

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Saturday Sept 22, 2018 **Elder's Lodge, Pikwakanagan**

PRESENT: President Ron Rimmer, Vice President Kate O'Hara,
Lake Stewart Glenn Bingham, Directors Chris Hamilton, Sandy
Nash, Jeff Raisbeck, Natalie Corbin, Bill Gardner,
Secretary Theresa Rasp

ABSENT: Treasurer Rick O'Brien, Past President Don O'Reilly,
Directors Allison Wood

CALL TO ORDER at 10:00 am

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REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

Ron welcomed everyone to today's meeting.

PREVIOUS MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION: To accept the minutes of August 11, 2018

MOVED: Chris Hamilton **SECONDED:** Jeff Raisbeck **CARRIED**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In Rick's absence, Kate tabled the most up-to-date Financial statement.
Natalie has the invoice for directors shirts for Rick. Kate noted there is a
final \$1800 remittance in membership dues. We are tracking ahead
approximately \$4,400 over last year.

There was good coverage in the newspaper regarding the food bank
donations and donation to Two Gals and a Truck initiatives.

MOTION: To accept the financial statement

MOVED: Ron Rimmer **SECONDED:** Sandy Nash **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Stewardship - Glenn Bingham

Water Testing

Glenn sent the committee pictures of Lake Steward-in-training Max Hammer. He's accepted the tasks of performing the MNRF-sponsored Lake Partner Program testing regime. Visibility of showing our lake vs others in Ontario. Tammy Joudrey and Andy Trafford have accepted the water testing for 2019! Weather permitting, Glenn will do final sampling this Monday; hopefully the wind will be fine for testing; there are 16 factors that affect water testing and they are listed on our site

Water levels

We are above our 13 year average even though levels seem very low. 169.2 is the 'watermark' but we're probably comparing to last year's high levels. Don Bishop has accepted position of Water Levels chair - Don has the water skills knowledge and will need little training. He will report to the Board of Directors

NAW saw what we were doing and noted how we handled situation with RPG, etc to try and manage the flooding. Based upon our participation at the 2017 Stakeholders meeting by resolution of Council the NAW Council appointed Glenn Bingham as their representative of the SAC. Cairine Cybulski is on the committee for Bonnechere Valley as they have not previously had representation.

19 logs are currently in the dam - last year there were none at this time. The Golden Lake Dam is a water control structure but it is very limited in its' capacity to discharge enough water and therefore incapable of preventing flooding. It took 12 years to get the dam study done; it is not in our mandate to do this again. Further studies would have to be done by third party. Rob Norris (Round Lake PA chair) - we need to get together with Round Lake to build a plan, along with the mayor's input. Natalie noted that Griffith had problems with the Ministry and the fact that their wells were drying up.

Shoal Markers

Jeff Scarf is doing an exceptional job of communication with GLPOA and recruiting new members. It's not easy to recruit but so necessary. Ron asked about deadline of Thanksgiving to remove shoal markers due to people taking out boats. Jeff didn't commit to this deadline as it depends on the lake levels. The die-hards who leave boats in late (ie for fishing) usually know the lake quite well. Jeff S has asked to know what markers have been taken out and when. Kate noted we have a disclaimer on the maps that we provided shoal markings on the map as a courtesy to show shoals but you boat at your own risk. There are threats of potential litigation; watercraft operator has

responsibility for knowing the lake and even spelling errors can lead to litigation. Chris also covered this in email newsletter to all members. As this is a volunteer task, we can't be responsible for what's been placed and taken out - this is a variable resource.

Fishing

Mandate in 2013 was to improve fishing on the lake; Only Heather and Glenn remain from original committee. 50% of members have been lost due to health reasons and we need more members. Glenn expressed surprise at how much attention is paid to fishing on our website.

- Smelt Harvest has evolved into Smelt Fry event.
- We've identified 15 reasons why fish population is challenged. Setback from ministry centres on how smelt are classified.
- Committee is monitoring water temperatures as it relates to fish habitat and forwarding the info to the MNRF.
- Brown's Creek supplied all smelts for this year's smelt fry. Smelt population constantly changes.
- Culverts have been instrumental in changing smelt habitats and have been a good thing (designed by Dept of Oceans and Fisheries).
- Committee is comprised of Glenn, Heather, Brian Yourth, Marion Zohr, Jay Foran, Chris & Carole Hamilton and Roy Schroeder; we need more members. Glenn is hearing weekly that multiple walleye are being caught; the clarity of water seems more to their liking.

Memberships - Chris Hamilton

Good news: as of today we are at 452 members – we may make 475 (last year we had 416)! There are more forms to go through so expect more to come! Chris did update on memberships for meeting. Bill's area is complete and there are 3 others to be fully completed. 3 new canvassers are coming in for 2019 and there are likely more to come! Everyone seems happy to see the canvassers. Chris will continue to update the membership list including who paid last few years but hasn't yet for 2018. Kate will email outstanding members as well. We'll use 450 as our membership number for the FOCA payment.

36 canvasser bags are left as well as 21 water bottles. This year's budget will pay for next year's items. She'll order 50 more canvasser bags going forward. Budget for membership will be \$1200. Kate is going to email current canvassers to thank them and ask for their support for next year; new canvassers will also be emailed to thank them in advance.

Corporate Sponsorships - Jeff Raisbeck

Jeff reported that we are down 2 invoices to be paid for this year: Power-Tech and Nature of Design.

After talking to Matthew Cherry and Bryan Fraser, we definitely need to replace the boat launch signs. The cost for 30 ads @\$80 to replace each ad = \$2400 total. Do we pass costs onto the sponsor? Natalie suggested a time period per sponsor for the cost of the signs so they are responsible for replacing them. Bryan can add the additional 7 ads (row) however the sign will get heavy; double sided signs a bit smaller 4x8 with pressure treated wood on the back, relocate so they are visible from \$150 per sign; Bryan would volunteer the labour on this. Natalie suggested a 4-sided sign with a roof for added protection, with one side being a bulletin board area for current events. Theresa suggested a "V" Shaped sign to give additional space/visibility to all sponsors without some being placed on the back (could be seen as inferior to some sponsors).

48 sponsorship spots would be available, include map on one side + GLPOA info on the other side. Construction is not expensive but the ad spots will add up. For 29 signs at \$80 per sign Bryan's cost will be \$600. There will be \$3000 in expenses, and we collect \$4800 this year. A vote was taken on whether to go ahead as we have enough money to support rebuilding without asking sponsors for more money, which was passed unanimously.

Deacon has \$200 budgeted for sign. If we know how many spots we will have, then Jeff can start selling the additional spots over the winter. Jeff to visit the sites and then talk to Bryan about the construction and cost of what is decided. Ron confirmed to Jeff that an approval by email can be given to him on the cost to get this started. Natalie noted that any sponsor needing a change to their ad still has to pay the \$80 cost.

Larger maps are needed to mount on the signs at an additional cost. Glenn to provide cost from SpeedPro (minimum \$500 each). Jeff to have a chat with Matthew re: ideas around better methods for mounting/displaying these maps.

MOVED: Natalie Corbin SECONDED: Bill Gardner CARRIED

c. Communications - Chris Hamilton

Fall e-blast sent out to members last week, and included food bank suggestion to cottagers closing up. What are the winter newsletter requirements and dates? Chris asked Allison about this - she normally submitted before Christmas as it gets so busy and she needs a few weeks to pull together, then it goes to Beth Kennedy and is published the last Monday in January. Contents of one pager are published online only. Chris to look at last year's winter newsletter to see what items were included, and he'll list the 2019

events. Remember that we can publish as much as is needed. Chris just needs content from us or it can be sent to Allison directly. Summer newsletter process is being reviewed by Chris with Allison's input and Beth is involved. What Chris gets back is not editable so changes can't be noted. The format that Allison gives to Beth don't allow for editing; maybe process can be changed to streamline. We could also buy software that can edit PDFs to move this along. Chris to talk to Allison about this. Review content basics ie dog being loose; this is from one of our members but doesn't represent the GLPOA. Jeff voiced that Jeff Scharf may also join the communication committee.

Ron noted that our Facebook page has 475 members on our page, which is almost the same as our email newsletter list.

d. Boating Safety - Bill Gardner

Bill noted that the speed limit signs can't be enforced but that boaters are slowing down. Natalie had suggested a floating sign to place in the Narrows at Beatty's Island saying: "Slow, No Wake", which would be optimum for the safety of all. Can Jeff Scharf look into marker buoys for Beatty's Island and Deacon Bridge?

Bill also noted the lack of spotters in boats with tubing/skiing. This is a good item for the newsletters as a reminder to members. Many don't know that only a 3-seater seadoo can actually take tubers/skiers.

Glenn and Don marked a hazard: a trailer with ATV, couch and fish shack were left in the water. They used a discarded buoy to mark this; OPP removed this a month ago but we have to verify this.

MOTION: to accept the committee reports

MOVED: Kate O'Hara **SECONDED:** Sandy Nash **CARRIED**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

There were 50 people, and a great effort was put into the meal from Gwen and Carole. Brenda Maunder sent a nice email thanking the GLPOA for the dinner. New people participated and it was enjoyed by all. Next year the date will be the Saturday before the Labour Day weekend. Dale Benoit-Zohr posted a nice note about showing appreciation for the volunteers.

Poker Run

Charitable donations were well received as noted earlier in the minutes.

Interlake Meeting

Glenn, Jeff, Chris and Don Bishop will be at the Interlake Meeting Sept 29.

FOCA Fall Seminar

Chris and Carole Hamilton will be attending the seminar in Toronto. There is a focus on water levels; would Don like to attend given his new role and his past experience? Great information and networking happens at this seminar.

Deacon Boat Launch Update

Great pics .. great ribbon cutting ceremony! Ad hoc committee was formed as conditions of partnership and have created their own bank account. Elvis Fund raiser is set for Rankin Rec Centre in 2019. Ad hoc comm will continue to work with NAW - they can give input but are not part of the actual decision making. New dock is not in the original footprint so that's creating issues for AdHoc committee; they are lucky to get Bryan Fraser and the Sands' support; this is giving back to our sponsors. People took exception to the info in the Leader article; we were invited to participate in the Paddle and got subsequent coverage and already planning again for next year. There is lots of coverage on Facebook through the Golden Lake Community page. We will continue to work with the township to ensure things like where the sign is located is in our sponsors' best interest. Making the launch wheelchair accessible is one of Glenn's goals. There are liability issues existing: railings are not secure; quotes are needed for the structures to ensure the site is safe enough for pedestrian traffic. It's been neglected for 60 years; with Ad hoc committee it will make a difference in this site. A priority on perimeter abutments and pedestrian bridge is important. Glenn will also focus on getting the township to ensure grants are applied to costs for the bridge and he's going to Algonquin College to see if they can get engineering students to do a project with the bridge.

Fish Hatchery

Glenn and Ron have discussed this for the past month and looked at available info online. Glenn hasn't been able to put together a proposal as of yet as it is very complex and we have to demonstrate to the Ministry that we have manpower and means to do this, and only have until January to supply this report. The grant is not for building a hatchery but for maintaining it. There are several hatcheries in the general area so Glenn and Ron can go and see them, but the heavy reliance on manpower will be problematic.

Recreational Vehicles

Ron noted that the Leader has been reporting on recreational vehicles on Lake Clear; there is a meeting with Bonnechere Valley Township to restrict RVs. Merv Buckwald noted that Golden Lake is in BV township which will

restrict RVs around the lake that are not meeting the 30m setback on the lake (modular homes are also being placed on lots). Issue will affect us on Golden Lake. Taxes are not paid by RV owners as property owners do.

Next Meeting:

April 27, 2019

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting **Time:** 12:15 pm

MOVED: Kate O'Hara **SECONDED:** Jeff Raisbeck

CARRIED

Ron Rimmer, President

Theresa Rasp, Secretary

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board by resolution and signed by the President and Secretary.