

MINUTES of the LBLA EXECUTIVE MEETING - 23 July 2023 **FINAL**

Meeting attendees: John Robson, Lynne Jeffries, Tom Heinze, Vicki Woodside-Duggins, Judith Sammon, Susan Seebeck, Derek Wainwright, Pat Greenhorn, and Leslie Climie

Absent: Dave Champagne, and Dave Duggins

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Approval of the agenda	Moved by Lynne and seconded by Judith to accept the agenda. Carried.	
2. & 3. Approval of the minutes of the Board meeting on 17 June 23 and of the AGM on 12 July 23	Moved by Tom and seconded by Vicki to accept both minutes. Carried.	
4. Financial Report and Membership registration reports	<p>a) Judith reported that \$2,520 in membership fees has been collected. We have also been reimbursed for the damage deposit for the rental of the Delta Town Hall for the AGM.</p> <p>b) It was noted that during Covid some of the corporate sponsors were in arrears. It was decided to 'let this go' as things seem to be in order once again. This autumn the Treasurer will send out friendly reminders to those members who have not paid for this year. The Spring 2024 Newsletter always has a membership form and a reminder to everyone to renew their memberships.</p> <p>c) A note was received from the South Crosby Fire Fighters thanking the LBLA for the donation. During a discussion with some of the fire fighters at this station the need for a boat was mentioned. After discussion it was decided that we would only consider making a contribution to help if such a boat could be launched onto Lower Beverley Lake.</p>	

	<p>d) It was agreed that Board members will approach local businesses to encourage them to join as corporate sponsors. This will be facilitated by a letter (Flyer) explaining the mandate and activities of LBLA.</p> <p>d) The topic of considering offering merchandise with the LBLA logo was brought up.</p> <p>e) John said that he was planning to write 'Thank You' letters to all of the volunteers.</p>	<p>In addition to preparing such a 'Flyer' John will prepare an accompanying letter to the corporate sponsors informing them that they would be welcome to 'set up a table' at the AGM in 2024.</p>
5. Bursary	<p>It was decided that further discussion with the staff in charge of the bursary program at the Rideau District High School (RDHS) is required before a broader definition of the field of study is undertaken.</p> <p>It was decided that further discussion with the staff at the Rideau Lakes District High (RLDH) is required before a broader definition of the field of study is undertaken. In addition it was suggested that discussion with students who have graduated from this school and who are pursuing courses in environmental studies would be most helpful.</p> <p>Derek wondered if we should also be making a donation to the high school in Athens as it is part of the Leeds and Thousand Island Township which borders our lake.</p>	<p>Vicki will talk to the staff at the RDHS with regard to the eligibility criteria for the bursary as well as how the fund can be best used by the Environmental Club should there not be a second worthy student in any given year.</p>
6. Past Events	<p>AGM</p> <p>a) Refreshments at AGM – the costs of the food provided by the Women of the United Church have increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00 and no beverages were offered. A lot of the food was not eaten – perhaps this is a 'hang-over from Covid' as some folks are still wary of buffets. Complaints by attendees were noted.</p>	<p>It was mentioned that perhaps it would not be a good idea to cut out the Women's Auxiliary.</p>

