

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:**Saturday, October 5, 2019 Elder's Lodge, Pikwakanagan

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

**ABSENT:** Director Allison Wood

**CALL TO ORDER at 9:48 am**

### **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:**

Ron welcomed everyone to today's meeting.

#### **Fish Committee Overview - Chris Hamilton:**

Jay Foran provided an overview. Plans include stocking the lake with the larger adult fish vs fingerlings. Fish Committee approached the MNRF as FC needs them on board; we need to find out the cost and viability. FC was concerned about losing the sum taken out of the FC funds, not knowing what the cost will be for this plan. This is the closest recent initiative FC has had coming close to fruition - best shot at seeing something happen with FC. If we knew of the plans that needed FC funds earmarked, then we would not have voted to take the funds for the water amendment. Dave C.: from membership side, if we use funds to raise the FC profile, then perhaps when MNRF comes back with costs we can assist; the advantage of having one overall budget is versatility.

Last year the FC was asked for an overview of what their mandate was/is, so this overview provides some direction. Discussion ensued based on this information from the report shared with the Board. It was agreed the FC would go forward as a regular GLPOA committee, and not as a committee operating at "arm's length". Our intent is to support the FC. It was decided that any future FC operations will be governed by the Board with a designated Board member appointed to coordinate and communicate information between FC and GLPOA Board, and to remove any financial barriers between the two.

Theresa put forth a motion to approve the August 10, 2019 minutes

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of August 10, 2019 as recorded

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rick tabled the Financial Report for 2019 YTD, showing **\$22,118.44** in deposits (Chequing and Savings). Main deposits were Poker Run and memberships while disbursements were Poker Run Food Bank (\$1300), Volunteer Appreciation dinner costs (\$449.01) as well as FOCA memberships (\$1612.50).

**MOTION:** To accept the Treasurers' Report

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Lake Steward**

Ron is acting Lake Steward until a full time Lake Steward is determined.

**Water Quality:** Don had asked in the last meeting why the water testing was so late; Glenn replied that it was later for safety reasons for the testers themselves. Later testing was held in late August to help train Andy Trafford and Tammy Joudrey. A benchmark should be posted going forward in relation to our testing, similar to what Lake Clear posts. Four areas are tested: e-coli, total nitrogen, phosphorous, and clarity.

**Water Levels:** Current levels are very low on Golden Lake and Round Lake - this is due to evaporation, not any lowering of levels.

**Shoal Marking:** Ron reported an issue around shoal marking this year - markers have been taken out early due to boats coming out early as well. Discussion happened around workload and timing of putting and taking out the 40+ shoal markers as well as possibly sourcing out this task to a commercial enterprise.

**Boat Safety- Bill Gardner:** The money spent from FC to pay for last boating safety signs will be designated under the general GLPOA funds, as it was erroneously noted under the FC budget.

**MEMBERSHIPS: Kate O'Hara**

Paid memberships to date: 454; in 2017 we had 416 members, last year had 465 members. There are more to come with a goal to finish at 470. Kate to send out an e-mail to anyone we missed with canvassing to see if they are renewing, with advice on credit card and on-line payment, and advising they will receive their 2019 kit and map.

Materials ordered for 2020 membership drive include 500 kit bags and 1000 can holders for membership swag (2 per kit). Materials have been delivered and are stored at Kate's cottage. Cost of \$1,600 coming out of 2019 funds.

Materials to be expensed in 2020 will include canvasser folders and any printing for canvas lists and handouts to be included with kits, along with 2020 spring/summer newsletter. We should be under the \$2,000 approved 2020 membership budget. We will send out an email to anyone that was missed with canvassing to see if they are interested in still being a 2019 member, and they will receive the kit including the map.

In early 2020 Kate will be emailing all canvassers to thank them and sign them up for 2020 canvassing. As always there will be a canvasser's meeting in May 2020 prior to the long weekend.

## **CORPORATE SPONSORS**

All four billboards are now up! A 4x4 post on Island View Drive for boat safety is still to be implemented for boat safety - likely in early Spring. All corporate sponsors are paid up: \$7040 in 2019 vs \$4800 in 2018. There are other opportunities for companies that are also interested in being a corporate sponsor; they are currently on a waiting list to be a sponsor. We will need additional space in our newsletter!

## **COMMUNICATIONS: Chris Hamilton**

**Facebook:** Facebook page has 785 members as of today's date. It is our most dynamic and successful media for communication.

**Website:** Website is in good shape. This is to remove fire ban info. It was noted that in future the fire ban notices are to be clarified and coordinated among the three townships and Pikwakanagan, with one point of contact.

