

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2000
July 19, 2000 7:30 p.m. at United Church Hall, Delta

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Don Santos expressed appreciation to everyone for their support to LBLA and thanks United Church women for food. Draws attention to publications at back of hall.

2. GUESTS :

Supervisor of Beverley Lake Township Park: Ken Wood: **Absent**

Township of Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne: Velma Kelsey and Phyllis Williamson

Township of Rideau Lakes: Reeve Howard French: **Absent**

Paul Smith
Bruce Corbett
Rita Purcell

3. INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS: By Santos.

Don Santos	President	Betty Penstone	Treasurer
Millard Goodsell	1 st Vice President	Doug Kilpatrick	Executive Secretary
John Tuyens	2 nd Vice President	Janet Capell	Recording Secretary

4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE PROFILE:

1996:	0 guests	27 members	27	
1997:	8 guests	17 members	25	
1998:	3 guests	15 members	18	408 Newsletters
1999:	5 guests	34 members	39	390 Newsletters
2000:	5 guests	46 members	51	401 Newsletters

5. IN MEMORIAM: Dr. Hans Jacobs, Gilbert Russell, Helen Galway, Merle Schroeder, Susan Johnson

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 JULY 1999:

Highlights read by Capell.

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 1999 be adopted.

Griffith/ C Angermann Carried

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: By Betty Penstone

Highlights:	Balance at 17 July 1997: \$1,018.76	
	Balance at 18 July 1998: \$2,027.58	Memberships 1998 up to 18 July 1998: 81
	Balance at 17 July 1999: \$3244.98	Memberships 1999 up to 17 July 1999: 93
	Balance at 19 July, 2000 \$2529.56	Memberships 2000 up to 19 July 2000: 71
	Collected for Fire Department (1998): \$680.00	
	(1999): \$815.00	
	(2000): \$835.00	

Motion: That the treasurer's report be adopted

Griffith/ Angermann Carried

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Treasurer's Report [con't]

1999 Donations to Fire Departments

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u> (as of July 6)
Bastard and South Burgess (Rideau Lakes)	\$665	\$520 (30 donations)
Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne (Seeley's Bay)	\$ 65	\$110 (9 donations)
South Crosby (Rideau Lakes)	<u>\$ 70</u>	<u>\$ 75</u> (7 donations)
Totals:	\$815 (51 don.)	\$705 (46 donations)

Each Fire Department has written a letter of appreciation indicating the following uses (1999)

Bastard and South Burgess	-Hard hats for vehicle extractions/bush fires
Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne	-Helped to purchase protective clothing/other equipment
South Crosby	-Training courses and equipment

8. WATER SAFETY/SAFE BOATING: Doug Kilpatrick

a. Safe Boating Events at LBL Township Park: A motion to approach the LBL Township Park to ban PWCs from launching at the park was made at the LBLA 1999 Annual General Meeting. Subsequent meetings with LBLA members and OPP led to the conclusion that this was not feasible. Rather, education in the safe and responsible operation of all types of watercraft would be the first step. A core group of LBLA members led by Doug Kilpatrick and with assistance and advice of OPP produced three publications (*Safe and Considerate Boating, Reporting Boating Bad Behaviour, and Data Base of Watercraft Operated on Lower Beverley Lake & Creeks*) for distribution through the LBLA annual newsletter and on-site distribution by LBLA volunteers and OPP at the park on three peak arrival weekends. On Victoria Day (May 20) two OPP officers and one cruiser plus five LBLA volunteers met incoming campers to disseminate information, gather data on entering watercraft, and show the public that the OPP and the LBLA care about safe and considerate boating on LBL and its creeks. On Canada Day (July 1), three OPP officers and three cruisers plus five LBLA volunteers were on hand. The weather was so good that the park was full with few new arrivals, so three teams (one OPP and one LBLA volunteer) circulated through the park distributing information, collecting data, and showing the flag. The third event is scheduled for August 5 (rain date September 2) and volunteers are welcome. The LBLA participants consider the exercise to be of value and very worthwhile.

b. Boating Operator Competency:

All operators born after April 1, 1983 NOW (as of September 15, 1999) require proof of operator competency on board. All operators of craft under 4 metres in length, including PWCs, must have proof of operator competency on board as of September 2002.

