

MINUTES of the AGM 10 July 2024

The meeting was called to order 7:05pm

Slides were presented to introduce each item

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Everyone was welcomed by John Robson, the President	A newspaper article, written by John, was reviewed, providing an overview of the responsibilities of the Lower Beverley Lake Association (LBLA). It emphasized that all of the work of safe-guarding the water quality and eco system is done by volunteers.	
2. The Agenda items were displayed		
3. In Memoriam	Lynne Jeffries asked for a moment of silence to honour those who have passed away in the last year.	
4. Thoughts and prayers	Lynne asked for a moment of silence to honour those who cannot be with us because of health issues or other difficulties.	
5. Introductions of the current LBLA Officers (2023-2024)	John introduced the Officers: Vice-President – Vicki Woodside Duggins Past-President – Lynne Jeffries Treasurer – Judith Sammon Secretary – Leslie Climie Directors-at-large – Dave Duggins, Pat Greenhorn Water testers – Tom Heinze, Derek Wainwright, Dave Champagne	

6. Treasurer's Report	Judith provided an overview of: a) the 2023 Bank Reconciliation, noting that ending 31 Dec '23 the bank balance was \$17,331.89 b) the 2023 Profit and Loss Summary. A deficit of \$1,444.05 was shown.	Brian Jeffries moved to approve the Treasurer's Report Seconded by Alfred Brown Carried.
7. Minutes from 2023 AGM	a) John first provided a website address where one can access all of the minutes of the AGMs. <a href="https://lbla.net/?page_id=70">https://lbla.net/?page_id=70</a> . b) He then briefly reviewed the minutes of the 2023 AGM.	
8. Year in Review	John stressed that all of the work that is undertaken is done by volunteers. He then spoke briefly about the following programs/events, noting the individuals who have leadership roles: a) an updated map, including a QR code, is now at the boat launch sites; in addition a "Clear Your Gear" receptacle for recycling used fishing lines has been installed, b) shoal markers team, c) loon nesting rafts team, d) lake quality & quantity team, e) Welcome Bags, f) webmaster & social media team, g) newsletter, h) membership/data management, and the g) annual picnic chef.  Vicki gave special thanks to all of the volunteers.	All of these activities occupy volunteers' time and energy for many months of the year.
9. Road Champions	This program was explained by Lynne. The road champions for each specific road were listed as were the roads	There are still a few roads that require a road champion. They are: LB1, 6, 9, 10 & 11, and Black Jack Island. Anyone interested in taking on such a responsibility is asked to contact Lynne.
10. Corporate Members	Currently there are fourteen corporate members of the LBLA. These were listed on the slide . It was noted how much their support is appreciated.	

<p>11. 2024 Upcoming Events</p>	<p>The 2024 events were named, as were the dates/times and where they were taking place.</p> <p>a)BLAM - This will be held at Tom Heinze’s place – 922 Kendrick Lane, Lyndhurst On July 24 at 7pm. The focus of the BLAM has been expanded to welcome not only those who enjoy fishing but also those who are interested in maintaining the integrity of the lake.</p> <p>b)The Youth Event will be included in the Annual Picnic on 3rd Aug from 1pm (13:00 hr) to 4pm (16:00 hr) at Kendrick Park.</p> <p>d) Lake Clean-up: 10 August (rain day 11 August) 10am (10:00hr) - noon. Garbage is left at the boat launch site at the Lower Beverley Lake Park. Refreshments will be provided close by at the park.</p> <p>e) Bach on the Beverley: Aug 24th at 3pm (15:00hr) at St Paul’s Anglican Community Centre in Delta, and on Aug 25th at 2pm (14:00hr) in the Red Brick Schoolhouse in Elgin.</p>	
<p>12. 2025 Budget</p>	<p>Judith reviewed the Budget for 2025 noting:</p> <p>a) the Income total - \$5,825. b) the Expenses total - \$7,330</p> <p>Judith explained that the item, ‘Community Sponsorship’ in the listed Expenses pertains to the RDHS Bursary (\$1,000) and the Delta Pilot (\$50).</p>	<p>Lynne moved and Pat seconded that the 2025 Budget be accepted. Carried.</p>
<p>13. Resources</p>	<p>a) John reviewed the resources that the LBLA uses, noting a the work of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Associations (FOCA), and b) the opportunities to connect with others that is offered by Social Media – the LBLA</p>	

	<p>website and the LBLA Facebook page.  c) He also talked of the importance of the “Clear Your Gear” program that helps to protect the environment. Fishing gear that is discarded in the specific receptacles, available at the launch sites, is collected and sent away to be dealt with appropriately.</p>	
<p>14. Election of Officers</p>	<p>a) John noted that three positions need to be filled – the Treasurer, the Secretary and a Director at Large. He noted that volunteers are always welcome – they are essential to having viable programs as well as a well-functioning Board of Directors. John also noted that recently the “LBLA Handbook” has been prepared to provide important information to new volunteers.</p> <p>b) Nominations from the floor were requested.</p> <p>c) Proposed slate of Officers:</p> <p>President – John Robson  Vice-President – Vicki Woodside Duggins  Past President – Lynne Jeffries  Treasurer –  Secretary –  Directors at Large – Dave Duggins and Mark Ready  Water – Dave Champagne, Tom Heinze and Derek Wainwright</p>	<p>Derek Wainwright nominated Mark Ready for a Director-at-Large position. This was seconded by John Robson. Carried.</p> <p>It was moved by Lynne and seconded by Derek that this slate of Officers be approved. Carried.</p>
<p>15. Other Business</p>	<p>Lynne announced 2 upcoming events:  a) the Delta Pride Day at Lower Beverley Lake Park on 13 July. A picnic is planned for the afternoon and that evening there will be entertainment.</p>	

	<p>b) The Delta Parade has been reinstated. It will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup> when the main street in Delta will be closed for the parade. In other years a float was always entered by the LBLA. Although there is not enough time to prepare something big there is still time if some people would like to volunteer to participate in some way and they were asked to contact Lynne.</p> <p>c) 50-50 draw won by Jody Layer who donated it to the LBLA.</p>	
<p>16. Formal Business Meeting closed at 8:05pm</p>	<p>John spoke of the beauty of Lower Beverley Lake and how the LBLA is working hard to maintain it.</p>	
<p>17. Guest Speaker</p>	<p>John then introduced the guest speaker, Calder Schweizer, from the Thousand Island Watershed Land Trust (TIWLT). The mission of the TIWLT is working to conserve the natural beauty, diverse wildlife habitats, water quality, and outdoor recreation opportunities of the Thousand Island region.</p> <p>Calder’s enthusiastic presentation was received with pleasure and great interest by the audience.</p>	