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LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JULY 16, 2003, 7:30 P.M. at the Delta Fair Hall, Delta

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: President Millard Goodsell called the meeting to order and welcomed guests Reeve Ron Holman from the Township of Rideau Lakes and Councilwoman Velma Kelsey from Leeds and the Thousand Islands. He also introduced Renee David, reporter from the Athens Mural. He stated that the new park superintendent was unable to attend the meeting. Millard congratulated the recent condition of the Delta Campground noting a positive change in its appearance and attitude.
2. INTRODUCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: by President Goodsell  
President: Millard Goodsell  
First Vice President: Ed VanVoorhis  
Second Vice President: John Truyens (in absentia)  
Treasurer: Betty Penstone  
Recording Secretary: Sandy Ellis  
Executive Secretary: Doug Kilpatrick  
Immediate Past President: Don Santos
3. IN MEMORIAM: President Goodsell requested a moment of silence in memory of the following LBLA members: George Gowdy, Glenn Galway, Ann Birch, June Burnett, and Wayne Phillips.
4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 17 of JULY, 2002: Hard copies of the minutes were passed out. MOTION: That the minutes be approved as corrected. (Don Santos/Ed VanVoorhis) CARRIED.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: by Betty Penstone Report appended  
Highlights: Bank balance as of June 30, 2003, \$2,959.80  
Donations for Volunteer Fire Departments: \$940.00  
As of July 16, 2003, the LBLA has 112 members  
MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be adopted. (Mary VanVoorhis/Earl Patric) CARRIED
6. SPECIAL RECOGNITION: In recognition of her dedication and fine work as Treasurer of the LBLA Since 1986, Millard Goodsell thanked Betty Penstone and awarded her a special gift.
7. COTTAGE WATCH: John Truyens who heads this program was unable to attend the annual meeting. Millard Goodsell reported that the program is working well and encouraged folks to sign up with John if they would like to get involved.
8. ZEBRA MUSSELS: Ed VanVoorhis reported that the zebra mussels have been in the lake for the last 5 years. The lake is clearer. The zebra mussel larvae form in June and July. They need to be blocked from getting into our water systems. Ed passed out information on zebra mussel control products for shoreline property owners. He mentioned that if you let your motor sit in the water without being used for a number of days, you are more likely to have problems. Motors used regularly won't have a problem with zebra mussels. Also it was mentioned that they are very sharp so swimmers need to watch out so as not to get cut.
9. WATER QUALITY: Lake Steward Don Santos passed out his report to members and is appended. Don did extended testing in Kendrick Bay, Oak Bay, north of Black Jack, and at the upper lake dam. Lower Beverley Lake is classified as an enriched lake. Clarity is improving largely because of the zebra mussels. The mussels will also attach themselves to clams causing them to die. How the mussels will eventually hurt the ecosystem remains to be seen.
10. GET THE LEAD OUT: Frank Ellis reported that lead at the bottom of the lake harms the lake wildlife. He has been in touch with the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds about alternative sources

for lead fishing weights. Through the Centre and with support from the executive, Frank bought a starter kit containing alternatives to the lead weights. These were given to Jim Wing who is now selling them. Problems:

- A. It takes more of the alternative weights to be as heavy as the lead.
- B. Many fisherfolks don't want to make the change.

Frank suggested that people write to government officials as real change won't happen until the province declares the lead weights illegal. Then more alternative weights will be made at a competitive price. Doug Kilpatrick recommended that to encourage people to take a little lead out, it should be possible for people to turn in lead sinkers for an equal amount of non-lead sinkers at no cost.

