

LITTLE SILVER AND RAINBOW LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Directors Meeting August 17, 2019. 1 LSL Road 10 am.

Present: Frank Johnson, President; Cathy Anderson; Eileen Barbeau; Alison Bentley; Paul Chambers; Yoshiko Gumienny; Andrew Kendrick; Lynn Tarzwell and Wilma van Zwol

Regrets: Sue Sammut.

1. Minutes of the meeting June 29, 2019.

Previously circulated, approved and published on the website.

Matters Arising

- a) Terms of Reference for Director positions. It has been years since these were developed and so there needs to be a review. It is important that the roles are clarified ahead of the next nomination cycle. Andrew volunteered to take the lead and Eileen volunteered assistance. He will be in touch with the current Directors shortly; we will aim to complete the review in November.
- b) Donations. It was decided to consider supporting agencies/organizations appropriate for our mission at the time of their fund-raising campaigns.

2. Minutes of AGM, July 13, 2019.

A draft was approved by the Directors and published on the website with a request to notify the Secretary of any needed changes within a month of the posting date, July 21, 2019. Eileen reported that there had been no comments to date.

Matters Arising. These will be covered in the Lake Steward's Report.

3. Lake Steward's Report

Andrew reported that the debris had been removed at the outflow and that the beaver baffler was cleaned out. There is currently no evidence that beavers are around the baffler.; however some have been observed near the island. The water level in each lake is lower this year and RVCA has recently announced that the threshold for Minor Low Water conditions has been met in the watershed. This year there are many more weeds and algae; one of the property owners who has expressed concern had an LSL algae sample identified – it was not the blue-green type. Some of the data for our lakes in the RVCA 10-year Watershed Report issued earlier this year were confusing as they apparently were not compatible with some of ours. Andrew and Frank have questions about the sampling, the collection and interpretation of the results. Frank will follow up with Martin Czarski (RVCA Watershed Ecologist) to request a meeting date. When this is confirmed Association members will be informed so that any people interested and available at that time can attend.

4. Treasurer's Report

Wilma reported that she has received membership fees from 27 cottagers, with an additional 6 given at this meeting. She expects that fees from LSL will be sent to her later this year by Roy as usual. There has been a small expense for the AGM, no other and that there is \$2087.11 on hand. She reminded Area Reps to keep in touch with property owners in their sections, to provide receipts to members and to transmit their names together with the fees to her as soon as they can.

5. Secretary's Report

Eileen mentioned that she is pleased that Lynn is taking charge of the Bulletin and that she has been concentrating on keeping in touch with issues/events of potential interest to members. She suggested that joining the distribution list for Councillor Rob Rainer's weekly report was an excellent way of keeping apprised of TVT Council business.

A recent example was the hospital funding request. She attended the August 13 Council meeting at which there was a motion to provide some Township funding (the amount requested to each township was determined by the Hospital based on usage and population). This funding would be used for capital expenditures (egIT, MRI). The motion had been deferred from the February meeting and it was important that it be addressed. As this could potentially affect any cottager, it was decided to inform our membership and this was done via the Bulletin. The outcome of the motion at Council was that the donation for this year was approved and that a public meeting would be planned to discuss whether to continue this going forward. A question was raised at the Directors meeting as to the appropriateness of the "Association" being involved in such matter. Eileen responded that it was not : she attended the meeting and wrote to Council as an individual cottager and she made no mention of any connection to LSRLPOA. She pointed out that in order for there to be an opinion of the Association on any matter, she believed that a vote of the Board and possibly a survey of members would be required.

Andrew concurred and said that Eileen's handling of this was appropriate.

Eileen had purchased a copy of the Tay Watershed recent publication: "Lake Protection Workbook" which was passed around. All were so impressed by this that it was decided to purchase copies for our members, even if there was not a reduced rate for multiple copies requested. Eileen will follow up.

Lynn mentioned that she had some difficulties in working with the program previously used for Bulletin distribution. It was decided that a master mailing list would be created from the lists assembled by other Directors and that Lynn would hold this in future. The Area Reps and Treasurer would forward their current information to her and subsequently keep her informed of changes known to them. Regarding the distribution mode, Eileen will report back to Lynn on any necessary requirements for the free distribution of the Bulletin copy by the firm hosting the website which complies with all privacy considerations.

6. Website.

Eileen reported that she had been working on making navigation and access to information easier and outlined changes to the Home Page. In response to concern about algae and weeds, links to resource material (including an MEEC document on spotting blue-green algae and what to do) had been added to the Environmental section. Suggestions are always welcome.

7. Adopt a Road

Work has finished for this year – an update can be found on the website. Eileen commented that for next year she and Sandy Parks, who is the liaison person with the County for our section of CR 36, will start earlier pulling emerging plants before the stalks appear. Thanks were expressed to all volunteers for all their work which prevented spraying.

8. Area Representatives Reports

Information was shared regarding cottages which have changed hands and also those which are currently for sale. New owners have been welcomed by them. It was suggested that a welcome be given in an upcoming Bulletin.

9. Date of next meeting. To be determined.