**Newsletter:** Chris noted the winter newsletter should be a recap of what we have accomplished through the past year, while the spring newsletter should be a look ahead to what is planned for the coming year. Because the winter newsletter is on-line only, it can be as brief or as detailed as we want it to be. It was agreed the winter issue will include President's message and information about the approved BRWMP amendment/water levels (Ron), Membership update (Kate), Corporate update on boat launch signs (Jeff), Poker Run (Carole), Volunteer appreciation (Kate). Chris is looking at a deadline of end November for articles.

**MOTION:** to accept all Committee Reports

**MOVED:** Bill Gardner

**SECONDED:** Natalie Corbin

**CARRIED**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Lake Steward Resignation**

With the resignation of Glenn from Lake Steward position and its sub-committees, there was discussion as to what steps are to be taken to move forward. Ron stated

he personally felt appreciative of Glenn's time and efforts that contributed to the success of GLPOA . We will be presenting Glenn with a Certificate of Appreciation at the 2020 AGM if Glenn is in attendance there; otherwise we will find another time to acknowledge his good work for us.

**MOTION:** Board to accept resignation submitted by Glenn Bingham  
**MOVED:** Kate O'Hara                      **SECONDED:** Don O'Reilly   **CARRIED** with one abstention (Ron Rimmer)

Discussion followed with respect to recruitment for new Lake Steward position. Ron has assumed the position pro tem. He noted he will take on the Water Levels sub-committee and will discuss with Don Bishop his continued participation. We need to contact Tammy Joudrey and Andy Trafford to determine if they plan to continue with water testing in 2020. Shoal marking may be outsourced to a contracted third party; Lake Steward would oversee the work of that contractor. Otherwise, the shoal marking sub-committee needs improved coordination of volunteers for timing for installation & removal of markers. Fish Committee to remain under auspices of GLPOA/Lake Steward with a clarified mandate as discussed earlier in this meeting. Board members encouraged to give serious thought as to who might be a good fit for this position and to advise Board for review.

**MOTION:** Bill Gardner moved for a show of support and confidence by the Board in Ron Rimmer as GLPOA President  
**MOVED:** Bill Gardner              **SECONDED:** Dave Clarke   **CARRIED** with one abstention (Ron Rimmer)

### **BRWMP Amendment**

Ron confirmed the information he sent earlier to Board advising the amendment passed. Rob Norris of Round Lake POA called Ron as soon as he had the good news from Janice Visneskie-Moore. Ron noted that Janice Visneskie-Moore and Rob Norris have worked extensively - and tenaciously - with all the stakeholders (AOO, MNRF, RPG, Pikwakanagan) to get this approval. The amendment is technically to be effective for September 2020, and will involve an aggressive drawdown (50 cm) in late September 2020 to control the water levels in Round Lake and Golden Lake during the 2021 spring freshet. Ron will confirm and provide advice on any drawdown actions to be taken in 2019. Ron recapped that the BRWMP was adopted in 2004 and problems began in 2008 with flooding and high water, followed by two major flood events in 2017 and 2019. He also noted this was the first time all downstream stakeholders have come together to work towards some kind of resolution on a matter of this importance. Ron did reiterate this amendment is about mitigation - not prevention.

### **INTERLAKE MEETING: Freshwater Partners of Renfrew County (FPRC)**

Ron attended this meeting on September 21 and noted it was the best interlake session he has attended during his time on the Board. Lake associations represented at meeting were: Golden Lake, Round Lake, Lake Clear, Ayleen Lake, Trout Carson

Lepine, Lake Dore, Jeffrey Lake, and Muskrat Watershed. Good participation by all present with lots of information shared among those attending. There was a presentation by Freshwater Partners of Renfrew County (FPRC), an NGO organization with a paid Executive Director, and they are looking to get lake association representation on their Board. Kathy Lindsay of BRWMP is part of this group.

Ron advised them it was difficult enough for the associations to find volunteers for their own operations, never mind finding someone to sit on another board.

Natalie attended the dinner gathering in Cobden hosted by FPRC on October 1, 2019. The FPRC wants to create an umbrella organization for all lake associations in Renfrew - their slogan being "One County, One Voice". However, neither at the interlake meeting nor at the dinner meeting was anyone from FPRC able to tell us what they are doing or what they want from us. There are nine (9) organizations that are part of FPRC. They have \$30k in Trillium Fund grants; these organizations are separate from any of the lake associations. It was agreed that at this time GLPOA would maintain an interest in and monitor the FPRC operations until they can provide us with further information on their objectives.