11. **LOON NESTING PLATFORMS:** Earl Patric reported that there are 4 loon nesting platforms around the lake: Lost Bay, south of Horse Island, by Kendricks Park, and at Blue Heron Point. None has been used by loons. Cheryl Curtis reported that the platform in Kendrick Bay, in the Spring of 2003, had been used by a pair of Black Terns, a species rare in the area. The pair raised a brood of chicks and moved on. A couple of the platforms will be moved to new locations. It was suggested that the platforms, if in a protected location, can stay in throughout the winter.
12. **WOOD DUCKS:** Earl Patric talked about the colorful wood ducks and how they respond to nest boxes. He has volunteered to construct 5 or 6 boxes and asked for volunteers to put them out on their property and keep an eye on them to see if they are used. At the end of the nesting season, they need to be cleaned out. They like swampy, marshy areas near water. If there are more than enough volunteers, Earl will look for the best sites. He requested \$300.00 from the Lake Association for the supplies to build the nest boxes. Then said he would apply for grants to cover the cost to the Association. **MOTION:** That Earl be given \$300.00 from the Lake Association for the materials needed to construct the Wood Duck nest boxes. If a grant is obtained, the LBLA would be reimbursed appropriately. (Don Santos/Claire Angermann) **CARRIED.**
13. **REPORT BY REEVE RON HOLMAN:**
  - A. A financial newsletter will be coming out in early August with updates and information to all in the Rideau Lakes Township.
  - B. There was a surplus at year's end.
  - C. 78 new houses in the township.
  - D. Municipal tax rates will be less for 2003 than for 2002 by 5%. Reeve Holman pointed out that this is an election year.
  - E. Waste at the Elgin site is now being hauled to other waste site locations.
  - F. West Nile Virus. Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water. Ensure no stagnant water on property.
  - G. Plan to improve the Delta boat ramp has been approved by the township and will be done in the fall.
  - H. Last year the Delta Park made a profit for the first time in many years. There is now a separate board to run park operations. Run more like a business. The new manager is very effective. New water regulations are more reasonable and not as expensive as originally thought. Park has a new life.
  - I. Dirt road going through the park causes dust. Future plans when money is available – to get a hard surface.
  - J. The emergency call system is still going forward with the help of Bell Canada.
14. **REPORT BY COUNCILLOR (DEPUTY REEVE) VELMA KELSEY:**
  - A. The landfill site tests that it has 5 years left.
  - B. Amnesty Day for a large haul in July.
  - C. Official Plan, First Draft: Open House at Lyndhurst office on August 16, 2003, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for information. Meeting to start at 2:00 P.M.
15. **PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS:** Doug Kilpatrick had observed a surprisingly wide range of increases, from 11% to 63%, and asked if Township Councils or staff members had recommendations for improving the process. Reeve Holman said, "No, but anyone who has should make them to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation."

16. **SEWAGE SYSTEMS RE-INSPECTIONS:** Doug Kilpatrick recommended that the headwaters of the Gananoque River watershed would be an ideal place to start. Reeve Holman said that the Township of Rideau Lakes had divested itself of Sewage Systems Inspections and that concern should be taken to the Lanark-Leeds and Grenville Health Unit.
17. **BIOSPHERE PROJECT:** Sandy Ellis reported that Lower Beverley Lake is right in the middle of the 1000 Islands Frontenac Arch Biosphere. This designation was made last November, 2002, in Paris and becomes Canada's 12<sup>th</sup> biosphere. It is symbolic and points out that this area is commended for how well people and the natural world live together in harmony. The office for the Biosphere Project is at the Watershed on the 1000 Islands Parkway in Ivy Lea.
18. **CLEAN UP THE LAKE DAY:** Sandy Ellis announced that the Lake Association is sponsoring a Clean Up the Lake Day on Thursday, July 31, from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Folks are encouraged to come by boat, on foot, or by car to the Delta ramp by the campground. Canoes and kayaks would be most helpful for easy access to the trash. Also, a net for pickup would be useful. Millard Goodsell has arranged for the township to supply bags and do the pickup. Everyone is welcome to participate.
19. The Executive Secretary's report is appended. Highlights include:
  - A. Sewage System Pump-Out: Many authorities are now recommending pump-outs every 2 to 3 years.
  - B. Effluent Filters can be installed to reduce the flow of solids into the absorption bed and – will prolong life expectancy.
  - C. Recommended zebra mussel protective measures.
  - D. Near Shore Index Netting showed that about a dozen species have disappeared from the lake since 1938.
  - E. 15 people received the signs "No Bass Fishing Until Last Saturday in June." More available.
  - F. Safe Boating Regulations available for all to take.
  - G. Environment Canada wants volunteers (year-round residents) to help collect data on freeze-up and break-up of ice on their lake.

