

Minutes  
Lac Bernard Association  
Board Meeting Sept 11, 2023

Present:

Kevin Radford, President Colleen Forrer, Vice-President Don McLean, Treasurer Glynnis French, Secretary	Wendy Carr Blair Patacairk Paul Saunders Brad Sweeney Absent: Jeff Stubbins
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1. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 14

Lead: Kevin Radford

Motion: Don McLean moved that the minutes be approved with the correction. Blair Patacairk seconded the motion. Board meeting minutes of August 14 were approved.

2. Treasurer's report

Lead: Don McLean

Update: Nothing of significance to report on the ongoing financial matters of the Association since the last Board meeting.

Wendy will be sending Don a detailed breakdown of the revenue and expenses from the Regatta.

There was a discussion on whether an etransfer can be made from the association account to reimburse individuals. Don indicated that he would like to provide a cheque as it provides for better record-keeping.

3. Membership

Lead: Wendy Carr

a) Numbers

The Lake Association memberships are at 241 with 3 or 4 more anticipated. This is very close to the 250 memberships we had during the pandemic. The maximum number of memberships has been 280 – while we have lost 50 members over the past 3 years, new members have also signed up. Overall, the Board is satisfied with the number of members in 2023, though we will keep encouraging all owners and residents to be members.

b) Communication of the members' list

A number of cottagers have requested access to a directory of the members of the association. The Board recognizes that we need to be mindful of privacy issues with

regard to the directory. It was noted that 12 entries have asked that they not be published in a list. A discussion ensued about whether there should be a mailout by email of the list of members (excluding those who asked to opt out) and if so, what information to include. Some members suggested that there needs to be another reach out to members asking them what information they would like included in the directory. There are differing views on this matter and the Board will need to return to discuss this matter.

#### 4. Invasive Species Fund Application

Lead: Kevin Radford

On behalf of the association, Kevin Radford submitted an application to Fisheries and Oceans Canada for \$750k (\$250k per year) for study of handling invasive species on the lake, namely milfoil. This would be matched by the municipality of La Peche, an amount that would be recovered through taxes. This would result in a substantial sum \$1.5M which could allow for mitigation on a large scale.

Kevin outlined that the study could involve the commercial application of burlap in affected areas or the purchase of aerators/ oxygenators.

#### 5. ORAL-B History Committee Inquiry about Sharing Research and Results with other Organizations.

Motion: Jeff Stubbins tabled the following motion in absentia:

In response to a recent question posed by History Committee co-chair, Charles Topp, I move that the committee remain under the auspices of the ORALB. Its valuable research and documents will be posted in one accessible location, on the ORALB website, for all owners and residents to see. The Association is proud of the committee's work to date, and looks forward to supporting them as much as possible in the future.

Jeff's motion was approved.

#### 6. Environment

Lead: Paul Saunders

- a) An email went out on the list serve informing owners and residents about the low water levels and the impact they have on increasing the density and coverage of invasive milfoil which appears to be at record levels this year. It was noted that as expected there was some pushback. It was agreed that it is the responsibility of the Board to inform residents of the situation and our observations on some to the contributing factors to the lower water levels.

- b) Meeting open to all on the Environment

This is being planned for Sept 25. This will be an opportunity for all members and residents of the lake to express their views and concerns about various issues related to

the environment on the lake. It was suggested that some photos and drone pictures of the outlet area would help to inform people of the issues related to clearing debris.

Kevin and Paul will discuss the agenda and the overall handling of the public meeting.

#### 7. Website

Lead: Brad Patacairk

An update was provided. Differing views were expressed as to the state of readiness of the new site. Colleen Forrer offered to work with the contractor to improve the drop downs and look and feel of the site. Membership should be simply a plug and play feature and Colleen will work with Wendy to ensure that part of the site is functional.

The meeting adjourned 9:37 pm