

MINUTES of the LBLA EXECUTIVE MEETING - 26 May 2023

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

Absent: Dave Duggins and Dave Champagne

The meeting was called to order 5:28 pm.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting was opened at 5:40pm. Welcome and introduction of Vicki Woodside Duggins to the Board members.		
1. Review of 10 Sept 2022 minutes	<p>The minutes stated that one of the 'Bach on the Beverley' concerts in 2023 will be held at St Paul's Anglican Community Centre. The minutes will now be amended to read that the venue will be at Kendrick Park.</p> <p>It was noted that board members, in order to avoid confusion, require that when the Minutes are being circulated prior to the Board Meeting it is important that each draft have a specific name. It was decided that henceforth the Minutes will be labelled denoting "the revision # and the date".</p> <p>Moved by Tom and seconded by Derek that the minutes be approved as amended. Carried.</p>	Leslie will ensure this occurs.
2. Financial and Member registration reports	Judith reported that the personal membership tallies 78 while the corporate membership is 6. The LBLA has received \$1,920 in dues. It is anticipated that more people will pay at the AGM.	
3. Water Levels and Water Quality	Tom and Linda, are checking the water for clarity, calcium and phosphate reported that all is normal for this time of year. Derek and Dave C. are taking readings during the summer noting the lake temperatures at different levels, as well as noting the oxygen	

	<p>levels. They are using the purchased equipment in their tests. We had requested the possibility of adding or changing test spots for Tom's tests but Holly Evans (CRCA) recommended we continue to test the same spots. She advised us, having noted the submissions from 2022, that there have been no changes.</p>	
4. 2023 Events	<p>a) BLAM #1 – Saturday 17 June at 7:00 pm in the Bradford Pavilion Delta Park. Tom has had conversations with the new counsellor, Paula Banks concerning the lack of oversight over the many fishing derbys taking place throughout the summer in our region. She will be referred to the Rideau Lakes Committee of which the mayor is the Leader.</p> <p>b) AGM – Wednesday July 12 at 6:30 – 7:00 pm in the Delta Old Town Hall. The venue has been reserved and the two speakers, Tara Shewchenko (invasive species) and Eric Kohlsmith (septic systems) engaged. Eric will speak first with Tara to follow.</p> <p>Lynne moved and Tom seconded that the association give Tara an honorarium of \$250. Carried. It was decided that the local United Church Women's group will be asked to provide the refreshments for the traditional 'Meet and Greet' starting at 6:30pm.</p> <p>c) Youth and Family Event – Saturday July 15 at 10:00 am at the Bradford Pavilion Delta Park. The speaker will be Kelly McGann, from the Frontenac Arch Biosphere (FAB), and the topic is "Skulls and Scat". A \$250 donation will be made to the FAB (Frontenac Arch Biosphere).</p> <p>d) BLAM #2 – on Wednesday July 26 at 7:00 pm. This will be held at Tom's place, 922 Kendrick Lane. Tom and his fishermen friends see themselves as stewards of the lake. One of the topics of concern is algae blooms on the lake.</p> <p>e) Annual Picnic – Saturday, August 15 at 1:00 pm at the Kendrick Park Pavilion. This is a Bar BQ affair, supported by potluck. Eamon O'Leary has once again volunteered to be the</p>	<p>Eric will speak first, with Tara to follow.</p>

	<p>chef; he has also volunteered to acquire all of the supplies, such as paper plates.</p> <p>f) Lake Clean-up - Saturday August 12 from 10am. – 12 noon. This will start from the Delta Park boat launch site. Jeannie Ellis will let us know once she arrives at the lake if she is interested in running this event.</p> <p>g) Bach-on-the-Beverley – 26 August at 3pm at Kendrick Park Pavilion. The reservation has been made. Tom and his colleagues are also planning to offer two more concerts, one on August 27th at 3pm at the Red Brick School in Elgin.</p>	
5. Penstone Award	<p>It was decided at the last board meeting that Betty Penstone should be honoured for her contributions to the LBLA over many years. It was moved by Judith and seconded by Lynne that her family would be presented with this 'In Memorium' Award at the AGM. Carried.</p>	<p>Lynne will send an email to Betty's daughters, Nancy and Susan, advising them of our plans to present the award. At the AGM Lynne will introduce the Award and talk of Betty and her dedication to the LBLA prior to presenting this award.</p>
6. Loon Platforms	<p>Pat reported that Joan & John Childs from Cedar Sands Road have undertaken to lead the Loon Watchers team. Pat has sent out invitations to prospective volunteers inviting them to participate on the team. It was suggested that a map showing the locations of all of the loon nesting rafts could be drawn up, and this would also note who is responsible for each raft.</p> <p>Leslie noted that Scott Faurschau, situated on north end of Black Jack Island, with nearby mainland property, has been overseeing a nesting raft. (Also he has been taking it out of the water in the autumn and relaunching in the spring.). However, last autumn he advised her that mid-summer it had been overtaken by turtles, therefore, it was uninhabitable for loons.</p> <p>It was also suggested that floating markers near nesting rafts could advise boaters to GO SLOWLY. Further discussion is required.</p>	<p>Leslie said that she would check with Scott with regard to the presence of turtles this year.</p>

