

OTTER LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

March 3, 2013

APPROVED

Present: Mario Buszynski, Todd Backman, Cathy Morrison, Art Coles, Chris Van Allen, Doug Whitman

Regrets: Sonja Cigler, David Amy

Meeting brought to order by Chairperson Art Coles at 12:30 p.m.

1) **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes from the May 20, 2012 Directors' Meeting were approved by the board
- Cathy will post these minutes as 'Approved' on our website following this meeting

2) **Financials**

- The board reviewed the Financial Statement for 2012
- The board agreed that a reserve of \$52,152 was acceptable
- The budget was approved and it was agreed that the GIC that comes due in August will be reviewed at that time

3) **Code of Conduct**

- All Directors will be required to sign our Code of Conduct at the next meeting on May 19th
- New members of the board will be required to sign our Code of Conduct when they join the board

4) **Articles of Incorporation**

- Once the province has passed its legislation respecting non-profit organizations, we will need to review the Articles of Incorporation
- We will revisit this item in the Fall

5) **Newsletter**

- There is a mailing address update in progress by Sonia
- Art will assemble the newsletter and Cathy will edit it
- Board members will contribute and it will go out March 31
- Submissions will be cut off one week before
- One idea for an article was discussed on the topic of property assessments and MPAC

6) **Salmon Lake Portage**

- We support the Salmon Lake portage restoration
- We will communicate this in the newsletter
- We will direct people who are interested in volunteering to restore the portage to the appropriate individuals on Salmon Lake

7) **Trout Designation**

- We will communicate how we got the Trout designation

8) **Lake Stewardship Program**

- Develop a joint logo between OLRA and Seguin Township
- We will financially contribute to the stewardship program along with some assistance from Seguin Township
- Will provide a Living Sustainably in Seguin stamp of approval to qualifying property owners
- Three people will go to the property and assess it to see if property owners qualify for Stewardship recognition
- The board is in favor of adopting Seguin's Living Sustainably program under the township's leadership
- We will direct people back to the Seguin website

9) **Safe Quiet Lakes Program**

- This is an awareness program
- New "*No Wake 10 km/h*" signs can be obtained for \$650 for 10 signs
- The board approved purchasing 10 and selling them at cost
- Doug Whitman will follow up and order the signs

10) **Barbecue**

- Tentative date is August 10, 2013
- We will check with Sonya and Joe to confirm
- Chris Van Allen and Sonya will coordinate

11) **Board Nominations and Positions**

- Art and Mario are the nominating committee
- We have one vacant position
- Cathy will no longer be the Treasurer following the AGM
- We will communicate changes to the board nominations etc. prior to the AGM If possible

12) **Photo Contest**

- Photo Contest will proceed as in 2012
- Todd, Chris, and Jane will be the preliminary judges with the final judging occurring at the BBQ by OLRA members

13) **Earth Hour - Otter Lake**

- Chris put forward an idea for Earth Day
- We will have a lights out night on the lake for star viewing
- Lights out should occur from 10:00 p.m. to midnight
- Tentative date is Saturday, August 17, one week after the proposed barbecue date

14) **Sponsorship**

- Art put forward an idea for sponsorship
- Most lake associations have some form of commercial sponsorship
- Chris will form an opinion piece and we will seek sponsors for the BBQ this year

15) **Other Business**

- Art will contact Mitch Vaudrie at MPAC to enquire if he would be a guest speaker at the AGM
- The board is against the artwork in public places in and on the water
- The board is not in favor of maintaining buoys, we will only suggest to our members what constitutes a proper one

The next Directors' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2013 @ 8:00 a.m., prior to the AGM.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.