



*little silver and  
rainbow lakes  
property owners  
association*

## MINUTES OF THE LSRLPOA DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, October 26th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: Yoshiko Gumienny

1. **Motion to co-opt Christine Ormsby to the Executive as Vice-Chair** until the AGM in 2021. At that point, Christine would have to stand for election by the membership. Alison formally proposed the motion, and Andrew seconded it. All were in favour. We heartily welcome Christine to the Executive and advised her to consult Andrew, who held the position for about a year but found there was “nothing other than understudying the President.”
2. **Minutes** of July 23, 2020 meeting were approved with no corrections.
3. **Matters Arising**
  - a. **Arrangements for cheque signing authority** has progressed – slowly -- for Emily Viirre, our new Treasurer. She has completed all the necessary paperwork and has been told that she can make deposits at “any branch” of the TD Bank with the account number.
  - b. **Broadband:** Andrew did some research prior to writing a letter to the Township on this matter, and found events had progressed, obviating the need to contact them. The Township has put out tenders as a participant in the Eastern Ontario Regional Network which seeks to improve cell and broadband service throughout the region. Information on this multiphase initiative can be found [here](#). Andrew will monitor the situation and advise.
  - c. **Low-speed Lake:** Lynn had alerted Frank to the [Tay Valley Lakes and Rivers directory](#), and some errors re: Little Silver and Rainbow Lake. These have since been corrected. Frank also asked Councillor Rob Rainer to have Little Silver designated as “low-speed”, which seems to have been done. (Note from Lynn: the description of both Little Silver and Rainbow Lakes could be improved. The reference to speed on Little Silver reads, “Little Silver Lake is a low boat speed lake, boat travel along the entire south basis is restricted to 10km/h.” This should probably read “basin”. The Rainbow Lake description also needs a capital “R” on Rainbow.)
  - d. **Beaver Baffler Repair Budget:** We may have to budget for more substantive repairs than previously considered. The current location of the upstream bafflers is too far away from the dam. Consequently, we may have to redesign the system to go in next year, adding more 8-inch pipe to get the inflows further out into the middle of the lake and properly underwater. Current repairs have cost about \$60-70. Andrew hasn’t yet priced out additional 8-inch pipe; Frank noted that he has two or three lengths of this on hand.
  - e. **Boat speeds and warning signs at boat launch:** Andrew has costed out a metallized sign advising low speed, etc. which will also cost approximately \$60-70. He will pass on a formal

quote from the sign company. The launch is very cluttered with signs, mostly posted by the Township; some, e.g. illegible/blank ones, should be removed.

- f. **Lake Steward Matters:** The beaver dam was washed out during the summer and there was no sign of beaver activity for some time. They're back again in hyperactive mode. Also of note is that the inflow from Rainbow Lake has been unusually high throughout the second half of the year. The RVCA hasn't provided their analysis of the Lake yet, but Andrew notes that there were a lot of weeds again this year, and the water temperature was quite high until the added inflow, when it returned to normal.

Emily asked about phosphate levels, which the RVCA monitors but we don't. Data on both lakes' phosphate and other nutrient levels can be found on the [Lake Steward Notes page](#) near the bottom, under Water Testing. Frank noted that we've also recovered Dissolved Oxygen monitors that sit near the surface and at the bottom of LSL, which have been providing continuous information for the last 12-13 years. Frank offered to send Emily a paper he wrote approximately five years ago outlining this data. Our lakes are quite interesting because they turn over twice a year, when the ice forms and again when it melts in the spring.

- g. **Liability Issues:** Andrew mentioned that Ed Philby fell while doing beaver baffler maintenance last week. Although he wasn't injured, this illustrates a serious concern for activities that involve risk. We may need to have volunteers sign waivers for this kind of activity, absolving the Association of any liability. The only experience we have of this is that volunteers working on the Bolingbroke Road had to sign waivers for Lanark County. Margo suggested we should have a lawyer look at such a waiver to make sure it's effective.

