



Minutes
Lac Bernard Association
Board Meeting April 3, 2024

Board Attendance:

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| Officers Present: Kevin Radford, President Colleen Forer, Vice-President Don McLean, Treasurer Glynnis French, Secretary | Members Present: Brad Sweeney Wendy Carr Jeff Stubbins Blair Patacairk Paul Saunders |
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1. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 26, 2024

Lead: Kevin Radford

Motion: to approve the minutes of March 26, 2024 – Don McLean; seconded by Jeff Stubbins.
Approved.

2. Update on Court Filing

Lead: Brad Sweeney

The Committee was updated that the association did file on time with the court and our filing requested mediation. It was noted that on April 3, 2024 the Secretary received a subsequent email from the claimant, Mr. R. Soderstrum indicating that he changes his claim from \$3815.59 to \$3482.62 consistent with our original email to him. An acknowledgement email will be sent to him. A document package has been prepared consistent with our submission to the Court and will be delivered to the Court on April 5th.

3. Treasurer's Report

Lead: Don McLean

Two 2024 budget items were discussed:

- i) Request from the History Committee for \$1000 to provide for WordPress functionality and scanning of history material.

Motion: The board authorizes Brad to return to the history committee lead, John MacDonald, and ask him to work with Colleen, who is familiar with social media, to ensure that the plan incorporates its use as appropriate, and that the budget allocation for this purpose be up to \$500 for 2024.

Proposed by Wendy; Seconded by Brad. Unanimously approved.

- ii) The Treasurer indicated that the 2024 Budget will need to have a contingency set aside of \$4,000 in the event that ORALB is ordered by the Court to pay Mr. R. Soderstrum his claimed amount plus interest. This will also ensure that there is full transparency on this matter with the members of the association even if the Court hearing is delayed to another year.

4. Membership

Lead: Wendy Carr

Current membership sits at about 142 members for 2024. Paul Saunders indicated that the website is not yet working smoothly for membership purchases as he did not receive an automatic acknowledgement for his purchase.

It was noted that a meeting had been held with Donna Serafini and Antoinette Hatoum who volunteered to be members of a Membership Committee. The project that was suggested was to use public municipal roles to determine the individuals on the lake who have never been members of the association and then to send a letter to them explaining the value of the lake association to its members and requesting that they take the step of joining the association. It was noted that since this work would involve checking non-members against the current and past members' list, the individuals performing this work would need to sign a confidentiality agreement, and ORALB would need to take whatever other privacy protection steps that are required.

Motion: It was proposed that a membership committee be established, whereby Donna Serafini and Antoinette Hatoum would join with Wendy and Jeff, to put in place a project using publicly available data to identify owners and residents of Lac Bernard who have never been members of the association. This project would be subject to a review as soon as possible by Blair of how privacy protections should be established and maintained.

Proposed by Wendy; Seconded by Colleen. Unanimous approval.

Subsequent: Blair and Jeff immediately spoke to a privacy expert and due to the potential risks the project was abandoned.

5. Environment

Lead: Paul Saunders

Water Levels

Paul and Kevin met with Scott Duncan and the MRC on the blocking of the inlet by beavers. It was suggested that one option would be to put a culvert from Calanaic Road on Lac Notre Dame to Lac Bernard. This would be about 1.5 km long and would cost \$5000. It was noted that there are 8 properties bordering the inlet. While last year property owners were very cooperative in helping to break through the dams to let the water flow, it was noted this will be an annual problem as the beavers will rebuild their dams.

Don indicated that it is perfectly reasonable to make \$5000 available for this purpose in the budget although it is acknowledged that further review of the engineering required and the feasibility of the culvert is required.

6. Annual Meeting May 8 – Preparations

Kevin indicated that he would set out a rough draft of the topics for the annual meeting

7. Other Business

Milfoil mitigation

Kevin briefed the committee that the grant application for experimenting with the commercial installation of burlap with Fisheries and Oceans was unsuccessful. That said, the MRC is supportive of additional measures and that many lakes in the Outaouais would like the province to develop and adopt a comprehensive strategy for the mitigation of milfoil infestation on our lakes. Kevin also noted that Lac Notre Dame is considering a ban on motorboats as their lake is now clogged with milfoil. This is an extreme measure and one that would be unpopular.

Shed for Regatta Site

More research has been done on the shed for the regatta site. An 8x12 ft container that would hold the barbecues and other items for the regatta has been identified – cost to be determined. It is suggested that the original idea of a 20 ft sea container is too big. Jeff indicated that the Serafinis and Hatoum's do not object to a shed being placed on the side. The siting would be close to the portapotties at the front of the property. This will return to a later meeting for finalization.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm by Paul; seconded by Wendy. Approved.

Next meeting of ORALB executive board is set for April 29 at 7:30 pm.