MOTION: That the Executive Secretary Report be accepted. (Doug Kilpatrick/Louise Mantha)  
CARRIED.

MOTION: That in the future the Executive Secretary's Report be distributed in writing at the beginning of the annual meeting instead of done orally. (Ed VanVoorhis/Mary Santos) CARRIED.

20. **REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee to serve on the Executive Committee from 2003-2005 are as follows:

President: Ed VanVoorhis  
First Vice President: Louise Mantha  
Second Vice President: Dave Gagnon  
Treasurer: Betty Penstone  
Executive Secretary: Doug Kilpatrick  
Recording Secretary: Sandy Ellis

MOTION: That the slate be accepted as presented. (Claire Angermann/Al Brown) CARRIED

21. **ELECTED PRESIDENT** Ed VanVoorhis took over the gavel and thanked Millard for the fine work he did as President of the Association for the last two years. Other announcements:
  - A. The Red Cross is now doing a Boating Safety Course.
  - B. Maps of the lake are available, thanks to Doug Kilpatrick, and can be picked up after the meeting.
  - C. Next year's Annual General Meeting will be the second Wednesday in July: July 14, 2004, at the Delta Fair Hall.

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned. (Don Santos/Mary VanVoorhis). CARRIED.  
Adjournment was at 8:15 P.M.



**Lower Beverley Lake Association**

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**2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS: 2003 – 2005 SEASONS**

CANDIDATES PROPOSED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Ed VanVoorhis

1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Louise Mantha

2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Dave Gagnon

SECRETARY: Sandy Ellis

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Doug Kilpatrick

TREASURER: Betty Penstone

July 16, 2003



**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT  
TO THE LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
by Doug Kilpatrick.

*D. Kilpatrick*  
*Exec Sec's Report to AGM 2003*  
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**1. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO NEWSLETTER.**

a. **Sewage System Pump-Out Frequency.** Although some authorities recommend not less frequent than every 5 years, for lake residences, many are now recommending not less frequent than every 2 to 3 years.

b. **Effluent Filters** can be installed to reduce the flow of solids into the absorption bed and prolong its life expectancy.

Cost approx \$300, less than \$15,000 for new absorption bed.

See Yellow Pages: "Septic Tanks".

c. **Zebra Mussel Protective Measures.**

i. For Systems Taking Domestic Water From Lake:

Filters are recommended to attach on lake side of foot valve.

Various types and costs are available locally:

- Warner's Bldg Supplies, Lyndhurst
- Canadian Tire, Gananoque
- Dave Galway Plumbing, Lyndhurst/Delta.

ii. For Marine Engines

Recommendations:

- As possible, don't leave a cool engine with the water intake immersed.
- Filters are available. Consult with Marine Engine Service provider.

iii. Decontamination of Equipment --

- ANYTHING which has been wetted by or in the waterbody: Boat (including wells) Motor, Trailer, Fishing equipment, Personal flotation devices, Water sports equipment - should be decontaminated.

- Especially if moving from one waterbody to another.

- Methods: Chemicals NOT recommended.  
Rinse with water hotter than 40°C  
(105°F)

OR Spray with high pressure water, 250 psi

OR Keep everything dry 5 days.

**2. NEAR SHORE COMMUNITY INDEX NETTING.**

This programme resulted from the meeting I arranged in June 2000.

