

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

1. The meeting, held on ZOOM, was opened at 7 pm. Dave Duggins co-ordinated and administered this project. It is important to note that he oversaw the use of the Voting Function...one of the most important features of this ZOOM meeting - all attendees were provided with a form on their computer screens with which to vote as each motion was made. A big “Thank You” to Dave for enabling us to have a successful meeting!

Attendees:

Board of Directors: Joe Kelly – President, Tom Heinz – Past President, Marsha Gutierrez – Treasurer, Leslie Climie – Secretary, Directors-at-large – Lynne Jeffries & Dave Duggins, Water - Dave Champagne and Dave Johnson

Members:

Judith Sammon, Bob Climie, Kelsey Jeffries, Ann Van Der Karr, John Van Der Karr, Daniel Melamed, Pat Greenhorn, Vicki Woodside-Duggins, Linda Kennedy, Terry Carr, and Annette Carr.

2. In Memoriam: Joe Kelly noted that several members of the lake community had died over the past year. He requested a Minute of Silence to honour them.
3. The Minutes of the 2019 AGM were available on the LBLA website. It was moved by Lynne Jeffries and seconded by Dave Duggins that they be accepted. Carried.
4. The Treasurer's Report was included in the invitation to attend the AGM. Marsha Gutierrez noted that the increase in the revenues for 2019 were largely attributed to the grant from the Township of Rideau Lakes. The expenses also increased: water testing equipment was purchased, general maintenance/repairs of the shoal markers and loon nesting platforms were undertaken, educational knapsacks for children were bought and distributed through the Rideau Lakes Public Libraries, and a donation was made to the Frontenac Arch Biosphere Nature Camp at Kendrick's Park. The deficit was \$2,435.80 and the year end bank balance was \$21,000. Marsha moved and Lynne Jeffries seconded that the Financial Statement be accepted as read. Carried.

5. 2019 in Review. Joe Kelly recapped the events that took place: the Youth Event, the BLAM, the Family Picnic, the Lake Cleanup project, the Bach on the Beverley Concert, the purchase of the water testing equipment, the establishment of the LBLA Bursary for secondary school graduates who are continuing their education in environmental studies.

It was noted that in 2020 the Covid 19 pandemic has required the cancellation of all LBLA programs. Dave Champagne advised that he has the water testing equipment at his home in the USA and is hoping to be able to bring it to his cottage some time before the 2021 cottage season. Alternative arrangements will be made should this not be possible.

6. Proposed 2021 Budget:

Marsha noted that it is impossible to predict the course of the pandemic; the plan for 2021 is to offer the same programs that were expected in 2019.

In response to a question from the floor Marsha and Tom Heinz outlined the details involved with regard to the awarding of the LBLA Bursaries. It was noted that the Rideau Lakes District High School will hold the 2020 graduation ceremony in early June 2021 and at that time the deserving student(s) will receive the Bursary/Bursaries. Those students who are graduating in the spring of 2021 will have a ceremony at the end of June 2021 and at that time the LBLA Bursary will be awarded. Lynne Jeffries moved that the 2021 Budget be accepted and Pat Greenhorn seconded this motion. Carried.

7. Questions and/or Comments: Discussion from the floor addressed the concern pertaining to 'Safety on the Water' at dusk/night . Several cottagers reported noting that on occasion very unsafe boating practices are occurring in the evenings. Various ideas were reviewed with regard to how the LBLA could help with this problem. It was decided that this will be an important topic for review at the next Board of Directors meeting on September 24, 2020.

8. President's Remarks:

Joe Kelly noted that 2020 has been a remarkable year for all, particularly our friends from the USA. He also noted his concern for all of the children as they return to school.

9. The AGM was closed at 7:45pm