Andrew noted that a waiver could trigger action, implying that there's "something there" to be sued. We have no assets, but individuals on the Board could be sued. We may need to consider taking out Board insurance and paying the premiums for that. Margo will check with the lawyers she works with. The three Road Associations should also consider this issue, given the potential for injury given some of the machinery used on Silvery Lane two weeks ago. Christine noted we should also find out if we need separate waivers for different activities.

- 4. **Website and Domain Hosting:** The website seems to be useful as a repository of information, particularly its archives, but so far there have been no volunteers to take on the Webmaster's role, formerly filled by Eileen Barbeau. It would cost approximately \$1500 to have the website professionally redesigned, which is probably not worthwhile unless we have a Webmaster to maintain it. There seems to be general agreement that the site is most useful for its archived data, minutes from meetings, etc. but does not need to track current and upcoming events in the area. When the archives Eileen left with Lynn are digitized, which will probably take place over the next year, they can be added to the site. We can continue to check other lakes' sites and consider their approaches.

Emily offered to create a Facebook page for the lakes since about 1/3 of the respondents to the website survey were interested in this. Area Representatives can encourage residents to join and for the page to be mentioned in the next Bulletin. Lynn and Alison offered to help with the page. (Note: Emily has created the [page](#) and as of the 29<sup>th</sup>, it had 24 quite active members.)

A further discussion ensued as to the Webmaster's duties and the time involved. Eileen spent 2-3 hours a week on the site. Frank has been adding material but has only spent a few hours doing this since Eileen left. However, there have been no complaints – perhaps even any notice – of the reduced activity.

5. **TVT Working Group re: Private and Unassumed Roads:** The reason this meeting was delayed was because this [working group](#), which was supposed to convene in August, only became active a week or two ago. The group starts out by trying to define the term “private, unassumed road” and then gets into a lot of detail about insurance and liability. There is no need to explore this in much detail right now. There are two Councillors in the group, Roxanne Darling and Gene Richardson, as well as two lay members, one of whom lives on Bolingbroke Road. There were a couple of motions on this at the Council meeting last week; one to sell a parcel of land at the Maberly Pines development, and another to require the purchaser to sign a road liability agreement. Roxanne Darling voted against the agreement, completely opposing the view of the rest of the Council. At the moment there is a list of jobs and issues, but not much will happen for the next month or so as staff are busy putting together budgets, etc. and no Chair has been appointed. Frank suggested getting in touch with the three Road Committee leaders and ask them to have a look at the issues, and perhaps add any issues they may have.

Later in the meeting Andrew noted that signage on our three roads are mostly wrong. Little Silver Lake Road has one sign that’s right (“Maintenance Unassumed by the Township/Use at Your Own Risk”), and one that’s wrong; the one on Silvery Lane is completely wrong and he hasn’t checked Rainbow Lane. The road is in fact owned by the Township. Part of the problem is that the OPP, if they assume the road is private, won’t come down it unless in response to some urgent request. If the roads are public, they would need to have speed limit signs.

6. **Gypsy Moth Information:** Frank sent out information about a webinar on this subject. One property owner on Little Silver Lake Road has decided to spray his property with BTK, which one of his neighbours objects to. The aerial spraying company uses GPS coordinates to spray your property specifically, only when the wind is calm and there is no temperature inversion, etc. This costs several hundred dollars for the initial fee, then \$100/acre on top of that. It was noted that someone on Silvery Lane is having their property sprayed by “Mosquito Kill”. The BTK is only effective for a few days and affects the moths’ digestive tract. Christine noted the webinar was fascinating. The webinar noted that there are other ways to get rid of the caterpillars, e.g. putting burlap around the bottom of the trees to catch them going down during the day, and then putting them in soap and water to kill them. The caterpillars are cyclical, and trees need to be attacked three years in a row to do serious damage. Frank will put a note about this in the Bulletin.
7. **November Bulletin:** This should include the following:
- a. Alison’s Nature Notes
  - b. Information on the Working Group on Private/Unassumed Roads
  - c. References to the Gypsy Moth seminars
  - d. New Facebook group
8. **Next meeting:** Frank suggested we might have one more meeting before the end of the year, if we have something to talk about. He will message us on this.
9. **Adjournment: 8:19 p.m.**