Meeting attendees think Association should promote courses in the area, but there were no volunteers to co-ordinate this. Also suggested by attendee that course is offered on the internet. Kilpatrick also notes the bookmarks detailing information from the Safe Boating Guide, which were donated.

Motion: That LBLA set up course for Operator Competency

Brett/Ellis

Carried

Motion: Website address for Operator Competency Course be linked from LBLA website

M Santos/Kirby

Carried

c. Safe and Considerate Boating Brochure: Copies Available

d. Reporting Bad Boating Behavior/Watercraft Database: Copies Available

e. Doug Kilpatrick volunteered to arrange a Boating Operator Course for Summer 2001

9. COTTAGE WATCH: John Truyens More than 110 people enrolled in this program.

Notes: number of break-ins down from last year, according to OPP;

Cottage Watch signs cost \$20;

Engrave valuables with vehicle plate number (including province/state)

10. WATER LEVEL MONITORING AND CONTROL: Don Santos

Meeting with MNR's Dale McLenaghan who is trying his best, but it's hard keeping constant lake levels while receiving so much rain. As of 17th of July, lake is 8 inches over level set by MNR.

Sandy asks why are levels so high? Response: 4 inlets vs 1 outlet

Santos points out potential problems due to fluctuating water levels: to loons, boathouses, docks, shoreline erosion, increased weed growth.

Cheryl Curtis says she feels McLenaghan is very responsible and responsive.

11. LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE FISHERY: Don Santos

MNR responded to LBLA's voiced concern regarding the fishery at a meeting on June 17, 2000.

Highlights: LBLA's concern with commercial fishery misplaced, funding for fishery assessment in place to conduct Near Shore Community Index Netting in August. Mike Hart to develop formal proposal of regulation changes regarding pre-season angling for bass. Ted Brett and Clyde Bressler volunteered to work on creel diaries to be implemented in 2001.

12. FISH AND WILDLIFE GUARDIAN PROGRAM: Doug Kilpatrick

The programme was instituted to in part compensate for the reduction in Conservation Officers resulting from the Provincial Government's reduced funding to MNR. It also provides another means for local groups to be proactive in the care of local natural resources. The role of the F & W Guardian is to:

Aid Conservation Officers in upholding the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act

Be positive and proactive in giving information, answering questions on angling and/or hunting

Be visible and accessible to the public

Be non-confrontational and **do not** engage the public in any enforcement activity

Be an observer, and pass information to the Guardian Co-ordinator for possible enforcement

Highlights: Ted Brett passed the qualification exam (first in his class). When on duty, F&W Guardian wears a clearly identifiable orange vest and hat. Anyone wishing to report a violation should contact Crimestoppers 1-800-222-TIPS.

13. WATER QUALITY: Don Santos

Long term trend is generally favourable. Tests are slightly better than last year or the same. Lower Beverley Lake is still ranked in the bottom 5% for clarity, and bottom 10% for phosphorus, but is much improved since the early 1990's when LBL was one of three lakes with poorest water quality. Lake Stewardship pays for additional testing.

Len Vincent is testing Upper Beverley Lake.

Discussion: Zebra mussels will affect water quality, fishery, clarity, biodiversity etc. Griffith asks if there is any permissible weed control. Santos suggests to check with MNR/MOEE. Timmings asks where the source of phosphorus is and is anything being done about it.

