

MINUTES OF THE LSRLPOA DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 22nd, 2025

AT 4:00 PM by Zoom

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

REGRETS: Frank Johnson (President)

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by all.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 28th, 2025 DIRECTORS' MEETING:

Approved by all as circulated.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Frank Johnson

No report as the President was unavailable for this meeting.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Carol Morgan

a. Membership Update

Since the membership fees were raised to \$35/yr., we have collected more money in fees this year than in previous years, even though our membership numbers have dropped this year. Area reps were asked to gently poke those who are still outstanding. Since those people who have not yet paid are no longer members in good standing, they do not qualify to receive bulletins and other benefits of membership.

Carol reported that the Association is in good financial standing. Thus far, we have collected \$2360 in membership fees.

Annual membership in the Association runs from September 1st to August 31st. The Treasurer suggested that we look at making changes to those dates to have them align with the AGM, held in the early part of July each year. That change would need to be reflected in our Articles of Incorporation.

Action Items:

1. The Executive will discuss a grace period and will include the cut off date in a Bulletin sent out to all previous members who have yet to send in their fees this year (not including NIFS—not interested or for sale).

b. Calendars

There has been enough interest expressed to go ahead with the production of Lake Association Calendars for 2026. Photos are being submitted by members of the Association. Carol will design the calendar and arrange for printing, as she has done in previous years and for which we are grateful. It was agreed that the Association will purchase several calendars to use as welcome/gratitude gifts.

c. Facebook

The Association Facebook page was started a number of years ago and there was apparently little discrimination about who was permitted to join. As a result, there are a large number of members on the page who are not directly affiliated with the lake (ie. not property owners/family members/frequent visitors). It was noted that there are occasional spam posts on our page, and the number of unaffiliated persons who are members of the lakes' page gives rise to the possibility of a lack of appropriate boundaries. We discussed in general potential difficulties in managing Facebook pages and potential liability issues.

Our Treasurer is currently one of three administrators of the FB page, and she is suggesting that the Executive consider ways to deal with the challenges and

concerns presented by our often unconnected FB Page membership. We discussed...

- a) Closing the page down and starting anew (in which case the other two administrators would have to be consulted and agree).
- b) Deleting those members who are not affiliated directly with our two lakes.
- c) Creating two pages...one for Association business and one for property owners, their families and friends.

Action Items:

1. Carol to consult with the other two administrators of the FB Page to seek their permission to allow changes to, or deletion of, the current FB page.
2. Carol to cull the membership of the current FB Page in an effort to ensure that all members are property owners, family members or close friends.
3. Use of the FB Page to be monitored and future direction to be revisited over time.
4. Association Executive to engage in a future broad discussion of our presence on social media.

5. LAKE STEWARD'S REPORT: Frank Sammut

FireSmart Canada–

The representative of FireSmart Canada came for a recent visit and Frank took him out in his boat for a full tour around the perimeter of the lake. He reported that the shoreline is in great shape and our mixed deciduous forest is also an advantage to fire prevention.

The water level of the lakes are down approximately 6 inches but still in good shape.

Watermilfoils continue to propagate significantly over the surfaces of our two lakes.

RVCA will come in the next few weeks to do their last water sampling of the year.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Cathy Anderson

a. Membership Lists–

There continue to be some discrepancies between the membership lists being used by members of the Association Executive. Our Master Membership Contact List has been migrated to Google Sheets, and this will allow any Area Rep to make changes directly onto that list. Efforts will be made to ensure that the list is updated and accurate by the next meeting of the Executive. Once that list is up to date, the Secretary will contact individual property owners who have not yet provided their phone contacts, and add those to the master list to be used in the case of an emergency.

Action Items–

1. Secretary to ensure that the Master List on Google Sheets is up to date by the next Executive Meeting, and that all members of the Executive have access to that list.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom Ellis

a. Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association Fall Webinar

Tom Ellis attended this webinar and reported back to the Executive. He indicated that it was a very worthwhile presentation and that FOCA offers very valuable resources for cottage owners, available to members on the FOCA website and through webinars. Highlights of this Fall Webinar included...

