

**AGM of the LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION - 12 July 2023 Final**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Introduction	Lynne Jeffries welcomed everybody. She introduced herself and the other Co-President, Tom Heinze, explaining how they had stepped in when the previous President, Joe Kelly had to resign because of health issues. The other members of the current Board of Directors raised their hands as they were pointed out.	
2. In Memoriam	<p>A moment of silence took place in honour of those who have died in the past year.</p> <p>Lynne also noted that several of the people who were unable to be at the lake because of Covid are now not up to making the trip back from the USA; they are missed!</p>	
3. Penstone Award	Lynne told how when she started to work on the Board of Directors she had first met Betty Penstone. She said that Betty was a wonderful mentor with whom it had been a joy to work. The Board decided to honour her at this AGM due to her remarkable contributions to the LBLA for over 31 years.	Lynne presented Nancy Penstone, Betty's daughter who was representing her family, with a plaque with a Honourary Membership to the Lower Beverley Lake Association recognizing Betty Penstone's many years of dedication and commitment to the LBLA.
4. Treasure's Report	a) Lynne introduced the list of current officers of the LBLA. They are as follows: Co-Presidents- Lynne Jeffries and Tom Heinze Vice President – John Robson Treasurer – Judith Sammon	

	<p>Secretary – Leslie Climie Database Manager – Susan Seebeck Directors at Large –David Duggins, and Pat Greenhorn. Water- David Champagne, Tom Heinze, Derek Wainwright</p> <p>b) Judith Sammon provided an overview of the Bank Reconciliation for 2022 - At the beginning of the fiscal year there was \$23,609.33 in the account and by December 2022 there was \$20,475.63. Judith then reviewed the Profit and Loss Summary. The deficit of \$3,133 was explained by noting the outlay on specific items. It was moved by Dave Champagne and seconded by Sharon Olivo that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Carried</p>	
5. Review minutes from 2022 AGM	<p>The minutes from the 2022 AGM had been posted online. It was asked if there were any comments. None</p>	
6. Year in review	<p>It was noted that we only had pictures of the Youth/Family Event and Bach on the Beverley. Our Lake Clean-up was canceled due to thunder storms and the Picnic was a huge success</p>	
7. Thanks to assorted volunteers	<p>Lynne thanked all of the volunteers who have worked on the following projects: the signs at launch sites and the “Clear your Gear” receptacles, the shoal markers, the loon platforms, Lake water testing, the welcome bags, the</p>	

	<p>management of our website and Facebook, the Road Champions, the Newsletter, and the Data/Membership management. They are so much appreciated. She also let it be known that Road Champions for Cedar Sands, LB9, LB6, LB1, and LB10 &amp; 11 are still needed.</p> <p>A round of applause was given to Derek Wainwright for the work that he has done in replacing the launch site signs and in acquiring and setting up the “Clear Your Gear” <i>receptacles</i>.</p>	
8. Upcoming year schedule	<p>a) Youth Event – Saturday 15 July at 10:00am in the Bradford Pavilion at Lower Beverley Lake Park</p> <p>b) BLAM #2: Wednesday 26 July at 7:00pm at Tom Heinze’s place, 922 Kendrick Lane, Lyndhurst. Tom encouraged the audience to let it be known that this meeting welcomes folks who wish to address “lake issues” for example: fishing out of season, speed limits on the lake and problems arising from boat wakes.</p> <p>c) Annual Picnic – Saturday 5 August at 1:00pm at Kendrick Park Pavilion. This is a potluck event where Eamond O’Leary is once again taking on the duties of BarBQ Chef. This year there will be music.</p> <p>d) Lake Clean-up – 12 August from 10:00am – 12:00 noon at the Lower Beverley Lake Campground launch site. Lynne</p>	

