

**GOLDEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION**

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15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday August 1, 2020 - ZOOM teleconference

PRESENT: President Kate O'Hara, Past President Ron Rimmer, Vice President Dave Clark, Treasurer (pro tem) Livia Vodenicar, Lake Steward Natalie Corbin, Director Chris Hamilton, Director Sandy Nash, Director Allison Wood, Director Jeff Raisbeck, Director Sylvia Hillier, Secretary Theresa Rasp

CALL TO ORDER at 10:05 am

Welcome to the 2020 GLPOA AGM from Meeting Host Chris Hamilton:

Chris reviewed a few items about how the video meeting would run and some points of etiquette to ensure the meeting remains efficient and productive, including:

- all participants to mute their microphones during the meeting; only the presenters' microphones should be on during each presentation
- everyone would be given the opportunity to ask questions at the end of each presentation
- everyone would have the opportunity to vote on various motions and to provide input during the board elections, with instructions when and how to raise hands virtually at the appropriate times.
- For meeting attendees who joined by phone only they can raise their hand virtually by pressing *9 on their phone. This will notify the host that their hand has been raised.

Chris then held a test vote to ensure everyone understood the voting process. Chris clarified that on any particular motion vote, we are only looking for dissenting votes and we assume that everyone is voting for the motion and will ask for anyone that does not agree with the motion to click on the 'raise hand' icon or press *9 on their phone.

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR:

Ron Rimmer welcomed everyone to the first (and hopefully last!) zoom meeting. I wish to thank Chris Hamilton for setting the meeting up. The first order of business is under the Emergency Ontario Act - we must conduct an AGM during COVID and use COVID conditions as best we can. So the first order of business is I want to consider the attendees that we have today to be considered a quorum.

MOTION: Consider today's meeting a quorum.

MOVED: Ron Rimmer **SECONDED:** Chris Hamilton **CARRIED***

(*Chris ran vote as per methodology noted previously - no dissenting votes)

PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES APPROVAL:

Secretary Theresa Rasp moved for the 2019 AGM minutes (July 6, 2019) to be approved

MOTION: To accept the 2019 AGM minutes

MOVED: Theresa Rasp **SECONDED:** Sandy Nash **CARRIED***

(*Chris ran vote as per methodology noted previously - no dissenting votes)

Ron: It's been quite a year for us; our US friends were not able to get to their cottages this year due to emergency measures and many normal activities on the lake were cancelled or postponed this year. COVID has affected us all emotionally, financially and socially. People were asked to stay away from the counties and townships if they didn't live here. We were asked not to gather. Businesses were closed and some may be lost. So I would ask at this time as businesses do start to open in our area that we all try to support them as best we can because these people have always supported us in our endeavours. So we all hoped to be able to conduct our AGM in person and meet with friends and neighbours again. Our AGM will be shortened this year and we will only conduct the business that must be conducted as necessary. Committee reports will be posted with the AGM minutes and most activities have already been reported by e-blast from the committees. We have a couple of questions that have been presented to us and we'll address those at the end of the meeting.

"As this is my last meeting as President of GLPOA, I would like to say a few words of thanks:

Firstly I want to thank an excellent board and executive for all of their support over the years. Kate O'Hara has been a great Vice President, and will make a fine President going forward. Kate also penned all the updates going to our members this year so thank you for that Kate. We also had a resignation of our Lake Steward this year - Glenn Bingham, and along with Glenn was Heather. They were both very involved in the association as hard working volunteers, making valuable contributions to our lake association, and I would like to thank them for that.

I would also like to recognize Bill Gardner who retired as our Boating Safety Chair. Bill has been with us from the beginning and has been a willing and able volunteer as well.

This year we also see our Treasurer Rick O'Brien stepping down from those duties. Rick has offered to stay on as a director for another year to help us transition with our new Treasurer.

We have some parting gifts to present to our retiring board members, which will be distributed after the AGM.

Now it's my distinct pleasure to hand over the meeting to Dave Lemkay, Chair of our Nominating Committee, and he will present our Slate of Officers for this year."

Dave Lemkay noted that it's a different year - we can't all meet as we've done for so many years in the school, have coffee and enjoy each other's friendship. Rick O'Brien has resigned as Treasurer after twelve years last December; the board passed a resolution at that time to appoint Livia Vodenicar as Treasurer Pro Tem as of Jan 1, 2020.

He then presented the 2020/2021 Slate of Officers that has been assembled for this next term, and this slate includes:

Executive:

President Kate O'Hara:	Island View Drive
Vice President Dave Clark:	Rocky Point Drive
Lake Steward Natalie Corbin:	Island View Drive
Treasurer Pro Tem Livia Vodenicar:	Golden Lake
Secretary Theresa Rasp:	Island View Drive
Past President Ron Rimmer:	Hawkins Drive

Directors at Large:

Chris Hamilton:	Rocky Point Drive
Sylvia Hillier:	Nien Mar Lane
Sandy Nash:	Pikwakanagan
Rick O'Brien:	Golden Lake
Don O'Reilly:	Rocky Point Drive
Jeff Raisbeck:	Rocky Point Drive
Alison Wood:	Hawkins Drive

Dave called for nominations from the floor three times, with the process for how to bring forth a nomination directed by Chris Hamilton:

Chris: "It's time to solicit new nominations for the GLPOA Board of Directors. If you have someone to nominate, please click on the "Raise Hand" icon, or press *9. I will then recognize you and unmute your microphone so you can say your nomination. I will wait for a few seconds for anyone to raise their hand."

