

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Sunday, July 12

**Online Zoom Meeting**

**PRESENT:** President Ron Rimmer, Vice President Kate O'Hara, Interim Treasurer Livia Vodenicar, Past President Don O'Reilly, Chris Hamilton, Sandy Nash, Natalie Corbin, Dave Clark, Secretary Theresa Rasp, Interim Director Sylvia Hillier

**ABSENT:** Director Jeff Raisbeck; Director Rick O'Brien

**CALL TO ORDER at 10:00 am**

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

Ron welcomed everyone to today's meeting, our first Zoom meeting, welcoming our new interim board members Livia Vodenicar (Treasurer) and Sylvia Hillier (Director). In addition, Ron announced Dave Clark has agreed to let his name stand for Vice President, to be confirmed at the upcoming 2020 AGM.

This is Ron's last meeting as President, and he thanked everyone for their hard work in maintaining the GLPOA's reputation as the gold standard of property owner associations across our Ontario inter-lake partners. We continue to be asked for advice on many issues from other associations.

This year Natalie Corbin is taking on the key role as Lake Steward, which is a big role - she is working on the many reports that come with this role.

Theresa put forth a motion to approve the October 5, 2019 minutes.

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of October 5, 2019 as recorded

**MOVED:** Theresa Rasp

**SECONDED:** Kate O'Hara

**CARRIED**

\*Note that for the upcoming 2019 AGM, we will vote on Nays only, given the increased challenges of voting via Zoom.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Livia tabled the Financial Report for the year 2019, showing **\$16,586.83** to start the year. Revenues totalled **\$20,880.48**, Disbursements totalled **\$20,216.02** (majority relating to new advertising boards) with a year-end balance of **\$17,251.29**.

For YTD, there have been 85 memberships collected and submitted (2 prepaid for next year as well). Expenses to date: **\$3,436.22**, with **\$687.60** for FOCA memberships. There are **\$2,560.65** in Deposits, with a YTD balance of **\$16,551.19** (**\$6,713.43** in Savings, and **\$9,837.76** in the Chequing account).

Chris noted that quite a few memberships are paid by credit cards, with more to come by the AGM. FOCA deposits every quarter to our account as they manage our credit card/online payments.

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

**MOVED:** Dave Clark    **SECONDED:** Sandy Nash

**CARRIED**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Lake Steward - Natalie Corbin**

**Water Levels:** There is nothing to report, given the fortunate water level results this year!

**Water Hazards:** Ron Rimmer and Eric Weckworth put in markers with additional help from several GLPOA members (Gord McMillan, Don O'Reilly, Jay Foran to name a few). Many thanks to all! Going forward we will keep Eric as our frontline person with our buoys. A new marker has been placed for a shoal in front of O'Hara's Cottage on Island View Drive. Facebook shows discussions from members about posting speed signs, which falls strictly under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation. We will look into possibly posting "Low Wake" or "Swimmers in the Area" signs - we will vote on this at a future meeting.

**Water Quality:** Andy Trafford and Tammy Joudrey are our water testers; unfortunately Andy had shoulder surgery and they've been unable to test so far this year. The Province of Ontario offers free water testing through their online site - Natalie is researching what is available to us to get this going.

#### **Fish Committee:**

Jay Foran (Fish Committee Chair) gave an update to Natalie:

- There are 8 members on the committee
- They performed a record smelt harvest this spring, communicating via email and phone - thanks to them for their hard work!
- They continue to promote "Catch and Release" around the lake; information is on GLPOA website
- They are working on a project for catching adult Walleye on the Ottawa River to then transport to Golden Lake; they contacted MNR biologist Lauren Trute, who is assessing the spawning bed and performing creel surveys (more info to come)

There have been several volunteers coming forward to assist with water testing (Max Hammer has been part of the Lake Partners program but may not be available this summer; Jennifer Rasp and Sylvia Hillier have offered their help).

## **MEMBERSHIPS: Kate O'Hara**

Paid memberships to date: 179 YTD including complimentary sponsors. Sylvia sent out an email to Nien-Mar Lane with a link to the website to purchase their memberships; Ali is putting membership information on Facebook. Kate is sending an email to canvassers, to note that if they happen to see their members they might want to hold out an envelope!

Kate noted one particular member's story in this COVID-19 year: Dick and Diane Piper are US citizens from Connecticut, cottage owners on the lake, and Dick is a gold standard canvasser. They can't be here this summer due to the closed border. He sent Kate a message about GLPOA:

*'Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of the Property Owners' Association. The entire board of directors has done an outstanding job and should be congratulated. I have enclosed my \$20 membership fee and a note that I have distributed to all property owners on Great Heron Lane. I have highlighted the pertinent information to the cottage association. My hope is that the residents will respond as they have in the past. Because of the restrictions on travellers who enter Ontario, we may not travel to our cottage this summer. We wish you and all the members of the board all the best in dealing with this virus situation. Thank you one and all for your efforts during this difficult time. Stay safe.'*

*Dick and Diane Piper*

## **CORPORATE SPONSORS**

Jeff reports that all is good, and he has received much favourable feedback from sponsors this year, with thanks for waiving the fees – they are very, very grateful.

## **COMMUNICATIONS: Chris Hamilton/Alison Wood**

**E-blasts:** Chris continues to send out e-blasts to our members as per usual, ie April update, and last one was sent in June for the upcoming AGM; another will be sent one week ahead of the AGM. Lots of great feedback from members, who are appreciative of the communications.

Chris has been sending out electronic membership cards that can be printed off.

**Facebook:** Ali reports that our Facebook page is approaching 1000 members. She will post a shout-out to our American friends who cannot be here this summer to say that we're thinking about them. There are lots of discussions on our page regarding COVID, and water levels in the past; comments are monitored for racism, sexism, vulgarity and/or bullying and are not necessarily from members. This is a free forum but Ali and Ron do monitor. If you see anything that you feel should be removed, please let Ali or Ron know. Chris has suggested that the Board rotates the monitoring - perhaps on a weekly basis.

**Newsletter:** Ron: The spring edition was another great newsletter! Thanks Ali!

**MOTION:** to accept all Committee Reports

**MOVED:** Don O'Reilly      **SECONDED:** Natalie Corbin      **CARRIED**

### **2019 AGM Run-Through; Kate O'Hara and Chris Hamilton**

Chris will emcee the AGM on Zoom. Agenda includes:

- Transaction of Business
- Election of Board
- Motion to Accept Nominations; Chris to explain voting button or mute button  
Audio calls may not be able to vote (Chris investigating)
- Past documents and committee reports will be in the AGM minutes, which will be posted within a short timeframe after the meeting (ideally within one week)
- GLPOA is requesting that association members submit any questions in advance so that we can ideally answer some of them at the AGM or look into these areas in question for future response by the appropriate Board member.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**MOVED:** Kate O'Hara      **SECONDED:** Natalie Corbin      **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.