

PALMERSTON LAKE ASSOCIATION
2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OMPAH, ONTARIO
10:00 AM JULY 27, 2019
MINUTES

MOTION: that the agenda for the 2019 2nd Annual General Meeting for the PLA be adopted

Moved: Martha Dykema - seconded Dobrilla Moogk: Carried

MOTION: that the minutes of the 2018 AGM for the PLA be adopted

Moved: Joanne Allen- Seconded Brian Johnson: Carried

1. PRESIDENTS REPORT: Jim Getman highlighted PLA endeavours over the past year; report appended to these minutes.

2. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Rob Viets delivered the membership. Currently there are 39 voting members and 11 associate members; 18 previous members have not yet renewed; PLA is anticipating their renewals.

MOTION: to approve membership fees set at \$10 for associate and \$25 for voting member for 2020 and 2021

Moved: Martha Dykeman – seconded by Chris Green: Carried

3. LAKE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: John Viets delivered the lake steward's report; report appended to these minutes. John made an additional bid for individual responsibility for lake stewardship and the importance of participation and efforts to increase membership; many questions and comments regarding Waites Beach John commented that this was a perfect example of member concerns and how PLA can work for you as a member; Water quality monitoring and Boat and equipment report – questions from the floor and ensuing discussion.

4. WEBSITE REPORT: Rene van Diepen delivered the website report; report is appended to these minutes; 2 members were identified as being experienced with word press – follow up needed to determine if members are interested and can assist with web site; Kailena Lambert provided information regarding a facebook group started on North shore 'Palmerston Lake Cottage Owners' Kailena welcomed all lake owners to participate

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Leslie Viets delivered the Treasurer's Report. A full financial report was made available and is appended to these minutes.

MOTION: to approve financial report.

Moved: Ann Valliant; seconded by Chris Green: Carried

MOTION: to authorize directors to adapt budget according to needs and resource

Moved: Nicole Doyle– seconded by Bert vandanBerg; Carried

MOTION: to not appoint an auditor and to not have an audit or review

Moved: Ann Valliant seconded by Brian Johnson; Carried Report attached.

MOTION: to waive a financial audit

MOVED: Robbie – seconded by John

6. GOVERNMENT LIASON REPORT: Cille Harris delivered the report and it is appended to these minutes. Cille is PLA's link to what's happening in Ompah; Township and government
7. NEWSLETTER REPORT: Joan Cotton; appeal for membership to provide info that we can include in our newsletter eg. history; children's activities; pictures; local services; letter to editor; appealed for new committee members to volunteer their time and expertise in developing the newsletter

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Andrew Waywell presented the recommended amendments

MOTION: to approve the constitution as amended

Moved: Dobrila Moogk seconded by Joanne Allen. Carried unanimously.

The amendments are appended to these minutes.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2 DIRECTORS:

The current 7 directors will remain with 2 additional vacant director positions.

Nominations for the 2 vacant positions:

Nicole Doyle nominated by Joanne Allen; seconded by Ann Valliant

Jason Lambert nominated by John Shail; seconded by a show of hands

The two individuals are acclaimed as Directors.

The executive of the PLA for 2019/2020 consists of Jim Getman, Andrew Waywell, Joan Cotton, Cille Harris, Rob Viets, John Viets, Rene van Diepan, Nicole Doyle and John Lambert

GROUP DISCUSSION:

Question from group – “In consideration of our possible partnership work with MVCA is the authority perhaps not a key player anymore due to new funding cuts?” - concern re the impact on Lake stewardship projects; Bruce Moore commented and provided perspective on this issue. He said that if we feel that MVCA is an important partner then we need to support the institution as an association. John discussed clear cutting concerns on the lake. John Inglis responded that there are by-laws regarding clear cutting – someone has to formally complain in writing to enable the township to explore it further. Cille commented on the importance of being vocal about concerns eg. re sewage and septic systems; questions arose regarding capacity on the Lake – who determines the capacity? Joanne Allen expressed a need for the PLA to look at the issue objectively – in the future, actual information will be provided by our lake water quality monitoring and then we will have more of an objective voice for eg. ‘at capacity’ – Joanne expressed a need to avoid emotional diatribe in favour of objective data.

John discussed need for educational information to be sent out to everyone on the lake- eg. members can contribute to funding for educational projects through memberships drive; comment by Scott Dykema regarding boat etiquette and the impact wake has on erosion and loon nests etc.

John highlighted 2 issues that were discussed:

- 1) the need for an educational approach to develop info packets for all members on Lake regarding boat etiquette
 - 2) Develop package for: "Where to go for this or that – services etc."
- Members were in favour

Possible strategies for the future:

- Kailena – suggested that PLA could educate people by "Did you know?" plaques – factual resource for lake users; knowledge is better than 'rules';
- Peter Bouffard – suggested that cottagers could make a bucket for their cottage visitors – with Rene's inspiring lake preamble on it – generating donations for the association
- Dobrilla – discussed the need to educate visitors eg AirBNB guests; she also suggested that brochures could be on the website – electronic vs paper format
- Suggestion for putting one page in 'tax Bill' for dissemination of educational information
- Rene – advised if all of you liked what you saw today – share it and bring your neighbour next year. Reviewed how to register as a member

Adjournment at 1200 with an invitation for members to remain for further discussion – informal discussion ensued