



**LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE
ASSOCIATION INC.**

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**2005 LBLA Annual General Meeting
MINUTES**

July 13, 2005 7:00 P.M. Delta Fair Hall, Delta ON

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:** President Ed VanVoorhis called the meeting to order. There were approximately 40 people in attendance including guests Velma Kelsey, Deputy Mayor from the township of Leeds and 1000 Islands; Don Ross from the Frontenac Arch Biosphere; and Steve Tavares from the Rideau Lakes Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

2. **IN MEMORIAM:** President VanVoorhis requested a moment of silence in memory of those who have passed: David Willison, Lee Harwell, Helen White, Frank Louwerse, Betty Tarlington, John Niblock, and Jim and Scotty Patric.

3. **MINUTES OF AGM 16 of July, 2004,** were presented by Sandy Ellis.

MOTION: That the minutes be approved as presented. (Millard Goodsell/ Louise Mantha) **CARRIED.**

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Betty Penstone. Entire report appended.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. (Charles Griffith/Earl Patric) **CARRIED.**

5. **SPEAKER:** Don Ross, Executive Director, Frontenac Arch Biosphere

A. Before speaking about the Biosphere, Don explained why the algae has been so prevalent around the lake this summer. Some reasons:

- The heavy rains this spring followed by very hot weather in June.
- More building with more manicured lawns cause more nutrients to go into the lake feeding the algae.
- People around the lake can control this situation by stopping nutrients from going into the lake: don't fertilize, don't mow the lawn as much.

B. Some highlights from Don's presentation about the Frontenac Arch Biosphere:

a. **FAB Objectives:**

- Building sustainable communities in a healthy environment
- Promote solutions to reconcile conservation of biodiversity with its sustainable use.

- **Building partnerships - networking**
- b. There is the greatest biodiversity in the Frontenac Arch Biosphere of any place in Canada.
- c. Bring together aspects from natural landscape and cultural landscape
- d. Support research
- e. Some current projects the Biosphere has helped organize through networking:
 - 1) Making known the paddling resources in the area
 - 2) Recycling
 - 3) Local Flavours which encourages folks to buy local food products
 - 4) Help with conservation initiatives
 - 5) Landscape mapping of woodlands, wetlands, and corridors for municipal planning purposes
 - 6) Shoreline Reviews: help landowners preserve water quality and protect significant habitat.
 - 7) Started a Biosphere Day Camp combining recreation and conservation education.

6. PAST & CURRENT ACTIVITIES REPORT:

President Ed VanVoorhis gave a Power Point presentation to explain LBLA activities of this last year and what is coming up.

Some highlights:

- LBLA float in the Delta Parade won second place receiving \$40.00 as a prize.
- The 2004 Clean up the Lake Day was a big success. This year the date is set for Thursday, July 28, from 10:00 to 1:00.
- 2004 LBLA picnic: About 50 folks attended the picnic at Kendrick Park. This year the picnic will be held on Saturday, August 6, from 3:00 to 7:00.
- Don Santos continues to monitor the water quality around the lake. He had the best reading ever last October, 2004. The effect of the zebra mussels on the lake and especially on the water quality remains to be seen.
- High water levels this last spring probably increased the nutrients in the lake causing the lake to be covered in the green slime this spring and summer. Earl Patric has been monitoring the water level. With help from Brian Lewis, a marker has been installed on a boathouse at the end of Delta Creek. The gage should not go above or below the 91.85 mark. Earl will be working with the MNR on water levels
- Loon Nesting Platforms: two were inhabited this year, the ones by Horse Island and one by the Three Sisters
- Six Wood Duck Nesting Boxes were deployed. Two were used - not always by wood ducks.
- g. Proposed canoe/kayak trail from Westport to Gananoque. Parks Canada will install rustic picnic site on land if there is a LBLA volunteer to maintain it. MOTION: That the picnic site on Parks Canada land in the Narrows be opposed by the LBLA (Doug Kilpatrick/Don Santos) CARRIED.
- Membership Drive: We now have both family and corporate memberships available. Jeanne Patric has taken on membership promotion activities.
- The 75th anniversary of the LBLA is coming up in 2007. Jeanne Patric, Frank Ellis, and Irene Goodsell will begin thinking of events to celebrate this special occasion
- Irene Goodsell won the door prize of a free subscription to Cabin Life.

