

LWCA Annual General Meeting

October 19, 2021

“Zoom” meeting due to COVID 19

1.0 Welcome and President’s Message (Patty Milne) at 7:00 pm

- Land Acknowledgement
- Review of Zoom protocols
- reminder that FOCA resources are available to all members

2.0 Approval of AGM 2020 minutes

- update on business arising:
 - boat speed signs installed
 - pressure washer purchased and installed at Weslemkoon Marina
 - LWCA has donated to the fundraising campaign to install public AED unit at Weslemkoon Marina

Motion to accept 2020 Minutes: Diane Morden (#286), seconded by Paul Bottos (#381)

3.0 Remembrances (Patty Milne for Ken Senter):

- a moment of silence was held in remembrance of the following people: Mike Burke, Terry O’Hearn, Mary Jane Henderson, Guy Austin, Beverly Johnson, Bob Graham

4.0 Director’s Reports

4.1 Treasurer’s Report (Diane Morden):

Refer to Director’s Report for details, discussion points are as follows:

- Catharine Rathbun Fund balance of \$19,072
- Unrestricted surplus of \$37,536
- surplus funds are invested in G.I.C.’s

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report: Bruce Magee (# 345), seconded by Nancy Cronyn (#940)

4.2 Municipal Affairs (Paul Bottos):

Refer to Director’s Report, discussion points are as follows:

- reminder that municipal boat speed signs were installed not only because of concerns around noise/nuisance but because of environmental concerns with regards to shoreline damage

Questions:

1) Terry Beetam (#27): Can you please explain the Hartsmere Rd. issue.
Answer (Paul): A group of cottagers is interested in extending the Hartsmere Rd. The Township and MNRF looked into it and arrangements were made for the Township to acquire some land from the MNRF. This is still pending.

2) Laurie Morrison (#585): Regarding the emergency site at the south end, can you please provide clarification around the process.
Answer (Paul): We are still waiting for the Municipality to choose a site. The Chief Fire Official did come to the lake looking for possible sites. There is an ongoing discussion with the neighboring Township of Gilmour regarding possible sites at either the ballpark or the Community Centre.

Motion to accept Municipal Affairs Report: Steve Latto (#217), seconded by Shawna Hiley (#201)

4.3 Communications Report (Janice Mackenzie):

Refer to Director's Report, discussion points are as follows:

-updated number: Facebook LWCA group currently has 285 members (almost 100 more than recorded at last year's AGM)

Motion to accept Communications Report: Marty Blake (#252), seconded by Patty Milne (#630)

4.4 Membership Report (Shawna Hiley):

Refer to Director's Report.

Motion to accept Membership Report: Alison Myles (#228), seconded by Glenn Thompson (#213)

4.5 Loon Call Report (Alison Myles and Anne Coulter):

Refer to Director's Report, discussion points are as follows:

- recognition of Alison's efforts to collect members' stories and create a quality publication
- Anne introduced herself and asked members to share their memories and stories via email to looncall.editor@gmail.com
- recognition of Pat Bothwell's efforts to make Loon Call such a great publication

Motion to accept Loon Call Report: Patty Milne (#630), seconded by Ian Mackenzie (#200)

4.6 Water Quality Report (Ian Mackenzie):

Refer to Director's Report, discussion points are as follows:

- Ian introduced Claire Vandervoort who will be taking over from Ian as Director of Water Quality
- Claire spoke about her educational and work background in water quality and her passion for maintaining our lake

Questions:

- 1) Paul Norris (#920): Should more money be directed towards maintaining our water quality?
Answer (Ian): Three years ago we moved to an annual set of chemical testing at a cost of \$1400 and both Lisa Thompson and I feel that is adequate. Perhaps our next step could be investigating invasive species and monitoring possible effects of climate change. At some point in the near future the meter will need to be replaced.

- 2) Glen and Judy Hogg: We noticed an algal bloom this summer. Is this a concern?
Answer (Ian): Please refer to attached Water Quality graphs.

Motion to accept Water Quality Report: Paul Bottos (#381), seconded by Glenn Thompson (#213)

4.7 Marker and Custodial Visits Report (Steve Latto):

Refer to Director's Report, discussion points are as follows:

- if, as a member, you see floating items that may pose a danger to others please email LWCA and Melissa will respond promptly

Motion to accept Markers and Custodial Visits Report: Ian Mackenzie (#200), seconded by Melissa Tervit (#342)

4.8 Lake Levels Report (Marty Blake):

Refer to Director's Report, discussion points are as follows:

- new MNRF Resource Specialist that we are working with is very responsive to our questions
- go to Weslemkoon.com website for information on lake levels in "real time".
- draw down of lake levels will continue to happen as usual to maintain appropriate water level

Motion to accept Lake Levels Report: Shawna Hiley (#201), seconded by Steve Latto (#217)

4.9 Forestry and Trails Report (Bruce Magee):

Refer to Director's Report, discussion points are as follows:

- recognition by many individual members of the extraordinary effort that Bruce has put into the Forest Management Plan on behalf of LWCA
- thank you to Jon Keeble, Perry Cornell and Will Victor for building and installing "thunderboxes" for popular campsites on the lake(s)
- anyone else who is able to build a "thunderbox" please contact Bruce

Questions:

- 1) Laurie Morrison (#585): If a member would like to volunteer to help with trail maintenance, who should we contact?
Answer (Bruce): Bruce will share his email address and members are encouraged to contact him directly.

Motion to accept Forestry and Trails Report: Paul Bottos (#381), seconded by Ian Mackenzie (#200)

4.10 Grand Loon (Stuart Inglis):

In recognition for all of their hard work building community on our lakes, we are pleased to announce our latest members to be inducted into the Order of the Cockeyed Loons:

- 1) Ian Mackenzie
- 2) Michele Calambakis (Smith)
- 3) Carolyn Calhoun
- 4) Patty Milne

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Handbook:

-Patty Milne has created a LWCA Handbook which will serve as a reference manual for life on the lake. It is available on our website. If there is anything that a member would like added then please contact Patty.

5.2 Loon Survey:

-thank you to the volunteers who participated in our loon tracking; we have reported 3 baby loons and 13 adults

5.3 LWCA sub-committees for 2022:

- there have been a number of new sub-committees created, including Climate Change and Invasive Species, Fish and Wildlife, Conservation, Community Relations and Outreach, Safe Boating, Trails and Campsites, Emergency Preparedness
- volunteers are needed to help with all of these; please email or register online if you are able to help

5.4 Introduction of New President:

- Patty Milne introduce Melissa Tervit as the new President of the LWCA
- Melissa thanked Patty for her leadership as President
- Melissa acknowledged that while the last 18 months have been difficult because of Covid it has also allowed us to imagine a better world; we have room to expand our knowledge to preserve our lake, there are many resources available and we need people to participate in LWCA and to share their expertise

6.0 LWCA Board of Directors for 2021-22 (Patty Milne):

- the above Directors are willing to remain, with the following changes: Melissa Tervit as President, Claire Vandervoort as Director of Water Quality, Anne Coulter as Editor of Loon Call and Michele Smith as Director of Community Relations.

Motion (Polling of Membership) to approve the future Board as listed above:
Yes – 100%

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Glenn Thompson (#213), seconded by Karen Charles (#697) at 8:31 pm.
Unanimous approval.

