



*little silver and
rainbow lakes
property owners
association*

MINUTES OF THE LSRLPOA DIRECTORS MEETING

Attending: Frank Johnson (President), Cathy Anderson, Margo Ayers, Alison Bentley, Paul Chambers, Yoshiko Gumienny, Andrew Kendrick (Lake Steward), Christine Ormsby (Vice President), Sue Sammut, Lynn Tarzwell (Secretary),

Regrets: Emily Viirre (Treasurer)

1. **Minutes** of March 19th, 2021 meeting were approved with no corrections.
2. **Treasurer's Update** (e-mailed before the meeting by Emily)
 - a. **Financial Position:** Our current bank balance is \$2626.93.
 - b. **Membership List:** Emily has updated the membership list. Frank will forward the membership list as a Google document for updates and corrections.
 - c. **Banking and eTransfers:** E-transfers appear to be working fine. Reminders to residents to note their road and PIN on their transfers so we can track who's paid and how much.
 - d. **Membership Payments:** Our membership year runs from September 1st until the following August 31st. May 31st is the deadline for membership fee payments in order to be able to vote in the AGM in the same year, which occurs before July 20th. There is an exception for people who've just moved to the lake.

Action Item: Emily will post a note on Facebook. Lynn will review the notice and help with clarifications. The rules are on the website under [Documents/Membership](#).

3. Secretary

- a. **Lake History Document from Keith Keyes:** All were agreed that it would be excellent to post Keith's document on the website. If we want any edits or additions, we would need to consult Keith. Frank will note that this covers the last 200 years; there is another 7800 years not covered that we really need to acknowledge. The TVT recently promoted a webinar by Indigenous peoples called "[Whose Hill Is It Anyway?](#)" which was very interesting.
- b. **Archive Material:** Scanning the thousands of pages of documents left to us by Eileen Barbeau would be very onerous. **Action Item:** Lynn will do a quick catalogue on what's there and get opinions on prioritizing what might be worth scanning – e.g. AGM minutes.
- c. **Adopt-a-Road Coordination:** Lynn was in touch with Sandy Parks, and picked up a bag of reflective vests from her. Sandy's advice was that we would be very welcome to clean up the trash but it is much too early to start pulling wild parsnip. However, she welcomes the help in the latter endeavour, particularly if we can enlist some younger people, and will happily tutor new "crew". She is hoping we can cover the Bolingbroke Road area from the railroad bridge to where there is a log cabin for sale. We can work safely/separately and when you return the vest to Lynn, can leave the garbage with me for disposal.

- d. **Nominations for AGM:** The Vice President needs to be affirmed at the AGM. All other members whose term ends have agreed to stand for re-election. There will be a note in the next Bulletin asking if there are any other nominations.

4. Lake Steward

- a. **Baffler:** The baffler needs maintenance, but Andrew has been waiting for warmer water temperatures. However, the lake level is relatively low for this time of year, so there is no urgency to increase baffler flow. As well, we're not supposed to be doing anything in the lake due to spawning season. He has not yet bought the new baffler sections.
- b. **Speed Sign and Other Technologies:** The speed limit sign has been delivered to his home in Ottawa. Andrew will post it – and remove the dilapidated/extraneous signage – at the boat slip.

There was a discussion as to means of enforcing the speed limit on the lake, including the possible installation of a camera with a motion sensor. The problem is what do we do with the information that we collect? We could have a chat with the local OPP boating detachment to see what they suggest, but generally friendly communication with residents and their guests seems to be most effective.

- c. **Land Donated to the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority:** The Executive noted the recent creation of a conservation land on Rainbow Lake and will consider how best to make this public. Alison and Andrew will assess this.
- d. **Rancier Road:** Three lots have been approved by the RVCA for severance along the Rancier Road, which runs westward off Hwy. 36 approximately from the end of Rainbow Lane. The concern had been protection of the watershed, but they seem to have met the Authority's standards. Note from Lynn: I found a history of the ABC Hall that includes a fascinating [map](#) of the Bolingbroke and Rancier Roads in the early 19th century.
- e. **Lake Stewardship Plan Review:** This is a living document; Andrew will create a status report to be shared before the AGM.

5. President and Vice President

- a. **Website comments/detailed Review:** Christine thanked Frank and his brother. All agreed that the new website is a great improvement, and a much easier read. She suggested that we "assign" parts of the website to volunteers for edits, reviewing, suggestions, to make it more accessible and enjoyable. Steve Hiltz has offered some very useful comments and suggestions; perhaps we should ask him for help. It definitely needs more photos. Possibly the best way to procure them is via a request on Facebook, and have them sent to Christine. She will follow up on this.
- b. **Funding for the website – advertising?** The website is a very useful mode of communication and has cost approximately \$1500, which so far Frank has financed to date. It was generally agreed that we should allocate funds for a substantial part of that and perhaps allow advertising contributions from local businesses to cover the remainder and ongoing site maintenance costs. We need to decide on rates, etc. but perhaps just ask for a donation of (for example) \$50-100. Frank will get statistics on the number of views which would be useful for this. Christine will e-mail the rest of the Executive to gauge opinion on repayment.

- c. **Lake Networking Group:** Frank has been attending this group, which meets twice a year and includes a large number of lakes in the area. We can join the virtual meetings via Zoom, and he will share this information. He will circulate their interesting, albeit exhaustive minutes.
- d. **Road Liability Working Group:** Nothing has moved on this front, much to the frustration of residents who are left in legal limbo re: liability. The lack of action is ascribed to a long list of what they are “busy” with, despite the fact it would only take a few minutes to move forward on, for example, choosing a chair for the group. Fortunately, Rob Rainer, our Councillor, is one of the people frustrated with this. The last official posting is from 2019 [here](#).
- e. **AGM on July 10th**
 - i. **Zoom Invitation:** Although coronavirus restrictions *might* be lifted in time for the meeting, we will err on the safe side and meet virtually once again. Frank will issue a Zoom invitation to the membership.
 - ii. **Reports:** Christine will chase all members of the executive for reports in advance of the AGM.
 - iii. **Areas for discussion at the AGM:** Christine noted that it would be useful to ask residents to suggest in advance items for discussion, areas of concern.
- 6. **Area Representative Reports:** nothing to report. Christine offered to walk with the Area Reps as they do the rounds after the lockdown has lifted.
- 7. **Next meeting:** It was agreed that we should have another quick meeting, preferably on a Saturday, before the AGM. June 12th was suggested; the time will be firmed up ASAP.
- 8. **Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.**