### **INSURANCE - Privacy Breach Coverage**

Kate provided information from insurance broker with respect to Privacy Breach coverage available to add to our policy. The annual premium is \$425 and would be subject to review of a completed application. Kate asked Chris to review the available coverage and application from an IT perspective. Kate & Chris both agreed that - based on the data we maintain and manage - the premium for the coverage is too expensive with coverage too limited and the exclusions too broad to be of benefit to GLPOA. Board agreed we will not add this to our policy. Kate will advise the broker.

### **FOCA FALL SEMINAR**

It was agreed that Ron Rimmer and Don O'Reilly will register to attend the FOCA Fall seminar in Toronto on 16 November. They will provide a report to the Board on return from the seminar.

### **Schedule of 2020 Meetings/Events**

Kate provided a schedule of meetings and events for 2020 for review by the Board. We hold four (4) Board meetings and the AGM throughout the year, as well as the Poker Run and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. It was noted that the Smelt Fry may not take place in 2020, but this will be determined at a later date following discussions with the Fish Committee. All other proposed dates were agreed by the Board.

There followed a discussion respecting succession planning. Bill Gardner advised he will be stepping down from the Board at the 2020 AGM. Rick O'Brien is stepping down as Treasurer at end of 2019. Ron will move to past president at 2020 AGM; it is expected Kate will move to president position at that time, with rest of 2020

Board members to be confirmed & finalized. In putting forth suggestions for potential new Board members, the comment was made that our constitution states any Board member must be “resident on the lake”. Ron and Kate are to review the constitution and determine if this is correct, and if so to propose amendments as required to be put forth at the AGM to make this more inclusive of membership.

**Motion:** To ensure that any member in good standing, whether residential or corporate, be eligible to hold a position on the GLPOA Board of Directors.

**MOVED:** Bill Gardner

**SECONDED:** Ron Rimmer

**CARRIED**

After further discussion, it was agreed Ron and Kate would work over the winter to do a complete review of the constitution for potential revisions/updates/ changes to present at the 2020 AGM to reflect current operation of the GLPOA and its Board members.

### **Bonnechere Union Public Library (BUPL) - Donation Request**

Request from BUPL for donation from GLPOA was received earlier this year. It was agreed we would not be able to provide a donation. Chris Hamilton provided our response to Judy Sauve at BUPL, who thanked us for our consideration.

### **Blood Donor Clinic - GLPOA Participation**

Ed Byres of Eganville Rotary is responsible for coordinating the four (4) annual clinics held in Eganville. We had agreed to promote and to volunteer at the 30 August clinic in support of Julie Davis, a GLPOA member who was severely injured in the OC Transpo bus accident in January of this year. Glenn and Heather did participate as volunteers; several of our members attended as blood donors. It was agreed that rather than commit to full volunteer participation by GLPOA, we will promote the clinics on our website and Facebook page going forward. Clinics are held in Eganville at the Legion in March, June, August, and December. Ron will contact Ed Byres to advise him of our decision. Once Ron has spoken with Ed, Kate will write up a blurb for Chris to post as information to our members.

### **Survey of GLPOA Membership**

It was agreed we will put together a survey for our membership to complete with respect to what they want to see from GLPOA, i.e. What are their interests, priorities and how do they rank these items by importance. Chris and Ron will work on putting this together; Chris would like to see at least 10 questions that would cover what we already address for membership and would include boating safety, water quality, water levels, fishing, FOCA, volunteering, sponsorship, and their ideas for new projects or initiatives. This would go out to members in an e-mail blast, with responses to be coordinated for review by the Board. The intent of the survey is to give us information for future direction and focus on matters of importance to our membership.

### **Fish Committee Funds**

August 10, 2019 meeting minutes included a motion respecting funds earmarked for GLPOA contribution to costs for BRWMP amendment. It was agreed that the motion is to be amended to read as follows:

**Motion:** \$3,000 to offset consultancy costs for BRWMP amendment be taken from membership funds.

**MOVED:** Dave Clark                      **SECONDED:** Chris Hamilton    **CARRIED** with one abstention (Ron Rimmer).

It was further agreed that Ron will contact Jay Foran, co-chair of Fish Committee, to advise him of this change, as well as the discussions by Board with respect to mandate of Fish Committee and support from GLPOA going forward, as noted previously in these minutes.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Board to be held Saturday, **April 18, 2020** at Elders' Lodge in Pikwakanagan.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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

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Ron Rimmer, President

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Theresa Rasp, Secretary

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