

MINUTES of the LBLA EXECUTIVE MEETING - 09 September 2023

Meeting attendees: John Robson, Vicki Woodside-Duggins, Lynne Jeffries, Dave Champagne, Leslie Climie, Judith Sammon. Derek Wainwright, and Linda representing Tom

Absent: Tom Heinze, Pat Greenhorn, Dave Duggins, and Susan Seebeck

The meeting was called to order 2:30pm

ITEM DISCUSSION ACTION

<p>1. Approval of the Agenda</p>	<p>Moved by Derek and seconded by Lynne to accept the Agenda. Carried</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of meetings: 12 May 2023 and 16 June 2023</p>	<p>a) Following a discussion about the purpose of the minutes it was established that they are to be a record of the topics that were reviewed and the decisions that were made.</p> <p>b) i) Motion that the final draft minutes of the meeting on 12 May 2023 meeting be accepted.</p> <p>ii) Motion that the last draft of the Minutes of 16 June 2023 be accepted.</p>	<p>It was moved and seconded that the final draft minutes of the 12 May 2023 meeting be accepted. Carried.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded that the final draft minutes of the 16 June 2023 meeting be accepted. Carried.</p>
<p>3. Financial Report</p>	<p>a) Judith reported that this year we have received a total of \$3,180.00 from 118 private and 12 corporate memberships.</p> <p>b)The idea of offering memberships of more than one year was introduced.</p> <p>c)“Bach on the Beverley” raised \$865.00 and this was contributed to the RDHS music department.</p> <p>d)Judith also reported that we are incurring an annual deficit of \$2,600. Discussion focused on the fact that the assets of \$15,500.00 that LBLA holds are too high; this amount needs to be diminished in accordance with not-for-profit legislation.</p>	<p>Lynne will adjust the form for 2024</p>

	<p>e)Outreach: It was noted that there are 2 Corporate Members whose dues are outstanding. It was decided that each will be approached by the Board member with whom a relationship has already been established. There was also discussion about approaching Willows Agriservices with a view to it becoming a corporate member.</p>	<p>Pat will approach Sunflower Bakery and Vicky will talk to Wings.</p> <p>Dave C. will talk to Holly Evans at the CRCA to learn which government is responsible for assessing the waterways etc. for pollution.</p>
<p>4. Donations</p>	<p>a) The importance of outlining what we offer to corporate sponsors was brought forth. A flyer is being prepared to itemize our core functions and current projects. This will enhance our profile in the community.</p> <p>b) The grant that the township gives the LBLA every year has been used to enhance the lake. A report is sent annually documenting these expenditures. In 2022 these funds helped to cover costs associated with the maintenance of the shoal markers, the purchase of new signs at the launch sites and the bursaries. It was decided that the first step must be to consult with the municipality about the idea of engaging local corporations in cost-sharing projects.</p> <p>c) The Fall Newsletter – this will be sent out to all members. It will highlight-our current projects, and will note the use that is being made of the grant from the township. A paragraph will also be included with regard to an individual’s legal responsibilities should he/she operate a bubbler to prevent ice from forming. It will be suggested that each person check with their municipality as well as with their insurance agent.</p> <p>d) Merch (via Printful). Earlier John sent information to the board members about the opportunity to use this firm. The information pertaining to ordering clothing with the LBLA logo from this company will be on our website. The LBLA will receive a small percentage from the profit of each sale.</p>	<p>John is preparing this flyer.</p> <p>John is preparing the Fall Newsletter.</p>

