

LBLA EXECUTIVE MEETING  
Thursday, September 10th, 2015  
Dave Johnson's Residence

Executive attendance

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

Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of July 23rd were reviewed and accepted.

Financial and Membership

A current financial report from Betty is attached. The charge of \$93.00 for U.S. money conversion has been corrected on this new statement. Our boating safety expense was high this year since we needed new chain to attach to the buoys. Next time we will use cable which will last longer. The new clips provided by Millard were much easier to use. Lynne also had some small expenses for a Timmy's card that she sent to Bus Andres (to thank him for doing the youth presentation) and for mailing some tick kits that had been purchased.

We are presently at 181 members, including 12 corporate members. There are still some memberships to be processed so we should be close to last years totals at the end of this year. Lynne has made small cards with details about our Association which will be added to our Welcome Bags for newcomers to the lake.

Water levels and water quality

Our Secchi readings today are much better than last year. There have been less weeds and no brown at all this year. Zebra mussels are still here and appear to be higher in some areas more than others.

Dave had pictures of our new water level gauge which is now completed. Our readings are tied into the readings at the dam at Lyndhurst and seem to be fairly accurate. This year our levels have been consistently higher than usual due to the extra amounts of rainfall.

## Review of 2015 events

Both the lake clean-up and annual picnic were a success. Sandy Ellis provided numbers of attendees at the clean-up for the past few years and attendance has held fairly well. Lynne has posted pictures from the AGM, the youth event, the clean-up and our picnic on our website for all to see.

## Schedule for 2016 events

- AGM will be held on July 13th. It will always be a Wednesday in future, this seems to get the best attendance.
- Our youth activity will be Saturday July 16th. Lynne is going to try to get the gentleman from Seeley's Bay who speaks about bats.
- The Delta parade float will be Saturday July 23rd. We are not sure but hoping there will be one as we have all the supplies from this years cancelled float.
- The lake clean-up will be Thursday August 4th (or 5<sup>th</sup> raindate).
- The annual picnic would be Saturday August 6th.

Lynne will always welcome any suggestions for speakers at our AGM. Betty will make the calls to reserve the Fair Hall for the AGM and the Pavilion for the picnic and she will contact the caterers for the AGM.

## Newsletter ideas and mailing list

We are looking for ideas for items to put in our annual newsletter. One suggestion was some information about all the plant life that is found on Railroad St. This was provided by one of our members, Fred Gaffney.

Some names have been removed from the mailing list (on the lake 15 years without joining) but they will remain on our data base.

## Rideau Lakes Networking Group

There have not been any recent meetings. The group seems to be concentrating on trying to discourage development on a property that is on Big Rideau.

## Shoal markers

We are starting to remove the markers and replace them with the small red winter markers.

## Tick kits

Interest in these kits has been waning. Lynne will note on our membership form that we still have a limited number available for purchase.

## FOCA membership

We have been only submitting a membership of 113 to FOCA to keep our fee under \$500. FOCA is actively supporting many issues which concern our membership. Lynne felt it was important to support their work with a more accurate accounting of our membership. When paying our dues next year we will probably submit a larger number of members so our expense will be higher.

## Lake Links

The meeting will be held October 24 with the topic "Lake Fisheries Management". Possibly Lynne and/or Dave C may attend but it is felt that this topic is not a concern for our lake.

## Other business

- We purchased a DVD from FOCA concerning cottage succession. Perhaps next year we could hold a meeting for the lake community regarding this subject.
- Lynne had an email from the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority asking for volunteers to map the aquatic plants in the local lakes. There was a good response to this request from many lakes in the area. Lynne and Brian spent 5 days going around the lakes into all the little bays and she has sent this information to the RVCA. They will send the data back when it is all accumulated so that we can add it to our newsletter.
- Dave J went to an invasive species meeting. It was very interesting with reports of "frog bed" (small lily pads, some in our lake) and water chestnut which is a major problem on the Rideau and on Wolfe Island. They are trying to clean this up simply by pulling it out by hand. Dave mentioned that we have no protection from any waters that are dumped into our lake from the Big Rideau.

Next meeting TBA

**July 2015 Financial Summary by Category**

Category		Deposits	Expenses	Balance	09/16/14 GIC	
<b>2014 Balance Forward</b>				\$6,715.84	\$10,125.00	
Deposits	1	\$6,973.30	(\$34.20)		\$367.69	
Administration	2	\$0.00	(\$20.00)			
AGM	3	\$0.00	(\$334.27)			
Boating Safety	4	\$0.02	(\$605.31)			
Newsletter	5	\$0.00	(\$62.15)			
Picnic	6	\$0.00	(\$98.00)			
Clean-up	7	\$0.00	(\$131.16)			
Float-Delta Fair	8	\$0.00	(\$142.00)			
Books	9	\$100.00	\$0.00			
Fire Department	10	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Outside Membership	11	\$0.00	(\$498.75)			
Insurance	12	\$0.00	(\$972.00)			
Interest/Exchange	13	\$0.00	(\$8.39)			
Wildlife	14	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Lake Management	15	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Annual Project	16	\$0.00	(\$22.60)			
Grant	17	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Donations	18	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Decals & Tick Kits	19	\$151.00	(\$174.44)			
 Total		\$7,224.32	(\$3,103.27)	\$10,836.89	\$10,492.69	\$25,450.63
 Membership		family	155			
		corporate	11			