



## **Annual General Meeting of Members**

Wednesday July 8, 2020,

By Zoom Video Conference, hosted by The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations

### **Board of Directors:**

**Present:** Mary Ann Peden, Bob Breithaupt, Wendy Gibson, Fraser Govan, Caroline Konarzewski, Don Macintosh, Kathy Ogryzlo, Linda Robinson, Susan Truscott, Ian White, Gloria Woodside

**Secretary:** Lili Davis-Burchat

**Regrets:** Andy Barnett, Ian Beverley, Pat Birnie, Jane Dupéré, Marcia Watt

### **Members:**

David Bennett, Bill Birnbaum, Steve Blitzer, Pamela Bowen, Margaret Casey, Peter Davey, Alice Davis, Jim Garner, Bev Govan, Debbie Holzman, Steven Howell, Susan Johnson, Tony Kalvik, Carla Lanzara, Joan Lehman, Virginia McKinnon, Simon Miles, Davis Moffatt, David Peden, Diane Pleavin, Andrew Russell, Tim Sanderson, Sheryl Slater, Wilma Spence, Michael Weir, David Wilkie, Jennifer Wiser

### **Guests:**

Katie Edwards, Lawton Osler

### **Hosts:**

Michelle Lewin, Terry Rees

1. **Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA) welcome**– Terry Rees, FOCA Executive Director
  - Terry Rees welcomed everyone to the meeting, spoke about how the electronic meeting would run and gave an overview of FOCA and the work the Association undertakes on behalf of its members as well as member benefits.
  - T.Rees explained that voting in the meeting would happen through a Zoom poll and a trial poll was conducted. According to the By-Laws of the Lake of Bays Association a motion is considered passed if a simply majority of members in attendance vote in favour.
  
2. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Mary Ann Peden
  - Mary Ann Peden thanked Terry Rees, introduced herself as Chair of the Meeting and indicated that Lili Davis-Burchat would act as Secretary of the Meeting. She made a land acknowledgement. Ten individuals who are members entitled to vote are required for quorum and L.Davis-Burchat confirmed quorum was met. Notice of this Meeting was sent to all members as required by our By-Laws. M.A.Peden called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

3. **Approval of the Agenda – Mary Ann Peden**

- Mary Ann Peden asked for a motion to approve the agenda as included in the Notice of this Meeting.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the agenda for the 2020 Lake of Bays Association Annual General meeting be approved as circulated.

MOVED BY: Linda Robinson; SECONDED BY: Kathy Ogryzlo; CARRIED. (97% in favour)

4. **Presentation of the Minutes of the 2019 AGM – Mary Ann Peden**

- Mary Ann Peden indicated that the last Annual Meeting of Members was held on Saturday July 6, 2019 and that the minutes were posted on the Association website and a link to the minutes was included in the Notice of this Meeting. She asked if there were any questions or comments, and there were none.

5. **Presentation of Auditor's Report and Financial Statements – Kathy Ogryzlo**

- Mary Ann Peden introduced LOBA Treasurer Kathy Ogryzlo and asked her to present the Financial Statements of the Association for the year ending October 31, 2019 together with the Auditor's Report as contained in the Annual Yearbook of the Association and on the Association website.
- Kathy Ogryzlo began by thanking Bev Govan, Lili Davis-Burchat and Fraser Govan for the help they provide her; and acknowledged the hard work of all LOBA volunteers and Board members.
- The audit opinion from BDO Canada LLP is a standard qualified opinion for not-for-profit organizations. They found no errors and no corrections to our statements were required.
- Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year a budget is approved by the Board of Directors. Throughout the year we review our revenue and expenses against the budget to ensure a balanced budget at year end. To that end, we were close but did incur a shortfall of revenues over expenses of a little over \$2000. This shortfall was a direct result of a decline in revenues of almost \$22,000 mostly in our advertising revenue. As soon as we recognized that revenue would be down for the year, we took steps to curb expenses and limit our budget shortfall.
- Major expenses for the Association are contracted services for the Executive Coordinator and Administrative Assistant; printing and mailing the yearbook; newsletter and membership services which include the cost of the Current Connection newsletter, maintaining our database and the AGM; and the water-quality testing program.
- The Action Fund was created to cover costs such as legal and consulting fees, preparing briefs and representations associated with development plans, environment, water and air quality issues and government restructuring. This year we had donations of almost \$17,000. We donated funds to the Dwight Library Expansion fund and paid Planning and Consulting fees for the Langmaid's Island development proposal appeal. The Action Fund continues to grow with a healthy accumulated surplus of \$205,000.
- We remain in a strong financial position with cash and investments of almost \$349,000. K.Ogryzlo closed by saying that the membership should be very satisfied with the overall performance of the Board and Association over the past year.
- K.Ogryzlo asked if there questions or comments. The only comment was "nice job in addressing the shortfall".

6. **Appointment of Auditors and Remuneration – Kathy Ogryzlo**

- Mary Ann Peden asked LOBA Treasurer Kathy Ogryzlo to make a motion to appoint the Auditors of the Association.

