



*little silver and  
rainbow lakes  
property owners  
association*

## MINUTES OF THE LSRLPOA DIRECTORS MEETING

**MARCH 23, 2022, 4:30 p.m.**

Attending: Frank Johnson (President), Cathy Anderson, Alison Bentley, Andrew Kendrick (Lake Steward), Sue Sammut, Lynn Tarzwell (Secretary), Emily Viirre (Treasurer)

Regrets: Margo Ayers, Paul Chambers

- 1. Minutes accepted** from our last meetings in August and January.
- 2. Lake Stewardship Plan Update:** Andrew received some feedback on the updated questionnaire re: the Plan. It is probably time to finalize and deploy the survey, once we choose its size and the best free mechanism to use. For example, we need to decide how much preamble material is needed, given the amount of turnover in residents on our lakes over the last 5 years. This may have affected our residents' demographics and level of interest. Frank is planning to compress some of the questions, so perhaps we'll be able to use Google Forms. Also we need to consider other issues, e.g. future development and water quality – Maberly Pines and the RVCA, which have evolved since the original survey. This will need to be addressed in our next meeting, once we have a better sense of how these two issues are evolving.
- 3. Banking:** Frank has managed to sort out some of the issues with online banking and has procured a second bank card. He has changed the address for e-transfers to [treasurer@lsrl.ca](mailto:treasurer@lsrl.ca) which should streamline the fees-collecting process, etc. He will check this and make sure the information on our website and Facebook is correct. The province has put all corporation information online, which in our case meant a lot of outdated information needs to be cleaned out. For a resolution re: Banking, see the Appendix on page 3.
- 4. AGM 2022: Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.:** We may have to pivot if circumstances require it, but otherwise we will go forward with our first in-person AGM in three years at the Maberly Hall. Emily Viirre suggested inviting our Algonquian Community Neighbours, which Frank will do. We'll continue our tradition of inviting the Town Planner, the Reeve and a representative from the RCVA. All will have something interesting to contribute this year.  
**Elections Needed:** Covid disrupted not only our ability to have a face-to-face AGM, but to replace directors whose terms have expired. As well, we need a Vice President and Webmaster, and definitely a second Area Representative on Rainbow Lane, as Alison will be travelling extensively and unavailable to collect dues, etc. Nominations for those positions would be useful. Frank will contact current directors to see if they want to carry on in their current position. A reset to where we were two years ago was suggested, rather than a blanket election for all positions.
- 5. Maberly Pines and Our Watershed:** Tay Valley Township wanted to promote this development off Highway 36, develop it at a rate of two homes per year for 24 years, and spend a substantial amount of money assuming and improving its roads, etc. The Ministry of the Environment agreed with our assessment that the development was within our watershed and would affect our lakes. However, the MOE also decided that development on our lakes was also at capacity. So, TVT responded by imposing an interim control bylaw, not on Maberly Pines, but to halt severances and new construction on Little Silver and Rainbow Lakes. Following a negative reaction, they have retracted that bylaw but will revisit it in April.

If they decide to apply controls to the entire watershed, they will have to set a time limit to address concerns, at most a year, and specific conditions for lifting the controls. We are waiting to hear their plans. The fairest way of dealing this will be to have another extraordinary meeting, as we did in January. The Township has promised to take the Association's and residents' input into account. So, the more residents are demonstrably concerned and engaged, the better. Residents are also encouraged to directly contact the Township with their point of view, whether they are members of the Association or not. The Lake Stewardship Plan has been incorporated by the TVT, and must also be consulted.

The issue of **Public Unassumed Roads** continues to hang in limbo. The Working Group had one information meeting last August, and the promised report from the Township's Clerk has not appeared. The three lay persons in the group (Frank, and residents of Maberly Pines and Christie Lake) threatened to resign unless the Township shifts into gear to resolve the insurance issues on these roads. Currently, the cost of insurance seems to rest solely with those developing properties, not shared by all residents or covered by the Township.

No matter what, this reminds us that we need to reduce the phosphate levels in our lakes. We can do this in four ways. First, we should reduce the phosphates we put into the system, particularly from soaps. Some septic systems reduce the phosphate load on the lakes; however these are expensive, require annual maintenance, and certification. A third measure is to increase natural vegetation along the lakeshores, the riparian strip. The last measure is to increase the turnover in the lake, i.e. flush the phosphate out. This once again leads us to the Beaver Bafflers, their maintenance and role in the flow rate of Little Silver Lake.

Emily suggested a we put together a pamphlet/Facebook post with information on reducing phosphate loads on our lakes.

6. **Tree Planting** – Emily is organizing a get-together on the May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend for residents who have ordered trees, a great excuse to say hi after two-plus years of Covid distancing. Pine Needle Farms can accept orders up until April 30<sup>th</sup>, and Emily can special order specific trees if desired. She will send out another invitation via our latest bulletin.
7. **Website name:** We are going to pay for the continued use of Isrl.ca and let the older version(s) lapse.
8. **Volunteers Needed** in the spring and early summer for: picking up garbage along our roads and Highway 36; organizing the social side of the AGM; and a few other areas. These will be itemized and included in the next bulletin/e-mail to residents. Lynn will organize Wild Parsnip culling parties if the need arises. It was unnecessary last year, as the Parks family was vigilant along Highway 36, for which we're very grateful.
9. **Conflict Resolution** – We had a brief discussion of the best way to resolve conflicts between residents, and between residents and the Association. These are infrequent, but can become heated, i.e. if someone takes photos of another resident's property/family and posts them online without permission. The purpose of the Association is purely to relay information to and from the residents, and is not set up to resolve differences, although Area Representatives are often consulted. The best advice is to encourage residents to contact each other directly, and if absolutely necessary consult legal advice.
10. **Next Meeting** in approximately four weeks; perhaps April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.**

## **Appendix**

**Banking Resolution:** It was proposed by Alison Bentley and seconded by Sue Sammut that Lynn Tarzwell and Andrew Kendrick be added to the list of signing authorities for the bank account and that any two of the four signatories may sign.