

**Lake of Bays Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Dwight Community Centre
Saturday July 9, 2016**

1. CONSTITUTION OF MEETING

President Ian Beverley called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting was published in the Lake of Bays Association Yearbook (page 53) and mailed to all members in good standing on June 1, 2016. There being a quorum present, Ian Beverley declared the meeting properly constituted for the transaction of business. Members in good standing were issued voting cards and asked to raise the cards in their right hand to signify a vote.

2. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE 2015 AGM

Ian Beverley requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the last meeting of members held July 11th, 2015. The minutes were posted on the LOBA website, as noted in the notice of meeting.
Moved by: Sam Havens
Seconded by: Marcia Watt
CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ian Beverley introduced the **2015-16 LOBA Board of Directors**

Ian White – Past President and Nominations Chair
Maureen Richardson – Treasurer
Brian Simpson – Planning Co-chair
Barry Morrison – Planning Co-chair
Jim Metcalfe – Membership Chair
Gloria Woodside – External Affairs Chair
Caroline Konarzewski – Environment Chair
Jane Dupéré – Communications Chair
Andy Barnett – Environment
Bob Breithaupt – External Affairs
Fraser Govan – External Affairs
Josee Hammill – Communications
Bruce MacLellan – Planning
Mary Ann Peden – Membership
Linda Robinson – Membership
Marcia Watt - Membership

Absent with regrets

Pat Birnie – Safety Chair
Bob Breithaupt – External Affairs

Administrative Support

Beverley Govan – Administrative Assistant
Wendy Gibson – Executive Coordinator

4. INTRODUCTION OF EXHIBITORS AND GUESTS

Ian Beverley introduced the following:

Exhibitors

Andrew Daniels Fish Stewardship Foundation
Lake of Bays Renewable Energy Cooperative
Safe & Quiet Lakes
Ontario Cottage Rentals
Rice Insurance Inc.
Muskoka Watershed Council
Lake of Bays Depth Map
LOBA Invasive Species Team

Guests

Paint Lake Association (President Tom Swain and Ron Doyle)
Muskoka Ratepayers Association (President Liz Denyar)

Political Representatives

Bob Young, Mayor
Bob Lacroix, District Councillor, Mclean/Ridout
Mike Peppard, Area Councillor, Sinclair
Nancy Tapley, Area Councillor, Franklin

5. RECEIVING OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for October 31, 2015 and the report of the Auditor.

Treasurer Maureen Richardson reported that the Lake of Bays Association cash and investments grew by \$27,500 from \$309,497 in 2014 to \$336,997 at Oct. 31, 2015. LOBA's funds are invested in three Guaranteed Investment Certificates each with one or two year terms at CIDC insured financial institutions. In this regard we follow the advice of a professional financial advisor.

General Operating Fund Revenues were \$126,945 compared to \$128,077 last year. Current membership revenues of \$66,627 are on par with last year's and the 2015 budget. This represents 1,255 LOBA members. Advertising revenues of \$54,979 are about \$1,000 less than the 2014 revenues. Total General Operating Fund Expenses for 2015 were \$120,738 as compared to \$121,200 for 2014. Significant expenses include administrative expenses for two part time contract staff and advertising sales commissions, the yearbook, newsletter and annual water testing program. We exceeded the budget in water testing due to additional analysis that was conducted to reconcile results with District of Muskoka testing and to review the lake's long term phosphorus trends. Savings were realized through increased use of electronic communications and combining mailings. We had an excess of revenue over expenses of \$6,207.

Action Fund revenue for 2015 was \$16,560, compared to \$19,690 last year. Maureen thanked the membership for their continued and generous donations. Action Fund expenses of \$4,000 were comprised of \$2,000 spent on planning consulting fees to support our analysis of the Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan Review, plus a \$2,000 donation to the Lake of Bays Renewable Energy Cooperative (LOBREC) for the library education component of the solar installation on the Baysville Community Centre. After the conclusion of the 2015-16 fiscal year end, \$40,000 was transferred from the General Fund Surplus to the Action Fund Surplus in keeping with LOBA's Reserve Guidelines which recommends

\$80,000 be held in the General Fund Reserve for unforeseen operating expenses, and a goal of \$250,000 to \$300,000 be the target for the Action Fund Reserve.

Maureen requested a motion for the October 31, 2015 Financial Statements for the Lake of Bays Association audited by BDO Dunwoody and printed in the lake of Bays Association Yearbook, pages 46 through 50, and mailed to all members in good standing on June 1, 2016 be approved.

Mover: Marcia Watt
Seconded by: Cathy Nystrom
CARRIED

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Maureen proposed that BDO Dunwoody be appointed Auditors of the Association until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor is appointed and the remuneration as such be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Mover: Andy Barnett
Seconded by: Fraser Govan
CARRIED

7. DONATIONS

Maureen Richardson presented a cheque for \$500 to each of the following;

Lake of Bays Fire Department – Derek Collis, Station 40 firefighter
Dorset Fire Fighters Association – Captain Scott Gilchrist
Huntsville Hospital Foundation – Katherine Craine, Executive Director
South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Foundation – Jinty Stewart, Volunteer

8. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Ian Beverley acknowledged the good work of LOBA's 40 Area Stewards under the leadership of Membership Chair Jim Metcalfe, in maintaining our membership base of approximately 70 percent of Lake of Bays property owners. The Yearbook Report of LOBA's Environment Chair, Caroline Konarzewski was also noted, along with the excellent work of LOBA's volunteer water testing team under direction of Deb Cumming. LOBA's water quality remains excellent. Our testing protocol was ground breaking when it was introduced by LOBA and we continue to tinker with it and add or delete elements as recommended by our consultant, Hutchinson Environmental Sciences, to ensure the program remains relevant. Members were encouraged to read all committee reports in the yearbook for information on Association activities over the last year.

Ian thanked the work of the Planning Committee, Co-chaired by Brian Simpsons and Barry Morrison, with Bruce MacLellan and Lori Knowles as members along with Ian Beverley. An update of the Lake of Bays Township Official Plan Review Process was provided. Ian noted that LOBA had objected to two OP amendments; i) the reduction of waterfront development setbacks from 30 metres to 20 metres on all lakes, and ii) the reduction of minimum size for development of waterfront back lots from 10 acres to 7 acres. Ian noted that LOBA's objection to these amendments has been shared with the LOBA membership throughout the review process. While the development setbacks remains an important issue, LOBA was advised that it would be a difficult issue to challenge and we are not proceeding with our objection. Regarding the waterfront back lot issue, following District Council's approval of the

reduction, LOBA's Board of Directors authorized the retention of Mary Flynn-Guglietti of McMillan LLP, and a professional planner, Lorelei Jones, to advise LOBA on the merits of an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board. The advice we received was that LOBA would have an excellent chance of success on the appeal of this issue and at a meeting of LOBA Directors held on Sat. July 2, 2016, the Board authorized the filing of an OMB appeal by a 12 to 2 resolution of directors present. The appeal was filed with the OMB on Thursday, July 7th. We acted promptly on this matter because we were required to file the appeal within 20 days of the Council decision. We have measures in place to monitor the appeal process closely so that costs incurred are reasonable and prudent. When the dynamics of the appeal become clearer, we will be reporting more fully to members and seeking input on this matter. Our appeal will be confined to the waterfront back lot issue. LOBA members have indicated that they support the approach we are taking. We remain hopeful that the Township may reconsider this issue and decide not to proceed with it. We will advise members of any additional information as it becomes known.

Ian reported on the formation of the LOBA Invasive Species Team under the direction of Environment Chair, Caroline Konarzewski. The excellent work of the other LOBA committees was recognized; Communications Committee - Chair, Jane Dupere, External Affairs – Chair Gloria Woodside, Safety Committee – Chair Pat Birnie, and Finance Committee – Chair Maureen Richardson supported by Wendy Gibson and Bev Govan.

There being no questions from the floor, the President's Report was concluded.

9. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR 2016-2017

Nomination Chair, Ian White reported that the following Directors will be completing the last year of their 2-year term:

Pat Birnie, Bob Breithaupt, Fraser Govan, Caroline Konarzewski, Bruce MacLellan, Jim Metcalfe, Maureen Richardson, Linda Robinson, Gloria Woodside

Nomination Chair, Ian White, proposed the following nominees for election to the Board of Directors of the Lake of Bays Association for a two-year term:

Andrew Barnett, Ian Beverley, Jane Dupéré, Barry Morrison, Don MacIntosh, Mary Ann Peden, Brian Simpson, Marcia Watt, Ian White

There being no further nominations, Ian White declared the nominations closed.

Moved by: Ian White

Seconded by: Simon Miles

CARRIED

Ian White presented the retiring director Josee Hammill with a gift and thanked her for participation on the Communications Committee, serving as Communications Chair and for her continued participation as an Area Steward.

10. PRESENTATION OF THE BETTY DAY AWARD

Jim Metcalfe presented the 2016 Betty Day Award to Cathy Nystrom. Cathy has been a LOBA Area Steward on the Seabreeze Road for 13 years and has contributed countless volunteer hours to the community through her service in the following; board member for

Huntsville Animal Shelter, 13 years with the Huntsville Hospice, a board member of the Andrew Daniels Fish Stewardship Foundation, and Trustee for Steward Memorial Church and Seabreeze Community Church. Cathy has always been and remains a supporter of all things “Lake of Bays”.

11. GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Peter Sale – Past Chair, Muskoka Watershed Council Topic – Planning for Climate Change in Muskoka

The Muskoka Watershed Council has studied the climate we are likely to see at mid-century, and has assessed the impacts it will have on our environment, our infrastructure and our lives. Dr. Peter Sale presented the highlights of the resulting report titled “Planning for Climate Change in Muskoka” including the 15 recommendations for action by provincial agencies, district and municipal governments, local businesses, community groups and individuals who live in Muskoka.

12. CLOSING REMARKS

Ian Beverley thanked the exhibitors for coming, Humble Pie for the sweets, and Morris Bryant, Facilities Manager for the Township for keeping things running smoothly despite the power outage.

A short meeting of the new LOBA Board of Directors was announced to be held immediately following the AGM.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ian Beverley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am.
Moved by: Rob MacLean
Seconded by: Betty McDonald
CARRIED