	<p>noted that a volunteer is needed to take over the responsibility of leading this event. It can be done however the new volunteer wishes. It does not need to be done as the Ellis' have done in the past</p> <p>e) Bach on the Beverley – Saturday 26 August at 3:00pm at the Kendrick's Park Pavilion, Lyndhurst, and on Sunday 27 August at 3:00pm at the Red Brick School in Elgin.</p>	
9. 2024 Budget	<p>Judith reviewed the proposed budget for the year 2024. She noted the specific income and the expenses that are foreseen. It was moved by Lynne Jeffries and seconded by Susan Schroeder that this budget be accepted. Carried.</p>	
10. Resources: Website, Facebook, FOCA, Clear Your Gear	<p>a) Members were encouraged to support the local businesses who are corporate sponsors for the LBLA. The names of these firms are posted on our website as well as in the Newsletters. Our website also has information about the partnership with "Clear Your Gear" – a new project designed to make it easy to dispose of old fishing line without causing hazards to the fish or swimmers of the lake.</p> <p>b) It was also noted that the website for the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) provides information on ongoing studies about invasive species. This August, Lynne will be working with FOCA to collect</p>	

	<p>samples at the Delta Boat launch to see if there is evidence of two suspected invasive species – the water soldier and the European water chestnut.</p>	
11. Election of Officers	<p>a) Lynne introduced John Robson and Vicki Woodside-Duggins who have volunteered to run as President and Vice-President, respectively. She noted that both Judith Sammon and Leslie Climie are prepared to remain in their positions. Lynne will move to the Past-President Position and Tom will continue his work on the water testing team. Nominations from the floor were requested. No response.</p> <p>b) Lynne asked for a show of hands of those in favour of accepting the Slate of Officers as set forth. Carried.</p> <p>c) John Robson, the incoming President, took the Chair. He recognized the work and time given to the LBLA by Lynne and Tom, both past Presidents, who stepped up when needed. John spoke for a few moments about the importance of volunteers to our association. He hopes that others will step forward to become involved. He thanked the audience for attending this AGM.</p>	
12. Speakers:	<p>a) Lynne introduced the first speaker, Eric Kohlsmith, who works as an inspector of septic systems with the Rideau Valley Community Authority (RVCA).</p>	<p>a) Eric announced that the overheads from his presentation are on the RVCA website, and encouraged folks to take time to ensure their septic systems are functioning well. <a href="mailto:info@rvca.ca">info@rvca.ca</a></p>

	<p>He has been contracted by the Rideau Lakes Township to do the septic inspections. He reviewed the mechanisms involved in septic systems, the importance of having a healthy system, and the work of the RVCA in monitoring/examining individuals' systems. He then took questions from the floor.</p> <p>b) Lynne then introduced Tara Shewchenko from the Invasive Species Centre (ISC). Her presentation focused upon defining what invasive species are and then giving examples of several forms of aquatic invasive species that are in our area. She noted that there are some species of benign plants that are native to our environment but who resemble invasive species; she stressed the importance of being able to differentiate these. It is critical to begin work immediately to control invasive species as they are identified; several actions that can be taken were noted. Also the audience was informed that there are funds available to help communities and organizations cover the costs of dealing with some specific invasive species. Further information about how to access these funds is on the website of the ISC.</p> <p>Both of the speakers were thanked for their interesting and informative presentations.</p>	<p>b) Tara also encouraged people to use the website to seek further information. The email address of ISC: <a href="mailto:infor@invasivespeciescentre.ca">infor@invasivespeciescentre.ca</a>: to seek further information.</p> <p>She also left her email: <a href="mailto:tarashewchenko@invasivespeciescentre.ca">tarashewchenko@invasivespeciescentre.ca</a>.</p> <p>c) Lynne will place the slides of both presentations on the LBLA website.</p>
13. Wrap-up	<p>a) David Champagne asked for a moment to recommend a most informative book, "Diet for a</p>	

	<p>Small Lake”. This title will be linked on the LBLA website.</p> <p>b) The 50:50 raffle draw was won by Sharon Olivo.</p>	
14. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.	