



Minutes
Lac Bernard Association
Board Meeting Sept 30, 2024

Board Attendance:

Officers Present: Jeff Stubbins, President Colleen Forer, Vice-President Glynnis French, Secretary Don McLean, Treasurer	Executive Members Present: Wendy Carr Charles Topp Peter Steele Blair Patacairk
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1. President's Welcome and Announcements

Jeff Stubbins called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. He welcomed all directors to the meeting. Jeff indicated that he had attended Sacred Fire ceremony with Kitigan-Zibi and he is attempting to establish connections with the First Nation. He further indicated that efforts to identify a lead in the management of the white buoys and a lead for logo merchandise for the lake association would be discussed later in the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of August 27, 2024

Wendy noted a correction to be made to the Regatta item. A motion was put forward by Jeff Stubbins to approve the Minutes of August 27, 2024 with Wendy's correction, Seconded by Wendy Carr. Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Don outlined that there is good progress in moving the lake association's assets from the National Bank in Farm Point, which has been difficult to deal with, to TD Bank. He indicated that there is \$65,400 in TD. \$11,000 will be moved to TD once the GICs mature. Don further indicated that it is his intention to place the funds not required for normal operations in 3-6-9-month GICs to ensure that the lake association is benefitting from

potential interest payments for funds that are not actively needed for normal annual operations.

4. Environment

a) Yellow buoys

Kevin indicated that he had personally pulled out 18 yellow buoys and that they are heavy and messy. That said, the new yellow buoys have been ordered. The company supplying them has had production issues so delivery is delayed. It is suggested that they be stored on the Regatta site when they arrive.

b) Kevin has also installed a Bentic matt from Canadian Pond at his cottage. He indicated that they are tricky to install as they are held down with rebar. If the association makes a bulk purchase, we will receive a 20% discount. These matts are better than the burlap ones – cottagers have noted that milfoil grows on top of burlap after a year or so, burlap is difficult to install as rocks had to be used to hold it down, and the Bentic matts can be moved. It was suggested that a few of these Bentic matts and the associated required rebar.

c) Environment Committee – strategic plan. Kevin indicated that while a lot of research had been done and a number of optional mitigations have been identified, a proposed plan of action for the association still needs to be outlined and refined. It was suggested that the special meeting on the environment be moved from the fall timeframe to the winter, targeting February.

d) White Buoys.

John Asselin has agreed to lead up the team to place and remove white buoys. This year they will be pulled out on the Thanksgiving weekend. Lawrence McLelland used to store the white buoys on his property – it is suggested that this year they reside over the winter on the Regatta property

e) Meeting of the Lake Association of La Pêche

Kevin attended this meeting and was discouraged to see that the approach that Lac Notre Dame has taken to milfoil reduction is cutting and harvesting. The representative from Lac Notre Dame seemed to be unaware of that cutting is the major contributor to the spread of milfoil as each separated bit can seed a new plant. He is particularly concerned since Lac Notre Dame waters flow into Lac Bernard.

5. Website and Social Media

Colleen indicated that she is dealing with an effective contractor to enhance the website for her business and she asked if Board members would like her to ask him to look at our

website and provide advice on it. She indicated that we may have to rebuild the website to implement woo commerce and other desirable features. The history committee chair indicated that the website is not now capable of storing the archives. It was pointed out that the look and feel of the current website is not bad and it was suggested that a discussion with Brad Sweeney, who had dealt with Permanent Wave, the developer for our site, should be consulted about whether he feels the current site can be made functional for our needs. It was also suggested that we need a dedicated web person to manage the web. Finally, Colleen was authorized to ask APM solutions to look at the site and give us an estimate of the cost.

6. Membership

Peter Steele confirmed that the current membership list stands at 221. There are still 23-24 people who were members in 2023 who have not paid for 2024. He will send out emails to those people. We are still hoping to meet our goal of 250 members in 2024.

7. History

Charles Topp indicated that he had attended a useful all-day workshop on oral history, which included elements on how to conduct oral history interviews.

8. Logo Items

Jeff reported that Tom Shenstone had agreed to take on the role of logo merchandise for the lake association. Tom had asked where he could get the digital file for the Lac Bernard logo. Jeff is following up.

9. New map for Lac Bernard

Jeff indicated that he had been to House of Maps and discovered that the 20+ year old map was produced by that organization and that they would be prepared to make a new one. Jeff indicated that the cost of the new map would be \$27.95 at Carleton print services. More review is needed before we proceed with this.

10. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm. The NEXT meeting of the Lac Bernard Executive will be Oct 28, 2024 at 7:30 pm.