<p>7. Boat Launch Signs and Fishing Line Receptacles Posts</p>	<p>The new signs have been acquired and all agree that they are just what was ordered. Derek has undertaken the task of installing the new signs at the boat launch sites. It has been challenging to ensure that the signs are safely installed as some of the original structures have been inadequate or absent. When replacing the sign at the Delta campground the LBLA must work with the township.</p> <p>The fishing line recycling receptacles are from a Canadian firm located in Manitoba entitled, "Clear Your Gear". Once full, they will also send postage boxes to return the contents to them for recycling.</p> <p>Derek has volunteered to install all of the posts that will hold the containers in which used fishing lines can be recycled</p> <p>FOCA has provide invasive species signs that will also be added to the posts.</p> <p>It was moved by Lynne and seconded by John that the LBLA will cover the costs regarding the installation of the boat launch signs, the FOCA signs and the used fishing line recycling containers. Carried</p>	<p>Derek spoke with the care-taker of the William Street boat ramp and obtained the contact information for the new owners. Tom was to follow up with the new owners of the William Street boat ramp to get permission to install new sign and receptacle.</p> <p>Derek spoke to the owner of Happy Horseshoe Campground and received permission to install the new signs and fishing receptacles.</p> <p>Tom will follow up with the Township to advise them we were putting our sign back up and that we are adding the FOCA and Receptacle Containers.</p> <p>Derek, in consultation with Tom, will accomplish these tasks.</p>
<p>8. Rideau Lakes Grant</p>	<p>When completeing the grant application each year, LBLA is asked about the manner in which the grant from the previous year was spent. It was agreed that the 2022 funds covered: (i) the new boat launch signs including the costs of the design and the production, (ii) the maintenance of the shoal markers, and (iii) the 2022 bursary. The 2023 grant money was spent on (i) the sign installation, (ii) the fishing line recycling posts, and (iii) the two bursaries.</p>	
<p>9. Bursaries</p>	<p>Two Bursaries will be awarded at the Graduation Ceremony at the Rideau District High School. It was agreed that it is the choice of the school personnel to decide to whom the funds will be presented.</p> <p>Pat will remain as the intermediary with the school personnel.</p>	<p>Pat will ask the school for the names of the recipients so the Certificates can be printed.</p> <p>John will attend the Graduation Ceremony and present the Bursaries at 4:30pm on June 27, 2023. Pat will also attend.</p>

10. Road Champions/new cottagers	<p>a) Cedar Sands Road – still required</p> <p>b) Railroad Street – Sharon Olivo and Nancy Penstone have volunteered to undertake this road.</p>	
11. Committees	<p>After discussion it was agreed that each area of interest where volunteers are working would be called a “Team”. For example there will be a “Shoal Marker Team” and an “Annual Picnic Team” etc. This will be formalized on the LBLA database. There will be a team leader, and the roles and responsibilities of each team will be set forth.</p>	<p>Derek suggested that we set-up a list of committees which should be organized and shared amongst the board. Vicki suggested that they be referred to as Teams. Lynn will send all of the information she has collected over the years and send them to Susan and Jude to be incorporated in the database and the Roles and Responsibilities document, accordingly.</p>
12. Lake Networking Group	It was decided to strike discussion of this.	
13. Delta Pilot Donation	It was moved by Tom and seconded by Derek that a donation of \$50.00 be made to the Delta Pilot. Carried	
14. Shoal Markers	A team is in the process of installing all of the newly refurbished shoal markers. Lynne has been in touch with Dana Mellon, who undertakes the maintenance, with regard to reimbursing him for expenses. Almost all of the markers have been installed.	
15. Conservation Land	Pat had to leave the meeting early and this agenda item was postponed until the next meeting.	
16. Other Business	It was moved by Tom and seconded by Lynne that at the AGM during the ‘Election of Officers’ for the upcoming term, John will be confirmed as the President and Vicki will be proposed as the Vice-President. Carried	
17. Next Meeting	The next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, 17 June at Leslie’s place, 162 Pilgrim Lane. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm	