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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Saturday, August 10, 2019 **Elder's Lodge, Pikwakanagan**

PRESENT: President Ron Rimmer, Vice President Kate O'Hara, Treasurer Rick O'Brien, Past President Don O'Reilly, Sandy Nash, Jeff Raisbeck, Natalie Corbin, Dave Clark, Bill Gardner, Secretary Theresa Rasp

ABSENT: Directors Allison Wood, Chris Hamilton, Lake Stewart Glenn Bingham

CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 am

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

Ron welcomed everyone to today's meeting.

Previous Minutes approval:

MOTION: To accept the minutes of June 1, 2019

MOVED: Sandy Nash **SECONDED:** Jeff Raisbeck **CARRIED**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rick tabled the Financial Report for 2019 YTD, showing \$7185.60 in deposits, including Smelt Fry \$1038.50, Memberships/Signs and Map Revenue \$6147.10. Disbursements have been allotted but not all cashed. The account earned \$11.43 in interest. There is a total of \$22,230.36 in the bank with money from the Poker Run to come.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurers' Report

MOVED: Sandy Nash **SECONDED:** Don O'Reilly **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Stewardship - Glenn Bingham

Water Quality

Max Hammer continues to sample as per the Lake Partners Program process and has two more sample procedures planned for September and October.

Tammy Joudrey and Andy Trafford have had hands-on training of our documented water sampling procedure. With many thanks to Chris Hamilton the results can now be found on our web site. Further testing and training will be conducted in late August. Ron noted that he's asked Glenn to give some context to the water samples.

As a result of our efforts our membership can rest assured that the water quality of our lake is well within acceptable standards.

Don raised question about having earlier water testing. This spring the water levels caused the testing to be delayed but moving forward we will ensure the testing is done earlier than July (first test this year due to flooding and access conditions). One has been done this month (August); late August and October will be the next two tests.

Water Levels

Glenn noted that as Lake Steward, mitigation of events is equally as important as prevention, and our Townships should reasonably be expected to have a plan in place and be willing to share their Community Emergency Response Plan with concerned and/or affected residents.

Glenn will be attending a tour of all dams from Tramore Dam to Renfrew Dam and will then attend an RPG SAC meeting on August 15th; this will be an all day meeting.

Presently both Round Lake and Golden Lake are in a similar downward trend and are below the 14 year average. Round Lake has 21 logs in the Tramore Dam while the Golden Lake Dam has 20 logs in place.

Shoal Marking

The value of communication is key to the success of our committees and Jeff Scharfe has certainly raised the bar in this field. The communication has never been better to and from the committee members as they work to the procedure developed by Jay Foran. As a result of the micro burst last week some of our marker buoys have become dislodged or are missing (ie a FB post re: a dislodged buoy near the Sands that will be sought out); Eric Weckworth and Ron Rimmer addressed the situation Thursday Aug 8th, one day after the notification. A message was posted on the GLPOA FB page stating to be cautious when boating given the water levels are lower at this time of year. Eric requires additional chains for the buoys and has shopped around for the best cost; Ron instructed Eric to purchase and invoice GLPOA.

Fish Committee

Thanks to all that attended the Smelt Fry which raised over \$1,000 which will be directed to further enhance fishing opportunities within our lake & river.

We continue to bring awareness of our initiatives of addressing biodiversity issues facing our lake to both the general public and the MNRF. We have reached out to the Chief and Council of Pikwakanagan, explaining the present status of our fishery. They have expressed an interest in meeting with our committee to hear our points of view and other initiatives that are being considered. The details, dates, times and location of these proposed meetings have yet to be determined.

We have ordered 50 Catch-and-Release posters which will be placed in prominent locations throughout our Township.

Memberships - Kate O'Hara

As of Aug 7, there are 357 paid members recorded, with 9 more canvassers to come in: Clare Daniels, Kelly McCrory, Robyn Richards, Dennis Brock, Kelly O'Grady, Dick Piper, Mark Hammer, John Beatty and Stephanie Lane for approximately 90 more memberships. All other canvassers have reported in. We are on track to possibly hit 450 and GLPOA will pay FOCA for 425 members at this time to be safe. When Chris is back, an email will be compiled to detail what is left from canvassers who haven't reported in yet.

Maps were a huge hit this year!

MOTION: Approval for \$2000 budget for 2020 membership bags & swag

Moved: Bill Gardner

Seconded: Ron Rimmer

CARRIED

Olivia from Pharmsave may be interested in coming on board as canvasser, replacing Claire Addison who moved from Golden Lake earlier this year. Kate is following up with Olivia. Thanks to Rick for jumping in to canvass Zone 1 this year!

Corporate Sponsorships - Jeff Raisbeck

We only have two sponsors with outstanding invoices from 44 total sponsors. 3 signs are still to be installed; one to be done this week possibly at Tramore with the other two to follow shortly. Boat signs are up on Tramore and at Bonnechere Lodge. Coming events sign will be posted in the spring of 2020 with the lineup of events for the year.

Communications - Chris Hamilton

Ron reported for Chris: We now have 729 Facebook members, with several coming on board daily! The website is completely up to date at this time. The water quality benchmarks will be posted on our site when Glenn updates this.

FOCA requires our mailing list in order to send their magazine & online alerts. There is a way to sign onto FOCA without waiting for them to add us.

Chris noted that an article on succession planning from FOCA would be advisable to post on our GLPOA site for our members (30+ pages) and he would like to also post the Cottage Joint Use Workbook link added (all were in agreement).

Boating safety:

Bill Gardner: Safe Boating signs are up, as well as boat cleaning for invasive species tips. Costs for the signs will be entered under the Fish Committee

MOTION: to accept committee reports

MOVED: Kate O'Hara **SECONDED:** Dave Clark **CARRIED**

OTHER BUSINESS:

AGM Debrief:

Ron had very positive feedback from attendees. There were approximately 100 attendees this year, another excellent turnout. Presenters were very professional.

Poker Run Debrief:

Sandy recapped Carole's summary email: We had **156** \$25 entries for \$3900; **6** \$15 hands of poker, and **86** \$5 extra poker hands. \$4420 total gross revenue before expenses, and approximately \$2200 in profit (vs \$1700 last year) for the best year ever! Many thanks to Jeff and Jan Leroux for their securing of all the sponsors this year, and thanks to our signature sponsors Pikwakanagan Fuels/Grass Roots Healing, Pride Marine and the Sands on Golden Lake. There was over \$4000 in prizes - very impressive to the entrants and attendees. Money will be donated to the Eganville and Killaloe Food Banks from our profits (30% of the food bank usage comes from Golden Lake; Food bank supplies are typically depleted by the end of the summer).

There was great coverage of the event in the Leader and the Valley Gazette (the reporter visited all the dock stops) and thanks to Whitewater Brewery for their sampling and prize package.

Congratulations to Carole and Sandy for a job well done!

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Aug 24th

Chris will email all committee volunteer members about the Volunteer Dinner on August 24th; DJ duties once again by Ron.

BRWMP Amendment Meeting

There are two meetings with the public Aug 10 (Makwa Centre and St Casimir Church) to discuss the amendment being proposed, which is to draw down Round Lake 50 cm in the fall, which is a contentious issue. Round Lake has

put out a public message saying their Executive supports the amendment and Ron has done the same for GLPOA's board of directors. The Algonquins are being consulted for their feedback. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is involved as well.

Janice Visneskie-Moore has spearheaded this for the past three years, and a consultant was hired (cost is \$38,000) to look at this issue. Janice has asked all stakeholders to help offset this cost that sits under KHR at the moment. NAW is pledging \$5000, and Round Lake is pledging \$3000; Ron is suggesting we earmark \$3000 for the consultant costs (Janice is hoping to get some of the costs back from the Ministry).

This is mitigation that involves all of our property owners and is to our advantage. There should be a 4-6 cm rise per week in our lake this fall and flow through. Natalie suggested that everyone should have a copy of the environmental assessment (which is posted on the RPG website). Ron is looking into this.

MOTION: to designate \$3000 to help offset consultancy cost
MOVED: Jeff Raisbeck **SECONDED:** Natalie Corbin **CARRIED**

MOTION: to fund the above consultancy with \$2000 from membership and \$1000 from fish committee
MOVED: Dave Clark **SECONDED:** Don O'Reilly **CARRIED**

Red Pine Camp Dinner:

Every second year Red Pine Camp sends out a dinner invitation to property owners on Island View Drive; this coincides with the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Aug 24th. Red Pine notes this conflict and has suggested anyone interested in attending can drop by after the volunteer dinner for a drink.

Blood Donor Clinic for Julie Davis:

The event will take place August 30th from 2:30 - 6:30 at the Eganville Legion with further details and support being provided by the Eganville Leader. GLPOA will donate up to \$500

MOTION: to donate up to \$500 from GLPOA for the refreshments
MOVED: Natalie Corbin **SECONDED:** Bill Gardner **CARRIED**

FOCA Fall Summit:

Date TBD. We're looking for two people from our board of directors to attend when we discover the date.

New business:

Bonnechere Public Library has asked GLPOA about donating money to their high speed internet, which is suffering from decreased municipal funding. The board declines to contribute to this cause.

In regards to Corporate Sponsors who reside on the lake - should they be contributing their own membership money on top of the corporate sponsorship fee? The board is in favour of not requesting private membership fees from a sponsor who has property on the lake.

Jeff has a proposal for supplementing certain sponsors to help bulk up their donations (ie match a donation from a sponsor for the Poker Run prizing). It's something to consider moving forward.

Next Meeting:

Oct 5, 2019 Elder's Lodge

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting **Time: 10:45**

MOVED: Kate O'Hara **SECONDED:** Dave Clark **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.