The objectives:

- Track changes in species' health and demography,
- Track changes in ecosystem health and function,
- Compare with other lakes.

Long-term data gathering is necessary.

Carried out by MNR, First done in LBL in Aug 2000.

Showed that about a dozen species disappeared since 1938.

Exec has asked MNR for a second netting but it will be necessary to contact MNR in mid-Feb 2004 for ans.

**3. SIGNS, "NO BASS FISHING UNTIL LAST SATURDAY IN JUNE"**

I purchased these for the LBLA from the Centre For Sustainable Watersheds in Portland.

The LBLA is making them available at no cost to members for posting on their shorelines.

Barring vandalism, with reasonable care, they should last about 5 years.

I'm pleased that about 15 people have received the signs.

A few more are available at this meeting.

We hope that they will contribute to preservation of the bass fishery.

**4. BROCHURE, "FISHING 2003" and "CANADIAN SAFE BOATING REG'S"**

In 1998, I began producing this for the LBLA.

By taking the information from several pages in the Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary and placing it on one page as it applied to Lower Beverley Lake, the ultimate objective is to assist in protecting the fishery.

From the beginning it has had the approval of MNR.

Each year, in February, I up-date it as the new Regulations Summary is published.

This year, some species were deleted because they no longer exist in the lake.

The Safe Boating side, for 2003, has been simplified and was submitted for approval to OPP Marine.

The brochures are placed at points around the lake for as many as possible of the users of the lake.

There should be a supply in the hall tonight.

**5. OFFICIAL PLANS FOR THE TWO MUNICIPALITIES.**

Within Provincial policies, municipalities must prepare Official Plans which reflect local priorities and concerns for development and land use.

The life of an Official Plan is about 20 years.

They should contain concern for such as flooding and erosion, fish and wildlife habitat, surface and groundwater quantity and quality, and conservation lands.

Development of an Official Plan is a long process, requiring public input and eventual approval of the Ontario Municipal Board.

For Leeds and the Thousand Islands, the OP is at First Draft stage and a Public Meeting will be held at the Lyndhurst office on Monday, Jul 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. *See House for Information 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 16*

For Rideau Lakes, the process may have advanced beyond the First Draft, but as of Jul 14 2003, the latest on the township website is the First Draft dated Aug 2002.

A year ago, a half-dozen submissions were made by individuals, but none from the Executive of the LBLA.

That it is important that Lake Associations make submissions to Official Plan preparation, see

"REPORT TO THE FOCA MEMBERSHIP SPRING 2003".



**6. WATER RESPONSE TEAMS.**

- These take no DIRECT action with the control of surface water levels.
- They are concerned with the CONSERVATION of surface and ground water levels.
- For the area of Lower Beverley Lake, the WRT is co-ordinated by the Cataraqui Region Conservation Auth'ty.
- On the basis of data collected, they declare DROUGHT LEVELS and communicate to water users by the most appropriate means. For the public, this is through the media.
  - Level 0: No problem.
  - Level 1:
    - Voluntarily reduce water consumption by 10%.
  - Level 2:
    - Voluntarily reduce water consumption by FURTHER 10%.
  - Level 3:
    - Water supply can't meet the demand.
    - Regulatory controls may be applied by municipality.
    - Permits To Take Water may be suspended.

**7. ICE WATCH.** This should be of interest to Year-Round Residents.

Environment Canada wants volunteers to assist with data collection in "freeze-up" and "break-up" of the ice cover on their chosen lake or bay or river or creek.

For anyone interested, the contacts are on the sheet.

**8. SAFE BOATING.****a. Canadian Coast Guard "Safe Boating Guide".**

In 1999, I began making these available at outlets around the lake and this is continuing.

The latest edition is dated inside the back cover, March 2003.

No change is planned until September 2009.

Everyone is urged to follow its contents, especially with regard to safety equipment, particularly Life Jackets.

