

MINUTES of the LBLA EXECUTIVE MEETING (Final) - 11 May 2024

Meeting attendees: John Robson, Vicki Woodside-Duggins, Tom Heinze, Judith Sammon, Leslie Climie, Lynne Jeffries, Dave Duggins, Susan Seebeck, Dave Champagne (ZOOM) and Derek Wainwright

Absent: Pat Greenhorn

The meeting was called to order 2:15 pm

ITEM DISCUSSION ACTION

<p>1. Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>Derek moved to accept the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Lynne. Carried</p>	
<p>2. Approval of the Minutes of 9 September '23</p>	<p>Vicki moved that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Lynne. Carried</p> <p>It was also decided that the Cataraqui Regional Conservation Authority (CRCA) would be approached to enquire which government department is responsible for controlling pollution.</p>	<p>Dave volunteered to talk to Holly Evans at CRCA.</p>
<p>3. Financial Report &amp; Membership Registration Report</p>	<p>a) Currently there are 66 members and 5 corporate members. Total revenue to date is \$1,620.</p> <p>b) i) Judith provided the details of the current financial position. There is an outstanding expense of \$12. The total BMO balance is \$18,220.65.</p> <p>ii) We must be mindful that as a not-for-profit organization it is important for the LBLA to maintain a reasonable bank balance.</p> <p>iii) A Township Grant is provided each year, the amount being directly related to the membership numbers. In return a report is submitted to the Township listing the projects that that it funded.</p>	<p>Last autumn Pat took a copy of the letter to Corporate Sponsors to members of the Campbell family (owners of Willows Agriservices).</p>

	<p>b)i) It was noted that some corporate members need to be reminded of the benefits in supporting the association -- advertising on our website/newsletter and an opportunity to have a table at the AGM. It was decided that it would be best for a board member who is already familiar with a business owner to approach him/her.</p> <p>ii) Discussion then focused on the possibility of expanding the opportunities offered by Corporate Membership. It was decided that a formal business plan would be in order. <i>(Examples of two areas of interest are: replacing the loon rafts and helping with the costs of a new dock for the fire department.)</i></p> <p>c) It was recently brought to our attention by Pat that the local newspapers would be an excellent place in which to review the work of the association.</p>	<p>Derek offered to itemize the current projects/programs and then contact the municipality with regard to the feasibility of the LBLA seeking corporate sponsorship in specific areas. Derek will also follow up on a prospective 'Fire Boat Replacement' idea.</p> <p>John volunteered to write news articles about the work the LBLA undertakes in order to catch people's interest.</p>
<p>4. Website</p>	<p>a) The LBLA website hosting contract is expiring in a few months. Discussion arose with regard how best and from whom to purchase a new contract for hosting. We then had discussion over possibly hiring a web master to take over that task.</p> <p>b) Merchandise. Once the host has been selected then discussion re: the costs of using the site to sell merchandise can be undertaken.</p>	<p>John offered to do this research.</p>
<p>5. Email</p>	<p>a) It was pointed out that monitoring for emails and responding to them if needed, are important tasks. It is necessary that one person, a Communications Officer, be designated to take on this responsibility; the parameters will need to be clearly outlined.</p>	<p>i</p>

