

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
PENINSULA LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
HIDDEN VALLEY SKI CLUB
AUGUST 5, 2019**

PLCA President's Introductory Remarks – Graeme Eastmure

Graeme Eastmure welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the joint AGM structure of the PLA and the PLCA. Directors of both the PLA and PLCA were asked to introduce themselves to the membership.

Call to Order and Constitution of the PLA Meeting:

Gord Moffat called the meeting to order at 9:45 am

Approval of the PLA Agenda:

Motion for approval of the agenda: Gordon Jennings

Seconder: Jim Marshall

All in favour. Carried.

Approval of the 2018 AGM Minutes:

Gord Moffat advised corrections are required to the AGM Minutes from 2018 which include the following:

Approval of the amended 2018 AGM Minutes

Motion for approval of the Amended 2018 AGM Minutes: Debbie Court

Seconder: Norm Moffat

All in favour. Carried.

PLA President's Report – Gord Moffat

Gord Moffat spoke of historical changes in the lake's health and the impact of the environment asking members to get involved for the Benthic Monitoring and water testing, organized eco workshops and continues to work diligently on water testing and trying to get the word out to the membership about shoreline vegetation and the sensitivity of the water shed.

Gord was successful in creating an on line auction site that had 5 trees to be planted in the spring that people can purchase on line and then get the trees and plant them at the Lamon-McCann Meadow. A personalized Plaque was attached to a flat stone and set in front of each tree. Tax receipts are given for a sizeable portion as the PLA is a charity.

Gord spoke about the stewardship award - not given out every year but if someone has seen a group that has gone beyond and beyond to help the environmental please email Alex and Barb Armstrong.

PLA Treasurer's Report – Cathy Oakden

Gord Moffat invited Cathy Oakden to speak about the Pen Lake Association financials. The financials for the PLA are significantly lower from other years as all of the membership dues now come directly to the PLCA account. The PLA is funded by donations and fundraising initiatives. Currently, the PLA is showing "in the red" due to growing pains of separating the two associations with one-time costs of set up. The PLA is hoping to get the expenses to \$3500/year which will still be able to cover the FOCA membership, water testing, and maintaining the Lamon McCann Meadow. Cathy Oakden also explained that if you donate to the PLA directly, you receive a tax receipt, whereas donations to the PLCA, there is no tax receipt provided.

Approval of the PLA Financials:

Motion for approval of the PLA Financials: Carol Sissons

Secunder: Patrick Flanagan

All in favour. Carried

Environmental Report – Ken Harper

Wendy Somerville was absent and Ken Harper provided an update on the following items:

- Ken wanted to thank Andrew for the use of the Hidden Valley facility for our ECO day event and this AGM meeting. The gesture was truly appreciated by the Pen Lake members.
- E-coli testing done annually but the equipment for the testing costs about \$700 annually.
- The spring flooding is becoming a common trend with the changing environment. Water management is very complex to control with a system that was used to hold water back for logging. We have tried to get the MNR out to our ECO day but their staff have seen cut back that are limiting their off normal activities.
- Benthic testing – The event was moved to another location and the Dorset environmental team came out and the participants had a great time sorting and counting bugs.
- Label your Dock, Ken made a suggestion that all members that have floating docks or rafts on the lake, attach a name tag to them in case they become loose in the spring thaw, the owner can be contacted for its location on the lake for retrieval.
- The ECO day was another success with Mike Peppard talking about Wolves. Ken borrowed a "real" stuffed Algonquin wolf from the Algonquin Welcome center for everyone to get a close look at. Shakira, PhD, Environmental Project lead, friends of Muskoka talked about the Ash Muskoka project and the ways we can help the forest replenish its calcium levels that have been declining over the past decade. Keven Boyle, Climate Change Initiative Coordinator, District of Muskoka talked about the many ways we can reduce

our foot print.

- With the same attendee's coming out to the ECO day we asks for everyone's input on what topics we could look at to broaden the attendance. Ken also suggested that we move to a more eco-friendly meeting and have everyone bring their own coffee mugs to cut down on the environmental waist.

Lake Study:

Under the direction of the Muskoka Water Shed Working Group what Wendy Somerville and Ken Harper were a part of, conducted water sampling every two weeks throughout the summer to construct a base line to monitor Algae (cyanobacteria) in the lake. No report was to be given out at the end of the sampling.

Loons:

Pen Lake has been blessed with two new loons this year. One was born June 16th at Tally Ho and the second one at Grassy Island on June 29th. Ken installed a Loon Nesting sign to give warning to kayaker's notice of the nest and it was successful.

Buoys:

Ken said that all the Buoys were put in pace be the dedicated team that help him with this task to allow boaters safe passage. He installed 3 new anchors this year and asked for everyone help if you see a marker out of place or missing, give Ken a call so he can locate it and return it as quickly as possible.

PLA Board Slate 2018-2019 – Gord Moffat

Gord Moffat advised that there were no changes to the PLA slate and all the Directors were remaining in their current positions.

Approval of the PLA Slate 2018 - 2019:

Motion for approval of the PLA Slate: Marianne Harper

Seconder: Eva Marie Moffat

All in favour. Carried

~ the PLA portion of the meeting was concluded and a 15 minute break was provided before the commencement of the PLCA meeting ~