

## **MINUTES OTTER LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (OLLA)**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JULY 27, 2019**

#### **1. OPEN MEETING – PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:**

President Marcia Maxwell welcomed all to the annual general meeting. Attendees were thanked for participating today. Quorum was confirmed (more than 70% directors and 20% of members in attendance)

Marcia introduced the current directors

(June Finless, Doug Franks, Karl Fiander, Shelley Dunlop, Jeff Brown, Susan Thum, Tom Gifford and myself, Marcia Maxwell) and thanked them for their service.

Marcia also thanked Laurence for all he had done for the board and noted that Laurence stepped down from the board this past year, after he sold his property on the lake.

Marcia explained that two of the current directors that are at the end of their term (Marcia Maxwell and Jeff Brown) and are stepping down from the board as they are busy with other commitments. Marcia thanked Jeff Brown for his service as a board member and his support through Camp Otterdale by providing space for meetings and assisting with OLLA projects such as the fish bundles project.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & AGM MINUTES FOR 2018:**

The agenda was reviewed – New Business was added to the Agenda.

Dianne noted that a statement that was going to be part of the New Business should occur prior to the elections to the Board and proposed that New Business be moved to item 4 – prior to the Elections.

MOTION to approve the AGM Agenda: MOVED by Susan Thum, SECONDED by Judy Hodgins that the Agenda be approved as amended. CARRIED

It was noted that the minutes for 2018 AGM were displayed on an overhead before the meeting. No errors or omissions were noted by membership.

MOTION to approve of AGM Minutes for 2018: MOVED by Henry Morash, SECONDED by Shelley that the AGM minutes for 2018 be approved as presented. CARRIED

Doug noted that the minutes from 2018 AGM will be posted on the website after the meeting as they are now approved. Suggestion was made that we post the draft minutes of the 2019 AGM on the website prior to the next AGM – with caveat that they need to be approved at the next AGM.

### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our bank balance as of Jan 1, 2018 was \$3,570.92. Income for 2018 \$3,905.00 (Membership \$2520, Ad Revenue \$400, Expenses for 2018 \$3,138.75. Ending bank balance Dec 31, 2018 \$3,337.17. Plus, our investments \$6,098.51. Total assets are \$ 9,435.68 as of Dec 31, 2018.

So far this year, \$1,020.00, advertising \$400, donations \$1717 (\$1562 of that was Township grant)

Discussion followed about:

- Township grant amount and how it was calculated. We got \$1562 OLLA grant from Township this year. Total township grant allocation for lake associations of \$20,000 was distributed between the various lake associations who applied, based on the following formula. The amount of the grant for each lake was determined by three aspects, a base amount of \$300 plus \$1 per hectare of the lake size and \$5 per paid up lake association member. This year the grant money will be used towards the expenses for Frogbit Removal Project. We report back to council each year on how the money was used.
- Insurance expense and what it covered. Insurance costs around \$1,100 per year, and it provides liability coverage for the Association, Directors and Officers of OLLA board, and we get it through FOCA.
- Lake Links meeting/seminar – an annual event that is a great source of information on conservation efforts and lake news for the area. We try to have at least one board member attend the meeting each year.
- Water quality testing, who are we paying and how much – The lake association pays for the water quality testing done by Public Health for OLLA. It costs about \$500 per year. RVCA does and pays for their own testing they do on Otter Lake. RVCA and OLLA share their testing results with each other.

A copy of the year end Treasurer's Report is included in the official package of these minutes.

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented: MOVED by Frank Croft, SECONDED by Connie Scott. CARRIED

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Shelley reported that currently we have 64 members, as of today. She reported that our membership for 2018 was 86, and we have pre-paid memberships for 2020 of 5 and 2021 of 2.

### 5. LAKE STEWARD'S REPORT:

Doug showed an aerial photo of the lake from 1953, natural state, no development, and lots of sandy beaches and he compared that to one from 2015, lake looks the same, but with very little sandy beaches. He then showed a map of OLLA and RVCA test sites for water quality around the lake and stated that he usually samples test sites 3 or 4 times per year.

