

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION

JULY 12, 2019

1. The meeting, held at the Old Town Hall in Delta, was opened at 7 pm.
2. The President, Tom Heinz, noted that several members of the lake community had died over the past year, and he requested a Minute of Silence to honour them.
3. A list of the 2018/19 officers of the Board of Directors was displayed.
President – Tom Heinz, Vice President – Joe Kelly, Past President – Lynne Jeffries,
Secretary – Leslie Climie, Treasurer – Marsha Gutierrez,
Membership – Susan Seebeck, Directors-at-large Dave Johnson and Dave Champagne,
4. Barb Kirkham, the former secretary of the Board was presented with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for 12 years of devoted service as Secretary.
5. An excellent Power Point presentation had been prepared for this AGM by Lynne Jefferies. Tom reviewed from the screen the minutes from the July 11, 2018 AGM..
6. The Financial Report was reviewed by Marsha Gutierrez. See attached. It was moved by Marsha and seconded by Susan Seebeck that the Financial Report be approved. Carried..
7. A Year in Review

Tom then discussed the various activities that have been undertaken over the past year.

a) He urged all members to encourage other cottagers on our lake to join the LBLA. This is important because the amount of money provided by the Township of Rideau Lakes is related to the number of members in the lake associations, allowing increased resources to meet the goals of the LBLA, including promoting a healthy lake.

b) The Youth Event, the Lake Clean-up Day, the Family Picnic, the water quality monitoring program, the maintenance of shoal markers and loon nesting sites were highlighted.

c) Tom announced that the July 31st meeting of the BLAM has had to be postponed because he must be back home at that time. Also it is uncertain if he will be able to present the “Bach on the Beverley” Concert which was scheduled for 3pm on August 24th in the St. Paul's Centre in Delta.

d) He noted in particular that the Township is impressed with the LBLA Lake Water Monitoring Program

e) A special “Thank You!” was given to the hard working volunteers who make these events and programs possible.

8. The 2020 Budget

a) Marsha reviewed the budget, noting that the LBLA would like to purchase a device for testing the water quality. Until now equipment has been borrowed from the Cataraqui Regional Conservation Authority. The Township is encouraging the purchase of a device because if we owned our own then we would be able to monitor the water frequently. It would also be possible to loan the device to other lake associations. The equipment is costly, around \$1500, but is considered to be a good investment.

b) The Executive of the Board has considered using some of the funds in the LBLA account for bursaries to local high school students. The Senior Advisor at the Elgin Secondary School met with Tom and she is supportive of such a project. Members of the LBLA who would be interested in participating on a steering committee to set parameters were invited to contact Tom following this meeting.

Lynne Jeffries motioned that the 2020 Budget be approved. Seconded by Claire Angermann. Carried..

9. FOCA - Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association

The LBLA is a member. It was suggested by the President that anyone interested in learning more about how this benefits us can go to the LBLA website.

He also mentioned that he recently attended a workshop sponsored by FOCA that provided excellent information re: cottage succession.

10. Proposed Slate of Officers for 2019 – 2021

Tom encouraged members to consider participating on the Board as a Director. He told of his own very positive experience over the past 2 years, and encouraged someone to step forward. As yet there is no one to fill the Vice-President position.

Joe Kelly has offered to be the President. Tom will remain on the Board as the Past President. The other offices will continue to be filled by the incumbents. Barb Kirkham moved that the slate of officers as presented be approved. Seconded by Lynne Jeffries. Carried.

11. Delta Community Improvement Committee

Joanne Van Dreumel provided an overview of the work of the team.

- a) The Delta Waterfront Project is in Phase One. The funding is now in place and the development of a park next to the Old Stone Mill Carriage House is being initiated. The site will be known as Mill Side Park and a landscape plan, prepared by a firm who won the competition, will be actualized in 7 phases over a few years. Funding for development will be sought and those interested in donating are encouraged to help.
- b) In addition the Jubilee Block, across the street from this park site, is gradually being reoccupied by interested parties. Plans are afoot to provide support and funding ideas for these private enterprises.

12. Mayor Ari Hoogenboom, the guest speaker, was introduced. He gave a wide-ranging talk during which he:

- thanked all who are volunteering to work for the benefit of the lake;
- recognized Cathy Livingston's contributions to the township;
- outlined the goal of the Township council in reducing debt and increasing reserves while maintaining current tax rates. 65% of tax revenues come from the cottage communities;
- related that a Lake Association Committee of the Township Council has been established and that each lake association is sending one representative to each meeting;
- advised that 310 septic systems will be inspected this year;
- outlined the establishment by of Community Enhancement Centres across the township. Volunteers meet several times a year to review issues. Community proposals are reviewed and a small budget is awarded. An example of this can be seen in Elgin where the main street and sidewalks were redone in 2018. Now planning is being undertaken, in consultation with the local community to upgrade the waterfront in Portland;

- related that the Perth/Smiths Falls Hospital is receiving funding from the Township - \$3.00 per capita for all tax payers, to be used for capital expenses. \$55K this fiscal year with a plan to increase the contribution to \$5.00 per capita by 2025;
- informed us that the Council has approved a plan to televise their meetings. This will cost \$22K;
- advised that there is a new municipal website as well as a new e-mail address;
- has asked the MPP Steve Clark to look into having the legislation pertaining to the Integrity Commissioner reviewed. Currently people are discouraged from participating in municipal politics as once a complaint is lodged a person is found to be guilty until proven innocent;
- related that road work to upgrade Hwy #10 is in progress, and assessments of other county roads are underway;
- advised that steps have been taken to eliminate roadside spraying, and that garbage disposal is being reviewed with a goal of reducing pollution, and,
- advised that the Council is striving to balance waterfront development with water quality maintenance.

13 Following a question period the meeting was adjourned at 9pm