- **LBLA Executive Committee elections... Proposed slate:**
 - **President:** Louise Mantha
 - **Past President:** Ed VanVoorhis **First Vice President:** Eari Patric **Second Vice President:** Lily Faust
 - **Secretary:** Sandy Ellis
 - **Treasurer:** Betty Penstone
 - **Director at Large:** Laura White

MOTION: To accept the slate as presented. (Clare Angermann/Don Santos)
CARRIED

7. GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON LBLA OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTATIONS: Ed passed the gavel on to Louise Mantha who then asked the LBLA membership to break into small groups to:

- review the relevance of the LBLA mission statement and
- to determine what the membership wants from its lake association

Attached sheet has notes from the small group sessions.

8. OPP GUEST

Louise introduced Steve Tavares, Provincial Constable for the OPP who invited folks to visit the OPP office at 441 Highway #15, Box 115, Smiths Falls, Ontario K7A 4S9. TEL: (613) 283-6911

9. OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT UP BY THE MEMBERSHIP

- A. A question was asked about the boat ramp at the municipal park in Delta. William Morris will be asked the status of the ramp.
- B. Jeanne Patric is our new membership chair. It was recommended that a survey be done through the newsletter to find out why more folks are not joining the LBLA. Everyone is encouraged to promote membership in the LBLA.
- C. Thanks were given to Ed Van Voorhis followed by applause for his work as President of the association over the last two years.
- D. Doug Kilpatrick has been taking care of the signs at the boat ramps in Delta and Lyndhurst for many years. Doug asked that someone else now be responsible for maintaining these signs. Bob Faust volunteered to take that on.
- E. Cost of the newsletter: it was asked that the executive look into whether we need to continue to ask the membership for donations to help cover the cost of the newsletter.
- F. The executive was asked to investigate Chiarelli's proposed development going in by the Maples Golf Course.
- G. A question was raised about the setback for the campers at the Township Park in Delta. Cottages need to have 100' setback but folks camping at the park are right on the water. The Executive will look into this and write a letter on behalf of the LBLA about this concern. The official plan will be checked.
- H. The volunteers for compiling the history and stories from Lower Beverley Lake are: Sharon Olivio, Charmaine Lewis, and Jeanne Patric

10. MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned. (Millard Goodsell/Ed VanVoorhis)
CARRIED. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

NOTES FROM SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS
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QUESTION #1: Review the LBLA mission and discuss how relevant it is.

The mission of the LBLA is:

- * to foster preservation of the pristine character of the lake environment.*
- * to serve as a focal point for lake stewardship and improvement projects*
- * to provide information concerning matters related to the lake community*
- * to provide a forum for lake users to meet and to get to know each other*

Response from small group discussions:

- Strike "to serve as" and insert "encourage"
- Strike "to foster" and "pristine" and replace with "Foster continuous improvements in water quality and the lake environment"
- There is a problem with the word "pristine"(3 groups commented) – it is not practical to expect "pristine" given run-off from agricultural lands and the natural lake process associated with our lake
- Precede the second: Encourage all users of Lower Beverley Lake to join the LBLA.
- Add a #5 Encourage membership and participation in the LBLA
- Another group also stated: "Encourage all users of the lake to join the LBLA so that it can effectively serve as a focal point for lake stewardship and improvement projects."
- Add 2 sub-headings concerning water levels and the concept of responsible boating
- # 2 is not clear – it is too passive
- 3 and #4 are o.k. (Forum for residents)

QUESTION #2: What are your expectations of the LBLA?

- 1) Provide information on the effects and control of invasive species such as zebra mussels based on the earlier experience of other lakes. What are the long term effects?
- 2) Create working committees on 2 or 3 key areas.
- 3) Be a voice to discuss issues with government - water levels, boating (2 groups suggested this)
- 4) Offer a Neighborhood Watch service
- 5) Foster continuous improvement in water quality and lake environment to replace the word pristine.
- 6) Add "encourage membership and participation in LBLA"
- 7) Do a full-blown water quality program
- 8) Provide a guide for new people: maps, boating safety, where to buy products: a Welcome Wagon Program
- 9) Develop history of the lake and the stories (volunteers Sharon Olivio, Jeanne Patric, and Charmaine Lewis)
- 10) Undertake a more proactive approach to care of the lake. Look at the Charleston Lake Plan to get ideas and a possible model. (*Don Ross reported on the in depth study now going on at Charleston Lake: water quality, oxygen level, depth of lake, map entire bottom of the lake and*

put together a 3-dimensional map, septic tank study, shoreline reviews looking at development and the natural habitat. They can pass this on to other lakes to use, and are also looking at grants to cover the cost for this study.) Develop our own lake plan.

- 11) Update the LBLA web site
- 12) Do a topographical map - an "ordinance map"
- 13) Write to OMNR regarding water levels.