**b. Pleasure Craft Operator Competency (PCOC).**

The details of who may operate what vessels and the dates by which the operator must have PCOC on board are shown in the Safe Boating Guide and on the back of the LBLA Fishing 2003 brochure.

For PCOC course providers, see the Canadian Coast Guard web site or call the Boating Safety Infoline.

**9. PERSONAL WATERCRAFT.**

In this session of Parliament, Senator Spivak's bill is designated as S-10 and is before the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources.

**9. PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (Cont).**

In May 2003, the committee heard five presentations for and five presentations against the bill.

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) presented in favour of the bill.

The text of the bill may be found on the web.

**10. SEWAGE SYSTEM SURVEY FORMS.**

I'm pleased that over the past two years, I have mailed 26 of the forms.

We hope that they are being used and remedial action being taken so that this one source of pollution to surface and ground water may be reduced.

If you would like a form, please leave the address to which you'd like it sent, or phone me, if you did not already indicate on your Registration Form.

**11. SHORELINE WORK.**

An announcement that has appeared in recent publications:

To protect fish spawning, it is the law of Ontario that all in-water construction work and all shoreline rehabilitation work are prohibited in any year from March 15 to July 01.

**12. TAKE A LITTLE LEAD OUT.**

Resulting from information I presented, the LBLA committed to the programme in 1999.

I'm pleased that action is now occurring and Frank Ellis will report.

**13. LOON NESTING PLATFORMS.**

About 1997, I introduced this programme to the LBLA, but there were delays in getting it started.

In 2000, Earl Patric and I constructed two platforms.

In 2001, the Kilpatrick Family constructed two more.

Reporting on the success of the platforms will be made by someone else.

MOTION: That this report be accepted.

(D. Kilpatrick / \_\_\_\_\_) C D

**14. SIGNS AT BOAT RAMPS, "PRESERVE QUALITY OF LAKE LIFE".**

I began this project in 1994.

Signs were up-dated in 2001.

Over the winter 2001-2002, I refurbished the signs.

Annually, I try to get them in place in mid-May and remove them to safe-keeping mid-September.



*Rec'd at LBLA AGM Jul 16 2003*

**TOTALS FOR  
ENTIRE  
PREVIOUS YR  
2002**

**ASSETS and REVENUES**

1 Bank Balance as of Jan 01 2003	\$ 2,959.80	\$ 1,492.31
2 Bank Interest	\$ .65	\$ .94
3 Bank Exchange	\$ .	\$ 17.68
4 Administration - General	\$ .	\$ 00.00
5 Advertising	\$ .	\$ 00.00
6 Annual General Meeting	\$ .	\$ 00.00
7 Boating Safety	\$ .	\$ 00.00
8 Cottage Watch	\$ .	\$ 40.00
9 Fire Depts: 62 donat'ns Totalling	\$ 940.00	\$ 1,283.00
10 FOCA (Fed'n Ont Cott Assocs)	\$ .	\$ 00.00
11 Memberships: 98 Fees @ \$15.00	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,800.00
12 Newsletter: 67 donat'ns Totalling	\$ 604.00	\$ 597.65
13 Sewage Systems and Shoreline	\$ .	\$ 00.00
14 Water Quality	\$ .	\$ 00.00
15 Wildlife (Aquatic, Birds, Vegetat'n)	\$ 25.00	\$ 00.00
16	\$ .	\$ .
17	\$ .	\$ .
18 TOTAL ASSETS and REVENUES	\$ 5,999.45	\$ 5,231.48