<p>5. Schedule of Events for 2024</p>	<p>a) BLAM – date: undecided. This event will possibly be renamed so as to broaden the focus. The goal is to provide a forum where interested cottagers can gather to discuss issues such as maintaining the quality of the lake water and preserving a safe environment for all living things.</p> <p>b) AGM – 10 July 2024 (2nd Wednesday in July). The Land Trust will be invited as the guest speaker. In addition Dave C. and Tom will review how the water sampling tasks are undertaken.</p> <p>c) Youth Event – Tentative date – 13 July. We are undecided about how to proceed. The low attendance rate over several years has indicated that there has been little to no interest in the programs that we have been offering. The purpose of this event is to engage youth in the natural sciences. Vicki volunteered to make contact with the Outdoor Educations Department at Queen’s University in an effort to gain some ideas and/or speakers.</p> <p>d) Lake Cleanup – Tentative date: 10th Aug. It was decided that an effort would be made to engage students from the Environment Club at RLDH in the coming months. Some students might be interested in having an opportunity to carry out their ‘Volunteer Requirement’ by coordinating this event, under the tutelage of a Board member.</p> <p>e) Annual Picnic – 03 Aug 2024 Eamond O’Leary is prepared to continue as Co-ordinator/Chef. It was thought that a local grocer could be approached to help provide some of the food.</p> <p>f) Bach on the Beverley – 24 and 25 Aug at Kendrick Park Pavilion and the Red School house in Elgin?</p>	<p>Tom will be deciding on a new name for this group, and will advise the Board of the preferred time & place.</p> <p>Judith will reserve the hall</p> <p>The Pavilion will be booked by Lynne</p> <p>Linda suggested that Tom would be able to follow up on this suggestion.</p> <p>Judith will reserve Kendrick Park Pavilion for both the Picnic and Bach</p>
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<p>6. Land Trust</p>	<p>It was decided to postpone discussion of this until Pat is present.</p>	
<p>7. Loon Update</p>	<p>a) Just before this meeting Pat sent an email to the Board members reviewing the volunteer work of the Loon Team. They have requested funds to cover the costs of replacing the deteriorated rafts with new ones made of PVC for a cost of \$150 per raft. It was moved by Leslie and seconded by John that this project be funded. Carried.</p> <p>b) A question was raised about the number of nesting rafts that a lake of the size of Lower Beverley Lake should have. Neither Dave Johnson nor the Childs have found any research on this question.</p> <p>c) Loon Trifold: It was noted that the eagle platform, usually occupied by nesting osprey, was not used this summer. The trees that the other two osprey nests were in suffered catastrophic damage and the nests were lost. We are unaware of where new nests have been built by the osprey at this time. Also it was noted that there is a 'rookery' of Blue Herons; this is where several couples build nests close to one another.</p>	<p>Derek offered to look into this question.</p>
<p>8. Self-guided boat tour pamphlets</p>	<p>Lynne informed us that this pamphlet is needing to be reprinted. Jude offered to check with the printer that we used for the Reflections Book. Lynne will send her the PDF's of the pamphlet.</p>	
<p>9. The Signs at the boat launch sites</p>	<p>It is important to ensure that the new signs are protected during the winter.</p>	<p>Tom will cover the signs in the late fall and at the same time collect the used fishing lines from the receptacles.</p>

<p>10. Map Update</p>	<p>John has created a map of the lake in Photoshop that lets one create layers for each activity/issue. For example: one for shoal markers, one for loon platforms The various layers can be updated, and opened and closed at will. John asked “what else should be included?”.</p>	
<p>11. Water Sampling sharing</p>	<p>a)Dave C. distributed handout that provided information about the water quality of the lake over many years. The samples, collected by LBLA volunteers, are submitted for analysis to a laboratory through the Cataraqui Regional Conservation Authority. The question was posed about how much information about the water quality of Lower Beverley Lake should be shared with other lake associations. Because of concerns expressed about the level of phosphorous, which currently is not assessed by this laboratory the question was raised about the LBLA engaging a private laboratory to analyze it.</p> <p>b)Tom had expressed interest in obtaining more about the blue-green algae, and to learn if it was a problem for Lower Beverley Lake. Lynne reported that she had contacted the Ministry and the water was tested by a Kingston laboratory. A ‘containment report’ had just been received that indicated that blue-green algae that was tested was of a level and variety that posed no health risks.</p> <p>c)Rideau Lakes Association Committee: In the past the President has been our representative and the alternate has been the Past President. It was decided that this term Vicki (the Vice President) will be the representative, while Lynne will remain the alternate.</p>	<p>John will include some of this information in the Autumn Newsletter.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>To be determined in Spring 2024</p>	

