

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Saturday September 26, 2020

Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: President Kate O'Hara, Vice President Dave Clark, Past President Ron Rimmer, Lake Steward Natalie Corbin, Directors Chris Hamilton, Sandy Nash, Jeff Raisbeck, Sylvia Hillier, Alison Wood, Rick O'Brien, Secretary Theresa Rasp, Fish Committee Chair Jay Foran

ABSENT: Treasurer Livia Vodenicar

CALL TO ORDER at 10:04 am

Kate welcomed everyone to yet another Zoom meeting!

Theresa put forth a motion to approve the August 22, 2020 minutes.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of August 22, 2020 as recorded

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In Livia's absence, Theresa reported the financials as of August 31, 2020. The August opening balance was \$16,692.62; the closing balance on August 31 was \$6551.29 in savings, and \$10,067.18 in chequing, totalling \$16,618.47.

There were various disbursements relating to website costs, water testing, recognition gifts/donations and there were still some memberships that contributed to our revenue.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurers' Report

MOVED: Kate O'Hara **SECONDED:** Chris Hamilton **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Steward - Natalie Corbin

Water Levels:

Natalie reported that a log was added to the Golden Lake dam as water levels were dropping more quickly than expected. Levels should stabilize shortly. Ron Rimmer advised the Round Lake amendment has started. Currently water is 169.24 metres

above sea level. Target is 169.6m, which is 39” lower than today. We are 12 cm higher than last year and are on target. We will know the eventual result of this drawdown by March 25/26 when the freshet begins.

Shoal Marking

Natalie talked to Andrew Sprunt about some of the changing nature of the lake that affects shoal marking (ie O’Hara’s shallow waters).

Eric is removing the current buoys in the system for Thanksgiving weekend.

Fish Committee:

Jay Foran reported that at the most recent meeting they discussed being part of a regular committee reporting within GLPOA.

They’re making progress working with one of the biologists in Pembroke.

Next part of their agenda is working with Ministry of Natural Resources; Lauren Trute is working with them and will be doing creel surveys as well as more advertising. The committee is supportive of smelt harvests and this will continue. Next meeting will be in December. Jay is stepping down as chair; new chair to be determined at the December meeting.

Kate thanked Jay and his committee for all of the work they’ve done, including putting together a comprehensive report for the GLPOA board last fall.

Sylvia and Livia have joined the committee.

Water Testing:

Natalie reported that Glenn Bingham took out Andy Trafford and Tammy Joudrey for water testing on September 22, which went very well; samples have been sent out. We added disc readings which relate to the water clarity report. Results to come.

MEMBERSHIPS: Kate O’Hara

Chris reported paid memberships to date: 264 ytd total, with almost all done without canvassing. This is a solid number given COVID challenges. Kate will continue to chair for the foreseeable future and will send out a note shortly to all the canvassers, pointing out the difference in being able to go face to face (if possible) vs. online only.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

Jeff reported that there is no news to report right now re: corporate sponsors. Jay asked about corporate sponsors - is there room for new sponsors? There is a current waiting list. Jeff isn’t sure if there will be fallout from COVID with sponsors. Ali asked if contracts follow calendar year – Invoices go out in March, payment is due by May so we’re good for May long weekend with updated sponsors. Jeff tries to get everything firmed up in time for the Spring newsletter.

COMMUNICATIONS: Chris Hamilton/Alison Wood

Website: 708 total pages viewed in last 30 days, which is typical traffic for this time of year. Daily average is 24 page views. Fishing and Home Page were the most popular visited pages. Metrix page records page views, unique visitors, etc. Chris is working on updating some of the pages on our site. Natalie and Chris want to redesign the information and stats on water quality.

Monthly Newsletters: Kate is going to put together info for a September update. We still need to do a winter newsletter to keep everyone engaged; timing is for the second week of January. Format is digital; no hard copy. Beth turns this around within 2 days.

Facebook: Chris reports that everything is running smoothly. Over 1000 members are on the GLPOA FB page. Ali is watching closely who clicks to join, but this is an open platform. Ali works hard to keep everything positive on the site. Kate thought that it's worth mentioning our Facebook page in the upcoming newsletter.

MOTION: To accept all Committee Reports
MOVED: Ron Rimmer **SECONDED:** Jeff Raisbeck **CARRIED**

OTHER BUSINESS:

FOCA Update: Fall seminar will be held virtually on Nov 21, 2020. Dave and Sylvia will register for this. Kate will forward along the registration link when it comes through.

FOCA noted news about Hydro One removing their seasonal rate classification. This change will affect many of us. Chris will post a link to this information on our website.

Banking:

Livia and Kate will talk to Pauline at CIBC to see if we can update our account, particularly to accept e-transfers. Livia was asking if she could move the interest payments into the chequing account, leaving the remainder in the Savings account for the fish committee. Jay agreed this was a good idea.

Municipal Information:

Kate spoke to Andrew Sprunt about people using the Berndt road transfer station on Sunday afternoons. Next year they're considering shutting this down on Sundays. They're interested to see what our members have to say about this. The query should go to just NAW residents, which we can perform. Jay suggested that businesses should be asked as their turnover for renters is usually on Saturdays.

Paula Bashford:

Kate requested and received approval to make \$100 donation on behalf of our association in recognition of Paula Bashford's tragic death (she was the chief cook at Cottage Cup, and she and her husband also cooked at the annual smelt fry events in the past).

Lake Signage:

Natalie and Kate participated in a webinar regarding quiet lakes and posting lake

signage - everyone would like signs around their part of the lake.

Kate noted there is no such thing as a No Wake zone.

MTO and municipality have to be on board to post new signs (about a year-long process). Jay noted that in-land lakes are not considered as part of navigable waters going back years ago. MTO has an area on their site that lists all the criteria for posting signs.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Be prepared for a long winter! Hopefully we can meet at the Elder's Lodge in April or possibly earlier so we can gather information for the Spring newsletter.

NEXT MEETING: **TBD (April timeframe)**

MOTION: Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

MOVED: Chris Hamilton **SECONDED:** Alison Wood **CARRIED**

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.