

Little Silver and Rainbow Lakes Property Owners Association

Minutes from Directors' Meeting -- July 15, 2017 -- 1, LSL Road --11 a.m.

Present: Frank Johnson (President); Eileen Barbeau (Secretary); Paul Chambers; Andrew Kendrick; Keith Keyes; Sue Sammut; Lynn Tarzwell; Wilma van Zwol.

Regrets: Alison Bentley

1. **Agenda** approved
2. **Minutes** of June 25th meeting previously circulated. Approved.

3. **Matters arising**

The one item not covered in the specific items to follow was the workshop on August 3rd in Perth re understanding Water Quality Data. Frank will make a reservation for the Association; the attendee(s) to be determined later. Association members will be informed of the opportunity and if interested asked to contact him.

4. **Follow-up from the AGM**

a) **Baffler and overall philosophy review – two weeks**

Andrew had previously circulated a table of Water Level and Flow Options outlining the Pros, Cons and Legal Status of each. Members were in agreement and thanked him for the comprehensiveness. Andrew will prepare an introduction to this and the document will be posted as promised.

b) **Lake Stewardship Plan**

1. Outline: Lynn will ensure that the posting remains reflective as the Plan develops.
2. History: A 2-page summary has been posted and there are no comments to date. (The manuscript of The History of the Lakes, not part of the LSP, prepared by Keith as a Centennial project, has been circulated for comment. The intent is to post it when completed in another section of the website.)
3. Respect & Safe Recreation. There have been no comments to date to either of the drafts posted. Suggestions from Directors and members for additions are welcomed.
4. Environment. Further work is needed as there have been lengthy comments received. It was suggested that a survey be considered on this important aspect in the future.
5. Water Level & Flow. There is ongoing work on this section. Another draft will be circulated soon with feedback requested.
6. Development. The latest draft will be sent to Noelle Reeve, TVT Planner for her input as this is crucial. Subsequently a draft will be posted.

Association members will be reminded that postings will be made on a dedicated page on the website and that responses are invited via the specific mailbox.

c) **Work Party for road work**

Eileen reported that despite the information at the AGM, including a sign-in sheet, and on the website, not many people had volunteered to assist in the removal of wild parsnip. Those who did offer were contacted and arrangements made to work at a time of their choosing. At the present time 3 volunteers were working and others had volunteered for subsequent days. There was some urgency to remove the flower heads which are numerous now. In addition to the concern that seeding may occur, there was the worry that if the County representatives were not happy with the level of manual control, they would negate the Adopt-a-Road agreement and spray. (This had occurred to at least one group already.)

d) **Weekly newsflash**

It was decided to produce a brief one, deadline Thursdays, so that mailing be received before the weekend. In addition there will be a monthly newsheet issued at about the same time each month.

e) Minutes of Directors Meetings on the website

This will be set up starting with the posting of these minutes.

f) 150 Celebrations

There was discussion and concern expressed about the confusion regarding the date and the arrangements, particularly those to accommodate the inclusion of Rainbow Lane members. It was decided to approve the expenditures requested for the fireworks and to make available, on request, funds for a community event later this summer on Rainbow Lane.

g) Insurance.

An Association member asked if the Association had insurance – the Association does not have any. Wilma and Eileen referred to plans offered to FOCA members. Wilma will obtain details. We have been members for many years and the dues to this umbrella group are dependent on the number of members of each association. The Directors confirmed that the figures submitted to FOCA annually by the Treasurer be based on the previous year's membership total.

h) Other: Watch Your Wake signs

Members felt that these were ineffective. No further purchases would be made. There has already been correspondence with the property owner who raised this at the meeting.

5. Roadside Garbage Collection

As the deadline for receipt of the surveys was noon of July 20, it was decided to point this out in a News Flash within the next few days. Eileen mentioned that on the TVT calendar was a scheduled meeting of the Waste Management Advisory Group on July 24th; the Chairman is one of our Councillors, Mark Burnham. *Subsequently we heard that this meeting has been cancelled and that there is a special COW meeting on August 8 in BVM Hall Stanleyville to discuss the results of the survey and how to proceed.*

6. Roadside Spraying

There was nothing to be added to that mentioned under work party item.

7. Proposal from John Lang re: speeding on LSL

Directors had previously circulated comments to a draft letter which would be placed on windshields of cars or delivered to cottages. Concern was expressed about the risk to Association members in doing this. Eileen referred to being at meetings when OPP representatives met with those from local lake associations. Invariably OPP stressed their preference that they be contacted and that neither individuals nor associations take direct action. Rather they should obtain as much information as possible (registration details, description of infractions and vehicles, photographs) and contact the OPP line soon. It was also pointed out that the Marine unit does visit lakes on a rotation but more importantly they will visit a particular lake on request. It was decided not to undertake any action other than to inform the OPP. Frank will get back to John. This topic will be mentioned in an upcoming news flash.

8. Multi-year expenses on the web site

Members found Wilma's analysis of the expenditures for 8 years at the AGM very informative. It was decided to post it on the website – probably in pie-chart form.

9. Other Business

A suggestion was made regarding next year's AGM that cards be handed out at registration so that those who wish to speak or have specific issues raised can indicate that ahead of the meeting.

10. Next meeting: Saturday, September 2nd at 10 a.m.