Doug reported on the water quality results for 2018 and stated that our water quality in Otter Lake is excellent. He noted that we test for a variety of things, e.g. total coliform, e. coli, total kjeldahl nitrogen, and total phosphorus.

Doug showed a graph of water levels highlighting that graph shows rainfall in red and water levels in blue. In 2017, we had significant rainfall all that year. High water levels shown in blue were high all year as well. In 2018, we virtually had no rainfall after month of May, and therefore water levels were low for most of the year. Although we had a wet spring, in June and July rain stopped, so water levels were decreasing. When we get hot dry summers, water levels decrease over the summer.

Doug showed picture of the rocky ridge past the Otter Lake Road culvert in Otter Creek. The natural obstruction will always slow down the water flowing out of Otter Lake and will stop the flow when water level is at or below fourteen inches above the bottom of the culvert.

Otter Lake loons report so far for 2019, one of the pairs with 2 chicks is at the north end of the lake. We may have 3 loon pairs with chicks, there may be a total of 5 chicks. We generally have 4 loon pairs in Otter lake each year.

A copy of the Lake Steward Report is included in the official package with these minutes.

#### **4a. NEW BUSINESS**

John McKenney, 05A, read a statement on behalf of Friends of Otter Lake with a message for OLLA board and membership stating the if OLLA is to be viable association moving forward it needs to recognize the errors made in the past, assure the residents of Otter Lake that the agenda of the association will reflect the wishes of the majority of the residents and that it will be open and transparent moving forward. If this is done, the Friends of Otter Lake are willing to become active members in OLLA and take leadership roles in creating the kind of lake association we can be proud of.

A copy of the statement is included in the official package with these minutes.

#### **4b. CALL FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:**

June Finless (as secretary for the association) led this portion of the agenda. She reviewed the election process and proceedings with the members.

Directors have a 3-year term. Today we have 5 directors who are not up for re-election, so that leaves 5 open positions. Judy Hodgins O12 who was appointed last year after the AGM, and Susan Thums O10 whose three-year term has ended indicated prior to this meeting that they are both willing to stand for re-election for another term.

June called for additional nominations to the board from the floor and received the following nominations: John McKenney O5A (nominated by Dianne Taylor), Lynda Seacourt O6 (nominated by John McKenney), Dianne Taylor O6 (nominated by Lynda Seacourt), Dorothy Goubalt O5B (nominated by Jan) and Jeff Neal O7A (nominated by Dorothy Goubalt). Each nominee agreed to stand for election to

the OLLA board. June called for any additional nominations three times, and with no additional nominations, closed the nominations.

June thanked all the nominees who agreed to stand for election to the OLLA board. We now have 7 nominees for the 5 vacant positions on the board. They are Susan Thum, Judy Hodgins, John McKenney, Lynda Seacourt, Dianne Taylor, Dorothy Goubalt and Jeff Neal.

We proceeded with silent ballot voting. June asked for two volunteers to be scrutineers to count the ballots – Deb and Theresa volunteered. Silent ballots were distributed and completed and placed a box for the scrutineers to count the votes for each nominee.

While the ballots were being counted, the meeting continued with the presentations portion of the meeting. Presentations included:

- The Land Between
- Lake Plan Update
- Jp2g Report on Otter Lake Culvert

When the scrutineers completed the results of the ballot, June thanked them for volunteering to do this task, and announced the results -- that Susan Thum, Judy Hodgins, Jeff Neal, John McKinney and Dianne Taylor were voted in as directors of the OLLA board for a three-year term.

**6. DATE of NEXT AGM:** July 25, 2020

**7. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:**

Moved by Henry Morash, **SECONDED** by Shelley Dunlop that the meeting adjourn.

**Attachments include:**

- Treasurer Report
- Lake Steward Report
- Statement from John McKinney
- Sustainable Lake Plan Report
- Jp2g Report on Otter Lake Culvert