MINUTES of the LBLA EXECUTIVE MEETING - 10 September 2022

Attendees: Lynne Jeffries, Tom Heinze, John Robson, Judith Sammon, Leslie Climie

Absent: Pat Greenhorn, Dave Duggins and Dave Champagne

Present: Derek Wainwright

The meeting was called to order at 2:15pm

ITEM DISCUSSION ACTION

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| 1. Approve Agenda | Judith requested that information pertaining to the LBLA having an USA account at the BMO be added to the Agenda. John moved to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Tom and carried. |  |
| 1. Minutes of meetings: the AGM   and the Board Meetings of  10 July and 24 July 2022 | It was moved by John, seconded by Judith and carried that due to a clerical error the AGM minutes would read that the motions to accept the reports were noted as “Carried”.  It was moved by Judith and seconded by John that the minutes of the meetings on 10 July and 24 July be accepted. Carried. |  |
| 1. Financial Report   &  Membership Report | Judith reported that there are now 113 general members and 11 corporate members.  Renewal reminders will be sent out only to those who have been ‘general members’ within the last 5 years.  Judith reported that the current bank balance is $22,194.48  The unaudited funds are $6,029.18 and the expenses to date are $7,980.92  There are two uncashed cheques to the Delta Fire Association and the rental of the Old Town Hall.  Judith noted that it is financially advantageous for the LBLA to have an American dollars account at BMO to be able to handle American funds; otherwise there is a service charge of $5.00 to convert funds each time. | Tom offered to remind the owner of one known business that their corporate membership requires renewal.  Judith will contact the Fire Department and Lynne will get in touch with Liz Priebe re: the Town Hall.  Thought will be given to this over the winter.  Currently the LBLA receives PayPal funds from both Canadian and American members. There have been new issues with some people paying via Paypal. Lynne noted that she has posted on the LBLA website instructions on how to use PayPal. She will review these. |
| 1. Water Levels and Water Quality   &  Invasive Species | Currently Dave C., Tom and Derek have been testing the water from the three sites that were assigned to the LBLA by the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) several years ago. It was noted that several years ago Earl Patric had been testing where the Delta Creek enters the lake. This is no longer the case. Discussion focused upon how best to track the water quality – there are several other untested sites where water is draining from farmland into LBL. The Lake Partners Program, funded by FOCA, covers the laboratory costs from the 3 sites that have been used for many years; it was thought that we could explore the possibility with CRC of adding additional sites or changing some of the current ones.  Fred Gaffney was in touch with someone from Queen’s University in 2019 with regard to what we should do about the growth of phragmite. The Township is unwilling to take action unless invasive species are toxic to humans.  Judith advised us that a group entitled “Freshwater Futures 2022” is operating in both the USA and Canada. Apparently organizations that are members of it may apply for grants to assist in care of their lakes if they drain into one of the Great Lakes. | Derek is going to look into the possibility of expanding our current test kit to include additional tests.  At year end Tom is going to discuss this option with Holly Evans.  Dave C. will be asked to talk to  Holly about the phragmite issue.  Because the LBL drains, eventually, into the St Lawrence River it could well be that we wouldn’t qualify for membership. Judith will look into this further. |
| 1. 2022 Review Events   Loon Platforms | BLAM #2 – July 27th  Tom reported that there were 4 people present.  (A side discussion)  Richard Allan, Jean and John Childs, all of whom expressed interest in helping with the loon nesting platforms. This lead to discussion about how useful it would be to have packages to provide to incoming volunteers. These would outline the tasks and responsibilities for committees associated with such projects as water quality testing, shoal markers, loon rafts, the annual picnic, lake clean-up, etc.  Youth Event: An interesting presentation about turtles was provided by Kelly McGann from the MNR. She requested that her honorarium be given to the Frontenac Arc Biosphere (FAB).  Lake Clean-up – canceled due to the inclement weather on both August 4th and 5th.  Annual Picnic – A success! Eamon O’Leary did a grand job as chef, and took responsibility  for providing all of the BBQed food. He also had music playing – a welcome addition. After discussion it was decided to start earlier next year….1pm – 5pm.  Bach on the Beverley – it was well attended at both venues. The donations totaled $526.00 and has already been given to the RDHS music program. | Derek offered to draw up a format outlining the purpose, procedures and responsibilities for various committees. |
