

MINUTES OF THE LSRLPOA DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 19, 2026

AT 4:00 PM by Zoom

ATTENDING: Frank Johnson (President), Tom Ellis (Vice President), Frank Sammut (Lake Steward), Cathy Anderson (Secretary), Carol Morgan (Treasurer), Steve Hiltz, Richard Mosley, Jim Walterhouse, Margo Ayers

REGRETS: None

ABSENT: None

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by all.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING held December 15th, 2025:

Approved by all as circulated, with the following corrections...

- a) Spelling of Rothery (surname of PO on Silvery Lane) to be corrected;
- b) Item 7(b) FOCA should read that Steve Hiltz and Margo Ayers completed the road survey on behalf of Silvery Lane

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Frank Johnson

a) Source Water Protection Project –

Frank's report has been sent out to various organizations as well as to our municipal government for comment, with responses from Haley Matschke (RVCA) and Terry Rees (FOCA). No response had yet been received from Noelle Reeve (TVT). Frank pointed to discrepancies between data available to the public and

that being used by the RVCA in their groundwater monitoring database. This highlights the need for accurate local monitoring. The health of the water table was measured in the past by instruments provided by Frank Johnson, but those instruments were frequently damaged by lightning strikes. Further, Frank is no longer working with the company from which he accessed those instruments, and he can therefore no longer provide them for our monitoring.

Frank will meet with Terry Rees and Deana Forgie from FOCA on January 29th to discuss the Source Water Protection Plan.

Action Item:

Frank to send the comments received from Terry Rees and Haley Matschke regarding his Source Water Protection Plan Report to members of our Executive for information.

b) Municipal Affairs–

TVT Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings will be initiated in February following their winter break. Our hope is that livestreaming will be up and running when the new session commences.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Carol Morgan

a) Financial Report–

We continue to be in good stead financially. Carol will prepare a financial Statement and Budget report to be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held in July.

b) Annual General Meeting–

The ABC Hall has been booked for July 4th, 2026 for our AGM, and insurance for use of the hall has been paid for.

c) CRA tax filing–

It is anticipated that our tax filing will be much more straightforward this year than it has been in the past several years, when we were collecting and dispersing money related to our Ontario Land Tribunal appeal. We have been seeking someone from within the membership of our Lake Association to come forward to assist with the preparation of our Association's tax return for 2025. As yet, no one has stepped forward to volunteer.

Action Item:

Tom will include a request in the next bulletin for a volunteer to help with preparation of our Association's tax return.

5. LAKE STEWARD'S REPORT: Frank Sammut

a) Ice Conditions on Little Silver Lake–

Frank reported that the ice on the lakes is now 12-18 inches deep. Snowmobiles and ATVs have been out on the ice. Several ice fishing huts/tents have been erected. The fishing was reported to have been slow, but some fish have been caught. The deep snow on top of the ice is protecting a significant layer of slush sitting on top of the ice, which has caused some ATVs to get stuck. As always, caution should be taken when venturing out on the ice for recreational purposes.

b) Ice Rescue Training–

Jason Fuller carried out ice rescue training on Little Silver Lake for the personnel of two local firehalls.

c) Bill 68–

Frank submitted a letter to the provincial government on behalf of the LSRLPOA to express discontent regarding Bill 68, and to express support for the work done by the RVCA and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Cathy Anderson

Nothing to report at this time.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom Ellis

a) Bulletins and (Potential) Newsletter–

Frank J. recently circulated a very informative and engaging newsletter sent out by the Sharbot Lake Property Owners Association. It is produced and distributed seasonally. Tom floated the idea of considering a similar publication to be circulated to our property owners, perhaps sent out annually. Something to ponder going forward.

b) Annual General Meeting–

There was some discussion about the organization and presentations for this year's AGM, being held at the ABC Hall on July 4th. Elections will be held for positions on the Executive of the Lake Association. No changes are currently necessary in our Constitution. A presentation by the Social Committee was suggested, along with a presentation by the Lake Steward concerning water quality testing, BaSS update, and other issues, and the Treasurer's presentation of her annual financial report and budget. Invited speakers (tentatively Haley Matschke from RVCA, Ken Cox from MNR/Firesmart Canada, and a representative from our local fire department) will be encouraged to keep their remarks to 10-15 minutes at most. Tom mentioned that he has purchased name tags to facilitate social mingling at the meeting. The hope is that we can inject this year's AGM with some

lighthearted engagement, especially after several years of reporting on challenging issues in dealing with our municipal governance.

8. SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Jim Walterhouse

Jim reported that the Social Committee met on January 14th at 3 p.m. for their inaugural meeting. The group established a purpose for the committee, that being to foster a sense of community and inclusion within our members. Objectives, schedule of meetings, and budget were discussed. The meeting sought to establish a foundation of guiding principles for the committee. A Spring event will likely be planned, perhaps on the May long weekend when many seasonal residents are at the lake opening their cottages for the summer. There was support for a reprise of the boat regatta on LSL on the Canada Day long weekend (Frank Sammut has offered to help with that). As well, we discussed the possibility of utilizing the provision and funding of native trees and plants to property owners by local Conservation Authorities. Tom will look into this and will send information to Jim to consider as part of some initiative by the Social Committee. The Committee plans to start small and to trial different kinds of activities to gauge interest, seeking ideas and feedback from community members as they move forward.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Upcoming Municipal Elections—

Municipal elections will be taking place on October 26, 2026. We discussed what our role should be, if any, in relation to the elections. It was decided that our primary role should be in providing information to our membership via bulletins about the voting process, as well as ensuring that members of our Association are aware that, even if they are permanent residents elsewhere, they are also able to cast a vote in the Tay Valley Township municipal election.

b) Bulletin Ideas—

It was agreed that Tom will work with Frank to generate a draft bulletin to go out to Association members shortly. Some ideas for inclusion in the Bulletin are:

- Ice Safety (refer to FOCA website)
- Call for assistance in filing taxes
- Social Committee update and call for more volunteers
- Save the Date for the AGM
- Reminder of the log-in information for the FOCA site to access benefits available to all members

10. NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: February 23 at 4:00 p.m. by Zoom

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.