**Be it resolved that** BDO Canada LLP, Chartered Accountants, are hereby appointed the Auditors of the Association to hold office until the close of the next Annual Meeting of the Members, and the Directors of the Association are hereby authorized to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.

MOVED BY: Kathy Ogryzlo; SECONDED BY: Don Macintosh; CARRIED. (97% in favour)

7. **Election of Directors for 2020-2021 – Ian White**

- Mary Ann Peden asked LOBA Nominations Chair Ian White to present the nominations for Directors for 2020/2021.
- Ian White explained that the Association By-Law fixes the Board at 18 Directors, each elected for a three-year term with staggered end dates. Currently there are two vacancies. At this AGM the terms of Pat Birnie, Caroline Konarzewski, Don Macintosh, Bob Breithaupt and Linda Robison are expiring. At a meeting of the Board of Directors on June 18, 2020 a slate of nominees was presented. The nominees are Pat Birnie, Caroline Konarzewski and Don Macintosh. No further nominees were received.

**Be it resolved that** each of Pat Birnie, Caroline Konarzewski and Don Macintosh, the persons nominated as set out in the Report of the Nominating Committee, be and they are hereby elected as Directors of the Association, and each to hold office for a term of three years.

MOVED BY: Ian White; SECONDED BY: Wendy Gibson; CARRIED. (97% in favour)

- Mary Ann Peden noted that there are now four vacancies on the Board of Directors and any members interested in a seat on the Board should contact Ian White. She also noted that Susan Truscott joined the Board in October 2019
- Ian White acknowledged the work of Bob Breithaupt and Linda Robinson, both of whom are retiring from the Board. Each will receive a framed wall plaque.

8. **President's Remarks – Mary Ann Peden**

- Mary Ann Peden acknowledged this has been a strange year and encouraged everyone to stay safe and healthy and support local businesses.
- LOBA and the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation (LBHF) jointly retained planning and legal consultants to guide their analysis of the Langmaid's Island development applications. The two Associations have submitted a request to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for Tribunal-led mediation in this matter and are awaiting further word. LOBA supports the Township of Lake of Bays and Town of Huntsville staff reports that recommended the applications be denied and note that neither Council has tabled nor voted on these reports despite requests from LOBA and LBHF to do so.
- The entire Township of Lake of Bays council and Huntsville Mayor Karin Terziano and Councillor Dan Armour attended the LOBA January Open Board meeting.
- LOBA met with Mayor Terry Glover and Councillors Bob Lacroix and Nancy Tapley to express concern over the proposed increase in the tax levy for 2020. Savings were found and the levy increase was decreased.
- LOBA representatives have commented on the Community Planning Permit System (CPPS) and will continue to monitor this with the help of Bob Lehman of Lahman and Associates.
- LOBA continues to monitor the short-term rentals issue and is awaiting a staff report to be presented to the Township of Lake of Bays council. The Town of Huntsville has implemented short-term rentals regulations.
- Internet access is an ongoing issue around the lake and LOBA recently supported initiatives by two internet companies who are applying for infrastructure funding from the Federal government.
- LOBA sent a letter to District Chair John Klinck regarding the recently formed Municipal Modernization Committee to support several initiatives, particularly that the seasonal population should be counted at 100% to determine representation at District Council.
- Due to the pandemic the LOBA water-quality testing program has been cancelled for this year, but we are reassured that the Association has data going back many years and consistently good water quality.
- Thanks to members, volunteers, fellow Board members and staff. M.A.Peden acknowledged the work of Bob Breithaupt and Linda Robinson who are retiring from the Board; Gloria Woodside who stepped down as chair of the External Affairs committee but remains on the Board; and Fraser Govan who now chairs the newly created Planning, Development and Government Relations committee. Also thanks to Terry Rees and Michelle Lewin of FOCA for hosting the electronic AGM.

9. **Member Q&A – Mary Ann Peden**

- Mary Ann Peden asked if there were any questions or comments for her or other Board members. Questions were asked using the “chat” feature of Zoom.
- Question from Bill Birnbaum regarding boat safety. Mary Ann Peden responded that we heard from many members after the July 4 weekend regarding boat safety concerns. Lili Davis-Burchat is putting together a Newsflash on this issue which will go out later this week. Bill followed up with another question, what about non-members and OPP enforcement? Mary Ann Peden responded that LOBA tries to work with marinas on the lake, but we don’t have an effective communication mechanism to reach non-members. The Newsflash will include information on how to reach the OPP and what information they need.
- Peter Davey expressed sadness at not being able to cross the border and be at Lake of Bays this summer. Mary Ann Peden expressed that we are missing all our US-based friends this year.
- Pamela Bowen asked when July and September tax bills are due. Mary Ann Peden suggested to check with the Township.
- No further questions or comments.

10. **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.
- Mary Ann Peden encouraged everyone to continue watch two videos from FOCA on septic systems and the Lake Partner Program.

Minutes Approved: 29 September 2020

*Mary Ann Peden*

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Mary Ann Peden, President

*Lili Davis-Burchat*

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Lili Davis-Burchat, Secretary