

**GOLDEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION**

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14th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday July 6, 2019 - Killaloe Public School

PRESENT: President Ron Rimmer, Past President Don O'Reilly, Vice President Kate O'Hara, Treasurer Rick O'Brien, Lake Steward Glenn Bingham, Director Chris Hamilton, Director Sandy Nash, Director Bill Gardner, Director Natalie Corbin, Director Allison Wood, Jeff Raisbeck, Dave Clark, Secretary Theresa Rasp

CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 am

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

Ron Rimmer welcomed everyone to the 15th GLPOA AGM, and noted guests Mayor Janice Visneskie Moore (KHR) and Mayor James Brose (NAW) were in attendance. We all experienced a brutal winter, and welcome summer in finally arriving. Ron noted the awesome board of directors and executive - he frequently gets requests from other lake associations to ask how we do it! A big thank you to our members, who have been active and appreciative of efforts around the spring flooding.

This year's AGM had \$1400 in door prizes, and our business partners are thanked for their generous support.

PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES APPROVAL:

Secretary Theresa Rasp moved for the 2018 AGM minutes to be approved

MOTION: To accept the AGM minutes of June 30, 2018

MOVED: Dorothy Corbeil **SECONDED:** Cairine Cybulski **CARRIED**

Dave Lemkay then introduced the 2019/2020 Board of Directors, made three calls for nominations, and introduced the new board member Dave Clark.

MOTION: To accept the GLPOA board of directors

MOVED: Cairine Cybulski **SECONDED:** John Beatty **CARRIED**

Dave then introduced Kevin O'Connor, past president and a member of the founding GLPOA group. Kevin shared "**15 Years of History and Growth**". Membership fee was quickly established at \$20 fee, which is still the fee 15 years later. GLPOA has never had to do a fundraiser to cover its costs in all these years. Dave Lemkay was the very first president, and what a great choice and the right choice at the time! Kevin was Vice President, and Dave was Past President, so they ended up working

together on GLPOA for many years. The canvassers are the backbone of our success. There was 20 corporate sponsors at the inception; this year there are 44 sponsors! Bryan Fraser has been a key part of the sponsors' billboards at the boat launch sites from day one. In 2008 there was spring flooding; Kevin asked for approval for budget to get 8 stakeholders together and speak about how to handle the flood. They met at the Sands, including: RPG, the three townships and the Algonquin First Nations, with a mandate that the key spokesperson has to come along with an alternative. The meeting was considered a great success, the first ever with all the stakeholders involved.

Lastly, cell phone service was necessary for rural property owners and held a meeting (John Yakabuski was guest speaker). Advice from Bell retiree: Most difficult job was to find the DM at Bell, prepare your best business plan, and don't ever give up. Carine Cybylski collected data to show usage/numbers: in July and August the population grew 4x over off-season, plus tourist attractions numbers, to showcase how many people were in the Valley at any given time.

Kevin was presented with a copy of the FOCA award, personalized with pictures of his GLPOA colleagues over the years. He also received a GLPOA shirt.

Door prizes were drawn:

Grass Roots \$100:	Howard Bernard
Pikwakanagan Fuels \$100:	John Vaillant
MacMillan's Cabins:	Andreas Vornweg
Sands on Golden Lake:	Peggy McGrath
Classic Pedicure:	Eric Weckworth
Plummer Marine Boater Safety Kit/ Kid's Chainsaw:	Karen Vincent

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rick O'Brien presented the GLPOA financial summary for 2018. Financial records were reviewed by Michael J. Afelskie (retired CMA); he found all records were in very good order and he has no recommendations to make.

Jan 1, 2018 balance:	\$12,809.83
Revenue:	\$18,886.83
Expenditures:	<u>\$15,109.69</u>
Balance, Dec 31:	\$16,586.83

Financial report attached.

MOTION: to accept the 2018 Financial Statements
MOVED: Howard Bernard **SECONDED:** Bill Gardner **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Stewardship - Glenn Bingham, Lake Steward

Ron turned to Glenn to update on all of the Lake Stewardship areas of responsibility. Glenn began by acknowledging how much support he receives from many committees in his role as Lake Steward.

Shoal Markers

This can be a tough job to do the shoal markers in cold, windy weather - Jeff Scharf and Eric Weckworth were recognized for their shoal marking where they often are picking up deadheads. There has been 18 volunteers, some going back to Day 1. A key goal is to build improved communications and consistent marking for safety for the shoal marker process through accurate documentation. Jeff Scharf is managing the shoal markers in conjunction with Eric Weckworth.

Water Quality:

This is taken very seriously - our water quality is not polluted. Water testing is done continuously for eColi and other water diseases at various points around the lake (eColi = 200 parts/million, the highest we have had tested is 2 parts/million over the past 5 years). There is now a procedure in place through FOCA to train new Water Stewards and Lake Partners, which helps to bring on new young members to get involved.

Fish Committee:

Smelt Harvest is challenging when we experience spring floods. The smelt this year was simply running into the nets, and the harvest was done in record time. There are 7-8 dedicated members to help with the Smelt harvest. For example, Jennifer Rasp has volunteered for the Smelt Fry from Day One. There are other areas where there is likely plenty of younger people that can step up to help! Glenn learned along the way, and encourages everyone to let us know where they need help as much as we need their's. Glenn doesn't have a manual to follow, but he'll always respond to questions - it's how he's learned.

Memberships - Kate O'Hara, VP & Chair of Memberships

Residents' Membership Status:

Kate has run memberships for the last three years. She thanked all members and the canvassers that go knock on doors. Kate and Chris Hamilton worked through the winter to get on top of 2019 memberships and canvassers. A good number of members have prepaid this year - Credit card payment and e-transfers continue to be popular: a base of 70+ members to start the year. The early bird membership draw winners were Bill and Dorothy Gardner. GLPOA is fortunate to retain a solid core of canvassers, including new ones this year! There are 12

zones, and now Tramore Road is Zone 10 on its own due to its size. Larger zones are divided into smaller areas for the sake of the canvassers.

There is excellent value for a member's \$20 annual fee:

- Water testing/quality
- Shoal markers
- Water level monitoring
- Fisheries monitoring
- Member of FOCA
- Information through GLPOA website, Facebook page and newsletters
- AGM, a combination of business and social
- Smelt Fry & Poker Run, our most popular events (over 200 people served!)
- Volunteer Dinner - August 24, recognizing all of the volunteer work being done

There are also intangibles: generations to come that have had a history of GLPOA contributions, fellowship with others to attain common goals. Kate is proud of the people involved in her Membership committee. For members, we ask you to consider volunteering - we'll find a spot that works for you

Corporate Memberships:

Jeff Raisbeck reported on corporate sponsorships, formed from businesses large and small, which have grown rapidly and are expanding annually. In 2007 the sponsorship billboards were created, and over the years and two spring floods the two billboards were in need of a refresh and increase in size. Bryan Fraser (Fraser Contracting) and Matthew Cherry (Nature of Design) have been longtime sponsors but also have put a lot of their own time into helping out with these billboards. We know have 44 sponsors, who help out with many fundraising initiatives throughout the year.

c. Communications - Chris Hamilton

Chris represents the Communications Committee and works with Alison Wood.

Fun Facts in 2004 when GLPOA started:

- FB was first registered and only available to college students
- First landing on Mars
- Wardrobe malfunction - Janet Jackson
- Morgan Sperlock ate only McDonalds food
- Gmail was launched on April 1, 2004 (now over 1.5 billion active users)
- 35% of Cdns using internet used high speed dial up
- Last Oldsmobile came off the line
- Martha Stewart got out of jail

1. **AGM:** highlights their work every year; Q&A for any of us to answer; fabulous guest speakers; great prizes from corporate sponsors

2. **Newsletter:** two per year helping everyone stay connected in the winter, with the big one in the spring. All kinds of info going on is highlighted, along with volunteer work (foundation of GLPOA). Usually several pages sent by email

3. **Website:** www.goldenlake.co. Very positive feedback of the new format. The flight gauge is posted during the spring freshet to share lake level info; new flood comparison chart (2017 vs 2019) from Ron Rimmer; links to various flood-related notices, updates, support sites; new updated sponsors page, with direct links to their websites; added metrics gathering functionality to help analyze and improve site usage. During the spring flood timeframe in May, the site had 4775 pages viewed, 947 unique visitors; on the busiest day May 6, there were 364 pages viewed from 106 visitors

4. **Facebook:** continues to be the fastest growing means of communication; we have 680 members and it's member to member. Invaluable tool for sharing info immediately. Please join us if you haven't done so yet!

5. **Email:** this is our main source of formal communications to members from the executive. If you are not receiving emails from us, please send an email to us

6. **Canvassing:** Front line information between canvassers and property owners. We always welcome more volunteers! The \$20 fee covers the lake stewardship, membership, communication, and all of the other committee work

7. **Social/Fundraisers/Working Committees:** Smelt Harvest mid-April, Smelt Fry mid-June, Poker Run August 3, volunteer dinner August 24.

Lake and River Stewardship Committee: Chair Glenn Bingham. Membership: Kate O'Hara. Fisheries/Communication/Membership — learn so much by joining a committee. Be a part of it - it doesn't take a lot of time.

Thank you for supporting GLPOA!

Ron called for a motion to accept committee reports.

MOVED: Jeff Scharf

SECONDED: Dean Bergstresser

CARRIED

Poker Run:

Ron Rimmer welcomed Carole Hamilton to take over the Poker Run - Carole Hamilton noted the \$25 fee is the same as the previous year; registration packages at Kilaloe July 31, Pride Marine & Pikwakanagan Fuels until Aug 2, and the Sands until August 3. There will be 10 prizes for top poker hands, 5 prizes for best decorated boats, and at least 10 lucky draw prizes

President's Recognition:

Ron noted how many other associations compliment us for how well the Poker Run is executed, and often they come to observe the day themselves in order to take back to their associations.

Tramore Dam RPG:

3 mandates for GLPOA: membership, lake stewardship and communications. How can we do this better, especially with recent flooding issues. Along with the damages from two floods, there are positives: people are getting more involved with helping out regarding the issues.

There was a meeting with MP John Yakabuski, 3 township mayors, RPG and the public to discuss the flood. There was a very small turnout for this meeting; there will

be another meeting Aug 10th at the Makwa Centre, Golden Lake and St Casimir Church, Round Lake. Everyone in the community has a voice in this!

Ron opened up to the floor for a short Q&A:

- Cairine Cybulski added that in 2008, Round Lake had serious flooding. There were no logs pulled there were different results. All the municipalities downstream would be ultimately affected from what happens further up the watershed
- Cairine and Glenn Bingham are members of the SAC who all represent us well at these meeting
- Dorothy Corbeil: what is the amendment request? To draw down Round Lake earlier in the year; we have a large natural restriction at the Pikwakanagan bridge, so the water draws down very slow. We have 27 tributaries that run into this lake; only 2 are controlled!
- Burk Hein: in the last 10 years in the fall, the levels are much higher at his property. Cairine advised how not all properties experience the same levels, as most areas around Golden Lake are lower in the fall now vs 10 years ago. Cairine was part of meetings with RPG over the years to address best water levels and actions being taken. Glenn advised that historical data shows preferred levels, established by the Ministry (not GLPOA) and is posted on the RPG site.
- Is there any financial organization to help with flooding? There is help for full time residents, but if it's a cottage the government will not help
- What is the timing of the amendment for the draw-down date for Round Lake? It will be in November.

Remaining Door Prizes:

Gananoque Brewery:	Amy Vaillant
Gail Jacques Realty \$100:	Sheila Wilcox
Eganville Leader:	Karen Utronkie
Cottage Cup hoodie:	Marilyn Petchie
Pride Marine boating basket:	Marian Zohr
Framed Print by Cinda Kostyak:	Kate O'Hara

Ron thanked the team at Killaloe Public School for once again allowing us to hold our AGM there.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting **Time: 12:13**
MOVED: Don Bishop **SECONDED:** Dan Harrington **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.

Attachments - 2018 financial report