



*little silver and  
rainbow lakes  
property owners  
association*

## MINUTES OF THE LSRLPOA DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Attending: Frank Johnson (Chair), Cathy Anderson, Margo Ayers, Alison Bentley, Andrew Kendrick (Lake Steward), Christine Ormsby (Vice Chair), Sue Sammut, Lynn Tarzwell (Secretary), Emily Viirre (Treasurer)

Regrets: Paul Chambers, Yoshiko Gumienny

1. **Minutes** of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting were approved with no corrections.

### 2. **Matters Arising:**

- a. **Boat Launch Signage:** Andrew has priced signage similar in size to those already at the boat launch at about \$75. The sign will advise boaters not to exceed 10 kph in the lower half of Little Silver Lake. Emily noted that the sign should also mention the narrows at the northern end of the lake. All agreed it would be helpful. Alison suggested that some of the extraneous signage at the launch should be removed. Frank has a “No Wake Please” sign that he would be happy to give to someone who wants to post it at their dock.
- b. **Road Liability Working Group:** At the meeting, Frank informed us that nothing seemed to have been done on this front. Afterwards, he forwarded an e-mail from TVT Councilor RoxAnne Darling saying that the clerk and interim CEO Amanda, is “working towards the end of March (or) early April for a tentative date and preliminary outline of priorities to be discussed” but that her time over the last two weeks had been absorbed by the pandemic and its impacts on TVT. As well, Ms. Darling said the chair would be either Gene Richardson or herself.
- c. **Beaver Baffler Repair:** Andrew has not heard from the outfit in Perth which sells the materials necessary for its repair. This is probably due to the dearth of construction and supply companies available in the current Covid glut of building and renovation. The baffler is currently in okay condition and most of the pipes are drawing to some degree. Some of the cages need repair, and some are also only partly submerged and are too close to the dam. As a result, the beavers can hear the flow, and they are not being “baffled” properly. Andrew proposed extending at least one of the eight-inch pipes further into the lake and removing some of the older, smaller PVC pipes which have become quite brittle.

The Directors are aware of Andrew’s efforts to publish a bulletin discouraging residents from destroying the beaver dam. We hope that this won’t happen, particularly since we are not experiencing high lake levels and may not experience a dramatic spring. We agreed that generating a waiver to cover those who participate in baffler maintenance is not a priority at this time.

- d. **Facebook Group:** Emily reports that community members are very engaged with the group, particularly some very talented photographers with trail cams, e.g., Denis Leroux and Chris Knudsen who among other things post excellent shots of birds and wildlife. Alison has been posting her “Nature Notes” on there as well. People are asking for recommendations, offering items for sale, and is overall a very positive, welcoming experience. The [site](#) will also be useful

for publicizing events, e.g., the AGM. Christine mentioned that a light reference to keeping boat speed down could be useful.

3. **LSRLPOA website:** Christine has looked over the website and recommends that we keep its wealth of information but simplify the interface. She thinks it can't compete with – nor should be replaced by – the Facebook page. Frank says about 30% of residents visit the site when he sends out bulletins linked to it. He has looked at other lakes, e.g., [Pike Lake's](#) well-organized site, and recommends that we construct a very simple front-end for our site, and keep our archives on an historical page. Christine noted that people will complain if material is difficult to access but also if there are too many links on the page. Frank will investigate how difficult it is to set up a very simple, navigable WordPress site that links to the older information. Frank, Christine and Lynn will discuss copying and editing website pages, and simplifying, organizing material.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Emily took control of the Association budget on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Our year-end is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Emily noted that our FOCA membership has changed, proportional to our membership increase. Our admin costs for last year were \$0, bank charges were \$20, and \$120 were allocated for beaver baffle repairs. We currently have \$2511.93 on hand. We certainly have the funds for \$500 for baffle repairs and \$100 for signage. As well, we will be collecting fees for this year, which will put us further into the black.

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**Treasurer's Report from July 1 2020 - March 19 2021**

**Report Prepared by: Emily Viirre**

**DATE RANGE July 1, 2020 to March 19, 2021**

	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>
Memberships 2020 deposited on or after July 01, 2020: Deposited by Road Reps	45.00	
Memberships 2020 deposited on or after July 01, 2020: Deposited by Treasurer	660.00	
Memberships 2021 as of March 19, 2021	0.00	
FOCA Membership – 65 Members		352.50
Administration		0.00
Bank Charges		20.00
Beaver Baffle Maintenance – July 2020		120.00
AGM 2020		0.00
<b>Balance: March 19, 2021</b>	<b>2,511.93</b>	

5. There followed a useful discussion on how area reps get a consistent message to residents vis-à-vis how and when to pay their annual dues, and tracking fee payments. Most fees are collected for the coming year at the AGM or, on Little Silver Lake Road, by Roy Hewitt. A virtual AGM requires a more proactive approach by the area reps on Silvery and Rainbow Lanes. Frank and Emily will coordinate to create a clear list of people who have paid and those whose fees are outstanding for 2020-21 and disseminate it.

6. **Lake Steward Report:** The RVCA is filling up their volunteer lake sampling program; Covid restrictions are creating major difficulties for them. Andrew will do the sampling for Rainbow Lake and Frank Sammut will cover Little Silver. Andrew also noted that there are companies selling devices to “clean up” our shorelines, i.e., rip up weeds from the lakebed, which is not advisable. We will need to remind residents in bulletins, etc., to avoid this.
7. **Area Representatives:** Nothing to report.
8. **AGM:** The assumption is that we will have another virtual AGM this year on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Ideas for this are welcome. However, we look forward to resuming an in-person AGM with its opportunities for members to meet and socialize. Lynn will create a message asking for suggestions for 2022 – e.g., pancake breakfast or something else) to circulate.
9. **Next meeting: approximately April 21<sup>st</sup>, time TBA.**
10. **Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.**