

LBLA EXECUTIVE MEETING
Tuesday, May 31, 2016
Barb Kirkham's Residence

Executive attendance

- President Lynne Jeffries
- Vice President Sherry McParlan
- Treasurer Betty Penstone
- Secretary Barb Kirkham
- Past President Dave Champagne
- Absent Dave Johnson

Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of Sept. 10th, 2015 had been reviewed by all over the winter and were accepted.

Financial and Membership

Attached is a financial report presented to all by Betty. Our current paid membership is at 82 with 8 more still to process and paid 6 corporate members. We have 408 cottages on our data list, with 293 receiving our newsletter. 120 families have agreed to receive the newsletter electronically and 173 receive it on paper through the mail.

Treasurer sub for AGM

Dave C agreed to perform Betty's membership duties at the AGM and Lynne will again present the financial report.

Audit

Our bylaws do not require an audit. Previously there was no expense involved. We do not want to have to pay anyone. Lynne will check at the AGM to see if our members feel that an audit is necessary and if so, if there is anyone willing to volunteer. Hopefully the consensus will be that an annual audit is not required.

Water levels & water quality, weed mapping

Dave C reported that the water level is just a bit higher than normal for this time of year. The dissolved oxygen level is higher now but will drop later in the season. It has been noticed that the weed levels seem to be higher than normal.

Rideau Lakes Conservation Authority did a study on weed mapping and got much greater returns than they expected. Lynne and Brian did the study on our lake and Lynne has the results back but she is not sure how to interpret them. She will be asking for help to do this.

2016 Events

- AGM - Wednesday, July 13th, 6:30/7:00 p.m. at Delta Fair Hall. The first speaker will be Chloe Lajoie who is from Watersheds Canada. She will talk about 10 minutes on a program to encourage the naturalization of our shorelines. The second speaker will be Stephen Loughheed who is Director of Queens University Biological Department. He is to speak about species of concern (e.g. amphibians, birds, lizards).
- Youth Event - Saturday, July 16th, 11:00 a.m. at the Pavilion in the Township Park. The speaker there will be Matt Sanders who will talk about bats and he will show us how to build bat houses after his talk. He will not charge a fee if folks purchase a bat house so we agreed that we should purchase 8 houses to be built. Bring your hammers.
- Lake clean-up - Thursday, Aug. 4th (raindate 5th) 10:00 a.m. Lynne will speak with Sandy to be sure all is a go.
- Annual picnic - Saturday, Aug. 6th 3:00 p.m. to be discussed later.
- Cottage succession event - The date of Wednesday, Aug. 3rd was suggested. Lynne will speak to Sharron White about renting the Fair Hall. Further discussion to follow.

Membership

For several years, people have been able to pay using PayPal. A member asked about possibly adding Etransfer which is only available in Canada. Lynne checked but it is not feasible for us to provide this option because of the high bank fees involved.

Splitting treasurer duties

Betty is to be in charge of membership monies received and our new volunteer, Marsha Antoine-Gutierrez (on LB6), will pay the bills and book the necessary Halls etc.

Betty will check at the bank to be sure that we can have this fourth person as a signor on our account.

Lyndhurst quilt square

Our association sent a donation of \$50.00 to the Lyndhurst Beautification Committee.

Delta Pilot

The Delta Pilot requested a donation to help defray costs of printing their newspaper and we agreed to send them \$50.00.

Heritage Boat Tour

Cathy Livingstone approached Lynne about doing a heritage boat tour of Lower Beverley. They do one on Big Rideau and Cathy was hoping we would do it on Lower Beverley. A marina donates the use of a boat and small groups pay to tour the lake discussing the history of the various cottages on that lake in August of each year.

Lynne met with Cathy Livingstone and some of the people involved in the Big Rideau Heritage Boat tour to get more information about whether this would be feasible for Lower Beverley. It was decided that since there were so many challenges involved (where do we get a boat, what insurance is needed) that we would not pursue the idea.

Rideau Lakes Networking Group

There has not been too much action lately. We are concerned that they are getting involved in planning areas and changing zoning laws. We would prefer to just continue as lake stewards and to follow the existing laws. We will continue to stay involved to be aware of what issues they are involved in.

Shoal markers

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These are being placed out slowly but surely. Lynne purchased new tags (the plastic tag that goes on the buoy to show our contact information) but they have all been used. She is checking on getting more from a different supplier in Kingston at a better price. We will definitely need to purchase more chain; again we are checking if there is a better type or quality available. Some winter markers disappeared so we will need new ones before fall.

Other business

- It is VITAL that we all search for new volunteers to become executive. Lynne would be willing to continue as President for one more year to give the new person time to adapt before assuming the reins.
- Dave C has some binders left over from the lake survey and is not sure what to do with them. Will check with new people on our lake to see if they received their binder when they bought the cottage. We can give them the general information inside. There are only about 3 pages which are property specific.
- Dave C to purchase a weather station and he might ask for payment after it is installed if he decides that it would be of use to us.
- The loon nests do not seem to be very successful this year. The one behind Horse Island is the only one in use. Perhaps kayakers could watch to see if they see any nests in new areas.
- Lynne had pamphlets from the Green Gecko which she gave to Betty to include in our welcome bags.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21st at 10 a.m. at Barb's.

May 31, 2016 Financial Summary

Category		Deposits	Expenses	Balance	GIC	
2015 Balance Forward				\$8,400.27	\$11,200.00	
Deposits	1	\$3,570.00	\$0.00			
Administration	2	\$0.00	(\$131.82)			
AGM	3	\$0.00	(\$21.28)			
Boating Safety	4	\$0.00	(\$164.63)			
Newsletter	5	\$0.00	(\$297.61)			
Picnic	6	\$0.00	(\$108.20)			
Clean-up	7	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Float-Delta Fair	8	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Books	9	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Fire Department	10	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Outside Membership	11	\$0.00	(\$580.00)			
Insurance	12	\$0.00	(\$972.00)			
Interest/Exchange	13	\$0.00	(\$1.00)			
Wildlife	14	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Lake Management	15	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Annual Project	16	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Grant	17	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Donations	18	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Decals & Tick Kits	19	\$0.00	\$0.00			
 Total		\$3,570.00	(\$2,276.54)	\$9,693.73	\$11,200.00	\$22,187.19
 Membership						
		family	155			
		corporate	11			