary. Lynne also noted that in 2015 we had 178 members and 13 corporate members.

PAST YEAR IN REVIEW

Great slides were presented to show the events of the past year. Our lake clean-up crew noted that they are happily getting less garbage each year. The youth event speaker talked about ospreys and was well received. Our annual picnic has 50+ people there and a great time was had by all, especially the children with their bubbles.

VOLUNTEER THANKS

Again Lynne thanked everyone who had helped over the past year. Slides were shown noting all our tireless volunteers and the various assignments for all of them. Lynne also showed all the street champions and hoped that we can all promote membership next year. All of this information is available on our website.

## UPCOMING YEAR SCHEDULE

- July 16th, 2016 Matt Saunders will be at the Pavilion at the Delta Campgrounds at 10 a.m. to talk about bats and show everyone how to build houses for them.
- Aug. 8th, 2016 at the Delta Fair Hall at 7 p.m. we will present a video from FOCA about cottage succession. This is to be done as a public service.
- Aug. 4th, 2016 is the lake clean-up 10 a.m. at the boat ramp with a rain date of August 5th.
- Aug. 6th, 2016 the annual picnic at Kendricks Park at 3 p.m.

Again, all this information is on our website.

## 2017 BUDGET

It was suggested that our organization should have a budget. Lynne presented the expected income and expenses for the coming year. It was moved by Millard Goodsell and seconded by Clare Angerman that this budget be accepted.

## RESOURCES

FOCA is one of the resources that could be useful to our members. A sheet showing their benefits was available at the meeting. Another resource is our website and the third is our facebook page ([fac.com/pages/Lower-Beverley-Lake-Assn](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lower-Beverley-Lake-Assn)).

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

First Lynne asked for a volunteer to become President (no takers), then she asked for a volunteer to be Vice President to be in training to become President (no takers) and then she suggested we set up a nominating committee. Dann Michols, Sherry MacParlan and Barb Kirby were suggested as members of this committee. Then a fine gentleman named Tom Heinze stepped up and said he would volunteer as Vice President (President in training). Clare Angerman moved and Sandy Ellis seconded to nominate Tom for that position. The Treasurer and Secretary will remain the same.

## SPEAKER

Our first speaker was Chloe Lajoie from Watershed Canada. She is involved with the Shoreline Naturalization Program. The idea is to use native plants so the roots will help prevent erosion and will help filter runoff and reduce algae blooms. This will also create habitat for native creatures. The Program offered to come to your home and do site assessments, create a planting plan, cover 75% of the costs, and help with the planting as long as there was a stewardship agreement that you would maintain this for the next 5 years. There were forms available for anyone who wished to take advantage of this Program.

## SPEAKER

Our main speaker was Stephen Loughheed from Queens University Biological Station which is studying species of concern. His station is near Chaffeys Lock and he showed us a chart of species that are anticipated might become extinct in the next 4 to 5 decades. One main problem is the loss of habitat for these creatures. The USA has many clusters of gray rat snakes but here in Ontario we only have two, one at Big Creek (east of Toronto) and one in the Frontenac Arch. A problem for them is road mortality.

Another creature of concern is the five lined skink, the only lizard in Ontario. There are some small clusters in Ontario but they have the same problems as the other species. Stephen has been doing some genome testing on the loggerhead shrike or butcher bird. This is a small songbird much like a tanager but this year only 9-12 pairs have been sighted in Ontario. They suffer the same threats as well as loss of winter habitat and the use of pesticides. His studies have shown that all populations of animals found both in the US and Canada are genetically distinct and therefore we should strive to help them even if they are doing well in the US. His talk was quite interesting and very detailed.

Lynne thanked both speakers for their informative talks. A copy of "Ripples in Time" was given to Dr. Loughheed.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:30p.m.