

BATTERSEA LOUGHBOROUGH LAKE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 18, 2020 via Zoom

Welcome – At 4:15 pm President Evonne Potts welcomed all the Zoom members and called the meeting to order. There were 21 members present. The following Board members were present, President Evonne Potts, Vice President Roel Vertegaal, Acting Treasurer Bob Fugler, Secretary Philippa Fugler, Anne Fisher, Meela Melnik-Proud, Catherine Sutton and Ron Jackson. Heather Gregg sent her regrets. Evonne spoke about the difficulties COVID-19 has caused including keeping our U.S. members from their cottages, curtailing family visits, even cancelling the Lake Partners water testing. She also explained that the Association was working to remove Battersea from our Association name and we would be asked to vote for or against this change in the near future. Two thirds of the membership must agree in order for the change to be enacted. This change was started some years ago, but the process was never completed. It is hoped the name Loughborough Lake Association will sound more inclusive of both the East and West Basins.

Adoption of the Agenda – Meela Melnik-Proud moved the agenda be adopted, seconded by Ron Jackson and carried.

Approval of the 2019 AGM Minutes – All participants were sent the minutes prior to the meeting, Bob Fugler moved that the Minutes be approved, seconded by Meela Melnik-Proud and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bob Fugler reported on the past 16 months since the last AGM in June 2019. He highlighted these sources of income- from memberships \$1,714.21, from advertising only \$60 due to our policy this year of providing free advertising to our sponsors because of the COVID-19 slowdown and a grant from the Gottlieb Foundation for the purchase of 2 Extractigators of \$499.96. Income totaled \$2,488.69. Expenses included Directors and Officers Insurance of \$1,053.00, FOCA membership \$450.00, website costs of \$194.30, newsletter production of \$140.34 and Bank fees of \$111.10. Total expenses were \$3,379.62. At the end of the 16 months there was a shortfall of \$890.93. The ending balance at October 18 was \$9,622.30. Barbara Canton moved that the financial statement be adopted, seconded by Nada Beamish and carried.

Bylaw change in quorum size of Board meetings – Bob Fugler explained that in Article IV Section 6 of the Bylaws it reads “No fewer than 6 of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.” With fewer members volunteering for Board positions (at present there are 9) it can be problematic to have 6 Directors present at

meetings, therefore a change has been proposed. The change will read “ No fewer than two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors, with any remainder rounded up, shall constitute a quorum”. Bob moved that this change be approved, seconded by Joe Pater and carried.

Membership Report by Anne Fisher – Anne reported that there are 51 life members, 39-3 year members, 2-2 year members and 49-1 year members for a total of 141 members. She spoke about our hope to increase memberships and how this year was difficult due to COVID-19 and physical distancing. We have found that personal appeals to join are more successful than telephone calls or mailings. Christine Galvin asked if we should consider raising our fees as they are low. Bob Fugler responded that we have raised our fees and are running well with the \$20 a year fee. We had hoped to start a program where “Road Captains” would canvass an area to sign up members but with COVID-19 this was put on hold.

Social Report – Heather Gregg manages the Facebook and Instagram pages and reported that we have a good number of followers. She said she is happy to receive and share photos and stories from all lake residents.

Website Report by Roel Vertegaal – Roel reported that we have had 1,500 unique visits to our website mainly from Canada at 84% and the U.S. at 12%, with most of the traffic in July.

Any other Business? Glenn Simpson questioned whether the Association had heard if the Township had plans to improve the area of Davidson’s Beach. He reported that access to the beach was damaged with severe water erosion such that if an emergency vehicle had to gain access it would be very difficult. Evonne Potts said she knew that the Township was supposed to maintain the area but she would look into just what was being done.

Christine Galvin asked about the placing of shoal markers. Evonne Potts answered that it is an insurance issue, if shoals are marked by the Association, we would be responsible for possible damage to boats, in the event that the markers failed to prevent a collision. If some shoals are marked and others not, people may have a false sense of security and blame the Association if they hit an unmarked shoal. Annie Robinson reported that there are 3 or 4 markers in the narrows just west of the bridge, although no one knows who placed them there. Roel Vertegaal suggested boaters use the iphone app known as Navionics to identify shoals or a good marine map. He did stress that with changes in water depth, shoals appear and disappear. Jan Woods reported that this year they have noticed many boats travelling at higher speeds in the narrows. She felt some of the boaters may be new to the sport and not experienced. She wished there was more police surveillance. Evonne Potts added that there was an increased number of fishing tournaments this year, which leads to increased traffic and possibly speeding.

Jan also wondered if others had noted the growth of Milfoil had increased this year.

Nada Beamish reported more weed growth in her area of the East Basin.

Evonne Potts spoke about the Association’s purchase of 2 Extractigators this year and how effective they are at removing Buckthorn trees and also Prickly Ash. The

Association lends out the Extractigators to all lake residents free of charge. Other invasive species including Phragmites, Velvet Leaf and Grape Ivy were mentioned. Don Maxwell reported that the Ivy grows up trees and kills them. It is easy to remove by pulling it down and ripping out the roots. In the fall the Ivy turns bright yellow and is easily identified once the trees have lost their leaves.

Adjournment – Bob Fugler moved that the AGM be adjourned, seconded by Barbara Canton and carried. The meeting ended at 5:05 pm.