After three calls for nominations, Chris confirmed there were no raised hands.

MOTION: To accept the slate of officers and directors as presented
MOVED: Dave Lemkay **SECONDED:** Chris Hamilton **CARRIED***
(*Chris ran vote as per methodology noted previously - no dissenting votes)

Dave congratulated all officers and directors. He then noted that Committee Reports would be forthcoming in the days and weeks ahead by email.

MOTION: To appoint Livia Vodenicar as Treasurer
MOVED: Dave Lemkay **SECONDED:** Ron Rimmer **CARRIED***
(*Chris ran vote as per methodology noted previously - no dissenting votes)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Livia Vodenicar presented the GLPOA financial summary for 2019 and YTD. 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, 2019 balance:	\$16,586.83
Revenue:	\$20,880.48
Expenditures:	<u>\$20,216.02</u>
Balance, Dec 31, 2019:	\$17,251.29

Primary revenues were through memberships (cash & cheque) and corporate sponsors for signs and billboards. Expenditures were varied; our largest expense was for refreshers for four boat launch signs and billboards (14 years old and in need of much refurbishment). Funds are distributed between savings and chequing accounts. Financial report attached.

MOTION: To accept the 2019 Financial Statements

MOVED: Livia Vodenicar **SECONDED:** Theresa Rasp **CARRIED***
(*Chris ran vote as per methodology noted previously - no dissenting votes)

MOTION: To appoint Michael Afelskie as auditor for 2020 operating year.

MOVED: Livia Vodenicar **SECONDED:** Chris Hamilton **CARRIED***
(*Chris ran vote as per methodology noted previously - no dissenting votes)

Q & A:

Kate O'Hara brought forward two questions pre-submitted for the AGM.

Question One:

Are septic systems checked when a home or cottage is sold?

We have checked and while it is not law, it behooves one buying or selling a property to have the system checked. If anyone has more information they want to share on this, please forward along an email to the GLPOA information mailbox. Dave Lemkay usually the house inspector will open up the septic system and do a dye test to ensure it's functioning as it should.

Question Two:

Are there plans to stock the lake and river?

Natalie Corbin (Lake Steward) replied that at the moment we haven't had any confirmations of lake stocking, but as always our wonderful fish committee is in constant communication with the MNR and we're hopeful that it will happen in the near future.

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who worked to make this AGM possible. With COVID dictating the rules and regulations for how we live our lives, it's been a very different year for GLPOA. We thought two flood events were challenging but we got through them, a little wetter, but a lot wiser about what to expect, how prepare, and how to communicate well with our membership in those times. This pandemic is quite a different challenge for everyone and it is just as distressing if not more stressful than the floods because none of us has ever lived through anything like this,

because we don't know when it will end, and because we may all be in it together but we're not able to physically go through it together.

GLPOA is a wonderful community and I'm honoured to be elected as your president for the coming term. Thank you for your confidence. We are also a very sociable group and it's been a difficult time for your board. We made the hard decision to cancel many of our activities where we have the opportunity to interact with our GLPOA family in a social setting, or meeting our friends and neighbours as we conduct our annual door-to-door canvass for memberships. We're all still craving a return to normal on so many levels. We will continue to send out monthly updates about our activities; just because we can't meet and greet with you doesn't mean we aren't busy behind the scenes working on your behalf. We're hopeful that by this time next year we'll be able to get back into the regular groove with canvassers on our roads, physical gathering for the AGM, back on the water for the poker run and an appreciation dinner for our volunteers, just to name a few things.

You need to know there's a ton of talent, expertise, passion and dedication sitting at our boardroom table. We will do our best to continue with the initiatives and goals set by the people who have led us in the past. We aim to be gold standard as a lake association for many years to come.

Ron mentioned and thanked some of our volunteers in his opening remarks: Bill Gardner, Glenn Bingham and Rick O'Brien - and I echo his thanks to each of these lads. We welcomed your guidance and knowledge more than you know. But Ron forgot to mention one special volunteer: on behalf of the board I want to extend our most sincere thanks to Ron Rimmer, who has done an exceptional job as our President this past two years. He set an example we will continue to follow to ensure we sustain a happy, healthy and professional association. He understands the benefits of volunteering as do everyone else on our board and the validation you get as being part of something good. With a good leader being part of any group is more joy than obligation. Ron has made it a pleasure to work with this very special group and we'll still be calling on him in his position as Past President. We wanted to provide him with a tangible thank you, and at his request we're doing so with a donation in his name to the local food bank. I want to thank Natalie Corbin, our Lake Steward, for offering space where we could safely social distance for seven of us that are here, and in closing I want to send a big thank you to Chris Hamilton, our Communications Chair and the tech whiz that made it possible for us to hold this AGM. This meeting would not have been possible without your expertise and we're incredibly grateful for your help and patience in getting this accomplished. We bow to you Mr Hamilton. And on that note with our business having been concluded, I will make a motion to adjourn this meeting."

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Time: 10:40 am

MOVED: Kate O'Hara

SECONDED: Natalie Corbin

CARRIED*

(*Chris ran vote as per methodology noted previously - no dissenting votes)

Kate O'Hara, President

Theresa Rasp, Secretary

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

Attachments

- New board of directors' biographies*
- 2019 financial report*