	<p>b) Skulls and Scat was not well attended. Various methods of increasing local interest in the Youth Events was discussed. There was general agreement that an 'interactive show' would have more appeal to young people than a lecture type presentation.</p>	<p>Judith suggested that perhaps a flyer could be designed and given to campers advertising the event as they enter the park.</p>
7. Upcoming Events	<p>a) BLAM #2: Wednesday 26 July at 7:00pm at Tom's place on Kendrick Lane. Tom reported that he and Linda did the water testing early.</p> <p>b) Annual Picnic Saturday 5 August at 1pm at Kendrick Park Pavilion. Eamon O'Leary has taken responsibility for the BarBQ.</p> <p>c) Lake Clean-up on Thursday 12 August. No one has volunteered to be responsible for providing refreshment at noon hour to lead this event. Hopefully someone will be found for this event in 2024. Derek recommended that we approach the RDHS, in particular, the Environmental Outdoor Club to participate in the annual Lake Clean up in the summer or in the fall. Perhaps some students at RDHS would be interested in participating as it could be a 'Volunteer Opportunity'.</p>	<p>Lynne will update the LBLA Facebook page with a reminder of the BLAM #2. Tom reported that he has distributed posters for both the BLAM #2 and the two Bach on the Beverley concerts at many locations. He also hopes that advertising by word of mouth will inspire participation. Tom will send a copy of his poster to Judith who will email it to the membership with information about the upcoming events.</p> <p>Lynne will contact Eamon to see if he needs assistance with acquiring such things as tablecloths and drinks. John will also be in touch with Eamon.</p> <p>Susan will change the wording of the two online advertisements for the Clean-up to reflect that this year it will be an unorganized, a 'do it yourself', event. Lynne will change the events on the LBLA website and Facebook page.</p>

	d) Bach on the Beverley on Saturday 26 August at 3:00pm at Kendrick Park, Lyndhurst and on Sunday 27 August at 3:00pm at the Brick School House in Elgin.	
8. Land Trust	Pat suggested that a representative from the Thousand Island Watershed Land Trust (TIWLT) be invited to speak to the Board about the work that this organization undertakes. This would provide us with an opportunity to ask questions with regard to the various rules that are currently in place. We would be in a better position to make an informed decision re: the extent to which the LBLA should become involved in 'land protection' (stewardship).	It was suggested that a representative of the TIWLT might be a good speaker for 2024 AGM.
9. Loon update	a) It was noted that the volunteers who are overseeing the loon nesting rafts report that all is in order . b) Dave C. has shared a Wildlife Conservation Society (www.wcs.org) "Working Paper" on "The Common Loon in the Adirondack Park".	
10. Sign Update	Derek reported that he has permission from the owner of the Happy Horseshoe Campground to place a sign at their launch site. We are still trying to obtain approval from the owner of the William Street (Delta) launch site so that permission may be gained to install the fishing line container and the FOCA invasive species sign.	This sign will be installed shortly by Derek. Tom is looking into this.
11. Map update	John has created a lake map in Photoshop. This allows for a layer to be created for each activity/issue - for example the location of the loon nesting rafts.	At the next board meeting John will review how this information site can be operated.
12. LBLA Handbook update	Currently the preparation of the handbook is a 'work in progress' and it is being circulated amongst board members for input. It will be an agenda item at the next meeting.	

13. Other Business	<p>a) The Bubbler: Derek has been researching the law, as outlined in the criminal code to determine the responsibilities of those who use bubblers. In addition he has learned that all insurance companies have disclaimers that they refuse to cover any incidences that occur with regard to bubblers if proper warnings are not deployed.</p> <p>b) Judith noted that a 'List of Assets' of the LBLA property is being compiled.</p> <p>c) She also informed us that the bank requires a letter from the LBLA in order to change the names of the signing officers on record. It was moved by Derek and seconded by Tom that the President, Vice-President, Past President and the Treasurer will be the signing officers. Carried.</p> <p>d) Leslie gave notification that she will be resigning from the Board as of the 2024 AGM.</p> <p>e) Life Buoys – The question arose about the necessity of having life buoys at the municipal launch sites.</p>	<p>John will send out "Protect Yourself" as part of a LBLA Autumn Newsletter.</p> <p>Items exist at Lynne's as well as at Judith's and Derek's. Vicki seemed to have an example from her work that we could use.</p> <p>Judith will send a letter advising the Bank of the names of those persons who currently have signing authority.</p> <p>Derek volunteered to contact the Township to gain information about the life ring at Furnace Falls.</p>
14. Next meeting/Adjournment	<p>The next meeting will be held at Lynne's place, 1267 LB12 on, Saturday the 9th of September at 2:00pm.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.</p>	