14. TOWNSHIP/LAKE ASSOCIATIONS PROPOSALS: Doug Kilpatrick

At the spring meetings of the Alliance of Rideau Lakes Associations (ARLA) and the Catarauqui Region Lakes Stewards Network (CRLSN) the following motions were passed:

- a. Safe Boating: Navigation lights must be shown after sunset and before sunrise and in periods of reduced visibility. Water-skiing and other towing activities are prohibited after sunset and before sunrise and in periods of reduced visibility
- b. Efficiency of Sewage Systems Impinging on Waterbodies: Where sewage systems impinge on a waterbody, the municipalities which border the waterbody ensure that all such sewage systems are efficient; educational programmes be designed to reduce and eliminate entry of undesirable agents into waterbodies; surveys be conducted to determine inefficient sewage systems and corrective actions required.

Motion: That the ARLA/CRLSN motion of Spring 2000 concerning Sewage Systems be sent to the Townships of Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne and Rideau Lakes with the comment that LBLA would be pleased to hold discussions with township representatives.

Kilpatrick/Kirby

Carried

Discussion: Kirby: seasonal residents get few services for the 70% of the tax base they contribute;
Williamson: said he thought the Health Unit is responsible for septic systems in municipality of R of L & L.

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[However, Rideau Lakes Township has direct responsibility for them.]

Timmings: Suggests there should be by-laws to govern septic systems

Kilpatrick: RVCA expressed concern of problem systems being passed on. Archipelago Twsp. categorized sewage systems as high, medium or low risk and as necessary acted to control them.

Paul Smith: should press legal profession in proper selling of cottages: building permits, rights of way, septic systems.

- c. Pre-season bass fishing: eliminate cast and retrieve fishing - May 1 to season opening. Kilpatrick to forward suggested regulation to MNR through ARLA and/or CRLSN. Notes: it would be a LONG process.

15. TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION:

Amendment notice to ratepayers regarding prepayment of 2000 taxes. Copies distributed at this AGM.

16. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

New Delta town dock: comments - excellent installation

Sewage System/Shoreline Survey Status: Funding to LLGreen has been cut - no surveys to be conducted in 2001. Kilpatrick to inform people concerned.

Take a Little Lead Out: C Angermann: Jim Wing thinks this is not necessary. Membership wants to continue. Angermann will apply for funding from MNR. Jeanne Patric expressed interest in helping.

Osprey nesting platform implementation: one will be placed in LBL park, another in Morton area in the Fall.

Loon nesting platform: F. Ellis volunteers to help in 2 years. Can combine application for grant from MNR with Get the Lead Out.

17. LBLA WEBSITE:

Major undertaking by Neil Herber and Jan Reatherford. Al Brown suggested that minutes and Treasurer's report be posted.

18. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2001:

Motion: To have meeting same time/place as this year. **Angermann/M Santos** **Carried**

Discussion: Doug Kilpatrick noted that 64% wanted Saturday meeting in 1998, aren't we excluding weekenders.

Turnout good tonight. Maybe Saturday evening. Griffith suggests something in newsletter registration form to express concerns to be brought to the AGM.

Next year's meeting: Wednesday, July 18, 2001 at 7:30 pm.

19. MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS:

Raccoon Rabies: Rabid raccoons have been confirmed a few miles north of Brockville. If uncharacteristic behavior of raccoons is observed, notify the Township or MNR.

20. NEW BUSINESS:

Angermann: Jet Ski problem ruining the lake

Discussion: Ellis: there's no pressure on them, need constructive dialogue, they're intolerable

Griffith: members should volunteer for boating survey -- bad boating behaviour reports

Timmings: Are they banned anywhere? Response: only in Provincial Parks

Kilpatrick: In New York, authority has been given to municipalities to ban PWCs on waterbodies

B Angermann: the marina expansion for boat parking to get boats out of the bullrushes etc. is not working. Rita Purcell says to direct this to her in writing .

C Angermann suggests styrofoam containers for food and bait should have refundable value.

Smith suggests the vendors should deal with this.

Motion: To have guest speakers at the discretion of the executive. **M Santos/Angermann** **Carried**

21. Adjournment: at 9:15 pm.