1. Presentation on Generational Change including the impact of climate change, incorporation of western and native concerns and ideas in planning, and the need to have vision in our relationship with our land. The presentation also addressed Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025, a private members bill enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario that

ensures that land that is zoned for prescribed agricultural uses cannot be rezoned, and the uses permitted on the land cannot be changed without carrying out an Agricultural Impact Assessment. This Bill seeks to protect agricultural land and the Province's food supply against loss through overdevelopment.

2. Presentation on the transfer of property by owners to the next generation. (FOCA offers a variety of online seminars to its members on the topic of Cottage Succession Planning).

Action Items–

1. Tom to be reimbursed for the cost of attending the FOCA webinar.

b. FireSmart Canada

Ken, the representative from FireSmart Canada, will issue a report to the Association based on his recent visit to our lakes. If we want to continue to work with FireSmart Canada, they require the formation of a standing committee. Once a committee is formed, we can apply for funding from them to initiate activities. Funding would be \$750.00 initially and then up to \$1500.00 annually. A webinar would be offered to all property owners, followed by a Day of Action in May which would involve property owners working on their own properties and perhaps helping others, to ensure that property owners do all that they can to protect themselves and their homes and cottages from fire. Eventually, our community would be designated as a FireSmart community with signage. This might have a positive impact on property owners' insurance rates.

It was noted that all three of our roads were assessed to be easily accessible for emergency vehicles needing access.

The Association Executive agreed that this information should be made available to everyone residing on our two lakes, regardless of their membership status.

Action Items:

1. Receive report from FireSmart Canada.
2. Tom to circulate the terms of reference for a FireSmart Committee of our Board.
3. Bulletin will go out to all members of the Association, inviting membership on the FireSmart Committee.

Frank Sammut volunteered to be a member of the FireSmart Committee.

c. Bulletins

A strategy needs to be developed regarding the sending of bulletins to members of the Association. What kinds of content should be included in bulletins? How often should they be sent? How do we discern what information needs to be sent to all property owners on our three roads, as opposed to information shared only with members of the Association? We will continue to discuss this at future meetings. In the short term, we recognized the need to establish a list to be used for the issuance of bulletins through MailChimp that includes a clear designation of members and non-members. That will allow for ease of dissemination of information. It was agreed that our Master Contact List for property owners on our three roads will be maintained on Google Sheets, with access to all members of the Executive and able to be edited by all Area Reps when changes come to light. Tom will establish a second list to be used exclusively for the purpose of sending bulletins through MailChimp. Since there is no way of having the two lists communicate with one another, it will be important that anyone updating the Google Sheets Contact List also send a message to Tom with that updated information so that he can keep his list up to date.

Action Items:

1. Tom to establish a mailing list to be used for sending bulletins, with clear delineation of members and non-members.

8. Other Business:

a. Social Committee (Jim Walterhouse)

Jim suggests beginning by reaching out to our membership, once we have a finalized membership list. Once assured of its accuracy, Cathy will make that list available to all Executive members and Jim will send an explanation of what the work of the Social Committee will entail and an invitation by email to all Association members. Once a group is established, a first meeting will be held to decide on the frequency of the meetings (ie. weekly, monthly, seasonally), and to brainstorm potential activities to be promoted by the Social Committee for the benefit of our membership.

b. Dog Control (Richard Mosley)

Richard brought to our attention several recent occurrences of very aggressive behaviour by a dog owned by a family who recently moved onto LSL Road. There have been several unprovoked attacks by this untethered dog on other dogs as they have been walking past on leashes with their owners. Attempts by the owners of those dogs to address the situation with the dog's owners were unsuccessful. The OPP were called and although they met with the dog's owners, they stated that no formal action could be taken unless the dog attacked a person.

There is provincial legislation that deals with the control and management of aggressive dogs, as well as Township ByLaws that would be applicable.

Action Items:

1. Richard will contact the Township to see if there is any recourse available to owners of dogs that are attacked through Township ByLaws.
2. Richard to follow up with the OPP.
3. Richard to report back at our next Association Executive Meeting.

c. Any Other Business

Carol Morgan offered thanks to the Area Representative who have diligently pursued property owners who have not yet paid their Association membership fees. Carol informed that Denis Leroux has given permission to the Association to use some of his photos in the calendar for the upcoming year.

11. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 5th at 4:00 p.m. by Zoom

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.