

4. Semi-Annual General Meeting Dec. 4, 2024 Planning

The Committee discussed how best to proceed with the meeting. It was decided that the Longair brothers would again be asked to provide the technical support on zoom for the meeting.

The meeting will include a Presidents update and then reports from each of the Committee chairs. A deck will be produced to help guide the discussion. It was decided that a question-and-answer session would be held after each item rather than simply at the end of all agenda items. It was agreed that the environment item would likely require the most airtime and that Kevin would outline where his environment committee are at in developing an overall strategy for the association.

It was decided that the Annual General Meeting will be held on May 21, 2024. All members of the executive except the Secretary Glynnis French, indicated that they were available to attend the meeting on that date. There was a discussion about whether the mayor of la Pêche should be invited to attend and it was noted that due to the mayor's schedule, an early invitation would be desirable. There were some concerns about the size of the block in the meeting agenda the mayor's address might involve, but at the same time it is felt that the executive needs to be and be shown to be in partnership with the municipality.

5. History Committee

Charles Topp reported that as a non-profit, the lake association has obtained access to google workspace. This can host the 4000 archival documents that have been identified as having historical value. It can also hold other association documents and be linked to the website. The history committee offered a demonstration of the site to the executive and this has been set for January 20, 2024. It was suggested that John MacDonald who is leading the work on google workspace should meet with Carrie Ault who is leading management of the lac Bernard website for the association.

6. Membership - new Fee discussion

The executive discussed raising the membership fee for the lake association. Jeff has reviewed the fees at other lake associations in the La Pêche municipality and indicates they are typically in the \$50-75 per year range. The executive discussed whether the general membership needs to be convinced that an increase is needed and whether the increase should be linked to environmental concerns. Others suggested that the increase is justified by rising costs in general, and since any major environmental mitigation of milfoil will be extremely expensive and require special fund-raising drives plus government matching funds, it could raise false hopes to link the membership increase to