| 1. Schedule for 2023 Events | a)BLAM – June 14 in the Bradford Pavilion.  b)AGM – July 12 at the Old Town Hall from 6:30 (refreshments) and 7pm for the meeting.  i)It was agreed that the topic will be Invasive Species. It is hoped that someone from the MNR can be engaged to speak. Another possibility could be asking a FOCA representative if a speaker can be recommended.  ii)Betty Penstone was a valuable member of the LBLA for over 30 years. It was suggested by Derek, and agreed that an honorarium be presented to Nancy Penstone, her daughter, in recognition of Betty’s contributions at the AGM.  c)Youth Event – July 15th  Topic and speaker to be determined.  d)Lake Clean-up: August 12  It was decided to hold it on a Saturday in order to encourage greater participation.  e)Annual Picnic – August 5th at Kendrick Park. This will take place from 1 – 5 pm. EamonO’Leary has indicated that he is willing to continue in his role as chef and he also wishes to provide BBQ food.  Derek suggested that many attendees could well like to travel to the picnic by boat.  f)Bach on the Beverley: August 26 and 27th. One be held at the St Paul’s Anglican Community Centre and there will be two other venues, both to be determined later. | In an attempt to engage more fishermen Tom will advertise through the internet as well as placing posters in strategic places.  John will contact MNR and Judith will contact FOCA.  Judith will reserve the Old Town Hall  Lynne will contact Nancy prior to the meeting to get her approval and ask her to be at the meeting to accept.  Lynne will contact William Morris at the LBL Campground to reserve the Pavilion for the BLAM #1 and the Youth Event.  Lynne will contact Kelly McGann to see if she would be willing and able to do a different presentation for next summer  Judith will reserve the pavilion at Kendrick Park.  Derek will look into the possibility of gaining permission to install a temporary dock at the Park. |
| 1. Boat Launch Replacement Signs | a)The design of the new LBL signs was circulated and all agreed that it is excellent. It was moved by Lynne and seconded by John, to pay Stephen Sammon $200.00 for this design. Carried.  Six signs (one extra), each 3’X3’ will be ordered, with a plan to install them in the spring. It was noted that the old signs are of different sizes. The existing frames will be reused; the new signs will be cut to fit.  b)At each boat launch site there  will be a container into which anglers can place their used fishing lines. | Judith will obtain 2-3 quotes to print the signs.  This autumn Tom will take down and save all of the signs, noting the location from which each was removed.  In the spring Derek will cut the signs to fit and install them. The Township of Rideau Lakes is taking responsibility for installing the sign at Delta Creek.  Derek will construct these  containers and place beside them signs indicating “For Used Lines”. |
| 1. Book/Decals | a)Copies of Jeanne Patric’s beautiful book about LBL have now been received from the publisher. These will be sold in 2023 for $25 each.  b)The new decals have also arrived. The small ones will now sell for three dollars $3 and the large ones for five dollars $5. |  |
| 1. Township Grant 2022 | In 2022 the LBLA received a grant of $1,685.00. The size of the grant is related to the number of members in the Association. | Lynne completed the form for the grant application this year. Next spring she will again complete the form, indicating that funds for 2022 were used to meet the following expenses: bursary to RDHS, boat launch signs and the maintenance of the shoal markers… |
| 1. Invasive Species | We have received a list of the invasive species found in LBL. It was noted that some species on the list have not been seen for many years. | It is hoped that the guest speaker for the 2023 AGM will be able to respond to our questions. |
| 1. Conservation Land | Pat is continuing to pursue a relationship with this organization. |  |
| 1. Not-for-Profit idea | After the last meeting, it was determined that we have Not-For-Profit Status through the National process and do not need to apply for provincial status. |  |
| 1. Vice President for 2023   and Road Champions required | As of Next July, John Robson will move to the president position and we will be in need of someone to fill the Vice-President position. We also still need Road Champions for LB9, Railroad Street and Cedar Sands Road. |  |
| 1. Other Business | Shoal markers: Terry Keen is leaving the lake and will no longer be one of the volunteers taking responsibility for some shoal markers. | It is important that a replacement for Terry be found  as soon as possible.  Derek’s point about having a committee to sort out such issues as they arise is well taken. (please see Action in #5) |
| 1. Adjournment | The next meeting will be held in May 2023 - TBA |  |