	<p>b) John mentioned that he had heard there was a Thousand Island Watershed Land Trust (TIWLT) workshop coming up that is open to interested persons. He asked if such information should be shared with all the members.</p>	<p>Pat did report back to the Board after meeting in 2022 with Calder Schweizer, the E.D. of TIWLT. The Board has yet to make a decision about joining.</p> <p>Pat noted that an organization must have a membership with TIWLT before participation is possible. Joining the TIWLT will place the LBLA on the mail list.</p>
<p>6. Donations/ Bursary</p>	<p>There was discussion about the funds allotted for the two Rideau District High School (RDHS) bursaries. Initially there was one bursary for student(s) who had demonstrated commitment to environmental conservation. Now there is a second fund and questions have arisen as to how best to allocate both funds. It was deemed necessary to meet with the school administration to determine this.</p>	<p>Vicki will meet to discuss the options with the school administrators. This can be an agenda item at the next meeting.</p> <p>At this meeting she will also invite the Environment/Outdoor Club to participate in the LBLA activities, such as the Lake Cleanup.</p>
<p>7. Events Calendar</p>	<p>The schedule as drawn up in 2023 remains unchanged.</p> <p>a) BLAM: an invitation to attend is being advertised. It has been reworked to be more appealing to those who enjoy the lake and care about it but do not necessarily fish.</p> <p>b) AGM: July 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm (18:30hr) to 8pm (20:00hr) at the Old Town Hall in Delta. The speaker will be Calder Schweitzer from the TIWLT.</p> <p>c) i)The Youth Event will be included in the Annual Picnic on 3rd Aug from 1pm (13:00 hr) to 4pm (16:00 hr) at Kendrick Park. It is hoped that a subject of interest to younger people can be offered.</p>	<p>Susan will advertise the events on the website of the Township and the Delta Pilot. <i>(This is a task that should go to the new Communications Officer.)</i></p> <p>Judith has arranged for all requirements at the venue.</p> <p>Vicki will take responsibility for engaging a presenter.</p>

	<p>ii) Judith suggested it might be interesting to many people to hear about various ‘dangers’ in nature (eg. poison ivy) and how injuries could be treated/managed. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p> <p>d) Lake Clean-up: the dates, 10 August (rain day 11 August) 10am (10:00hr) - noon. Garbage is left at the boat launch site at the Lower Beverley Lake Park. Refreshments will be provided close by at the park.</p> <p>e) Bach on the Beverley: Aug 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm (15:00hr) at St Paul’s Anglican Community Centre in Delta, and on Aug 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm (14:00hr) in the Red Brick Schoolhouse in Elgin. Judith informed us that in August 2023 “Bach on the Beverley” brought in \$865 to support the RDHS music program.</p>	<p>Dave D offered to manage this event.</p>
<p>8. Land Trust</p>	<p>This was postponed because Pat was unable to attend this meeting.</p>	
<p>9. Loon update</p>	<p>a) The Loon Trifold provides information about loons; The trifold is to be available to members – it is inserted in our welcome bags to new cottagers and is also available on our website as a download.</p> <p>b) Currently members of Loon Nesting Raft Team, under the leadership of John and Joan Childs, are looking after the platforms that are in the lake. Three new ones have replaced worn ones.</p> <p>c) Several years ago an eagle nest platform was installed near blue Heron Point to honour of Earl Patric, a former member of the LBLA; he had devoted much time and effort to protecting eagles. At present the association is not responsible for monitoring this.</p>	<p>Vicki will arrange for the trifold to be printed..</p>
<p>10. Sign</p>	<p>All of the boat ramp signs are now uncovered.</p>	

<p>11. Lake Map</p>	<p>Judith had the self-guided lake map printed over the winter. This is available to members, as it can be downloaded from our website; it is also inserted in our welcome bags to new cottagers.</p>	
<p>12. Water Sampling</p>	<p>Through Lake Partners and the CRCA website all of the data collected on LBL is shared.</p> <p>Tom is unable to do the testing in May. He would like this task to be undertaken by a Board member.</p>	<p>Lynne agreed to help with this task.</p>
<p>13. Other business</p> <p>=====</p> <p>14. Next meeting</p>	<p>Judith, the Treasurer, offered her resignation. She emphasized that it is for health reasons and that she would like to continue to participate with the LBLA in other ways. She has continue with her duties until a suitable replacement can be found.</p> <p>=====</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> June, Sunday at 2pm at Leslie's</p> <p>162 Pilgrim Lane, Delta 613 928-3126</p>	<hr/> <hr/>