**DISBURSEMENTS**

19 Bank Service Charges	\$ .	\$ 00.00
20 Administration - General	\$ 43.09	\$ 83.93
21 Advertising	\$ .	\$ 00.00
22 Annual General Meeting	\$ .	\$ 106.00
23 Boating Safety	\$ 83.25	\$ 00.00
24 Cottage Watch	\$ .	\$ 00.00
25 Fire Depts	\$ .	\$ 1,283.00
26 FOCA (Fed'n Ont Cott Assocs)	\$ 332.77	\$ 313.51
27 Newsletter: Stnary, Prntng, Pstg..	\$ 633.33	\$ 459.12
28 Sewage Systems and Shoreline	\$ .	\$ 22.89
29 Water Quality	\$ .	\$ 00.00
30 Wildlife (Aquatic, Birds, Vegetat'n)	\$ 111.16	\$ 3.23
31	\$ .	\$ .
32	\$ .	\$ .
33 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,203.60	\$ 2,271.68
34 BANK BALANCE at the END OF THIS PERIOD	\$ 4,795.85	\$ 2,959.80

**NOTES re Line 9**

9 Donations for Volunteer Fire Departments to the end of this period:

East and S Burgess (Rideau Lakes) 46 / \$ 750.00  
South Crosby (Rideau Lakes) 2 / \$ 25.00

**ASSETS and REVENUES**

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		2001	
1 Bank Balance as of Jan 01 <u>2002</u>	\$ 1,492.31		\$ 1,765.50
2 Bank Interest .....	\$ .84		\$ .77
3 Bank Exchange .....	\$ 17.68		\$ 00.00
4 Administration - General .....	\$ 00.00		\$ 00.00
5 Advertising .....	\$ 00.00		\$ 00.00
6 Annual General Meeting .....	\$ 00.00		\$ 00.00
7 Boating Safety .....	\$ 00.00		\$ 00.00
8 Cottage Watch .....	\$ 40.00		\$ 120.00
9 Fire Depts: <u>74</u> donat'ns Totalling	\$ 1,283.00	(66)	\$ 1,050.00
10 FOCA (Fed'n Out Cott Assocs) .....	\$ 00.00		\$ 00.00
11 Memberships: <u>120</u> Fees @ \$ <u>15.00</u>	\$ 1,800.00	109	\$ 1,635.00
12 Newsletter: <u>71</u> donat'ns Totalling	\$ 597.65	(72)	\$ 461.00
13 Sewage Systems and Shoreline .....	\$ .		\$ 00.00
14 Water Quality .....	\$ .		\$ 00.00
15 Wildlife (Aquatic, Birds, Vegetat'n)	\$ .		\$ 300.00
16	\$ .		\$ .
17	\$ .		\$ .
18 TOTAL ASSETS and REVENUES .....	\$5,231.48		\$ 5,332.24

**DISBURSEMENTS**

19 Bank Service Charges .....	\$ 00.00		\$ 00.00
20 Administration - General .....	\$ 83.93		\$ 110.46
21 Advertising .....	\$ 00.00		\$ 831.72
22 Annual General Meeting .....	\$ 106.00		\$ 141.84
23 Boating Safety .....	\$ 00.00		\$ 34.99
24 Cottage Watch .....	\$ 00.00		\$ 687.14
25 Fire Depts .....	\$ 1,283.00		\$ 1,050.00
26 FOCA (Fed'n Out Cott Assocs) .....	\$ 313.51		\$ 283.55
27 Newsletter: Sttnry, Prntng, Pstg .....	\$ 459.12		\$ 286.99
28 Sewage Systems and Shoreline .....	\$ 22.89		\$ 12.98
29 Water Quality .....	\$ 00.00		\$ 33.84
30 Wildlife (Aquatic, Birds, Vegetat'n)	\$ 3.23		\$ 366.45
31	\$ .		\$ .
32	\$ .		\$ .
33 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$ 2,271.68		\$ 3,839.90
34 BANK BALANCE at the END OF THIS PERIOD .....	\$ 2,959.80		\$ 1,492.31

**NOTES re Line 9 & 25**

9 Donations for Volunteer Fire Departments to the end of this period:  
East and S Burgess (Rideau Lakes) 51/ \$ 923.00