



Big Rideau Lake Association Board Minutes (DRAFT)



Place: Portland Community Hall		Date	April 25, 2015	Time	9:00 am
Persons Present	Guest		Regrets		
Doug Good Brian Hawkins Mary Sue Evans Beth Evans Doug Kirkland Buzz Boles Bill Belanger Mary Ann Calzonetti Hugh Burrows			Lyse Prendergast Toby Spry John Callan		
Prepared By: Mary Sue Evans				Action By	
Welcome Role Call A quorum of the directors being present the meeting was declared to be regularly called at 9:04 a.m. Doug welcomed everyone.			Doug Good		
Approval of Minutes On a motion by Buzz Boles seconded by Beth Evans and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the BRLA Board approves the minutes from March 28, 2015.			All		

Treasurer's Report

Brian Hawkins

Brian had a final meeting with the auditors. Brian and Doug G will sign off today and the auditors will complete the tax returns.

As of April 24, 2015 we have 135 members and we are still behind from the last 2 years. We might have to make more phone calls or emails to those who have yet to renew.

It was mentioned that we should get in touch with the local realtors and give them BRLA brochures that they could give to those who purchase property in and around the lake.

Mary Ann said many years ago BRLA members went out to speak with the boaters. Does anyone know someone who has a cruiser as possibly we could bring them on board?

The Taggart Parkes Foundation has paid their \$1K donation this year. It was suggested that we recognize them on our newsletter. Mike Taggart had one of its suppliers, Wolseley Industrial donate 13 x 6" plastic pipes and end caps for the shoal markers.

RLEF has not responded to our second request about taking over Cow Island but they have not had a meeting yet to discuss.

The final \$5090 payment for the Sailing camp will be made on May 22nd. We currently have 12 signed up for sailing compared to 19 at this time last year.

Bayview has advised us that they will most likely make a Fireworks donation again this year but not until mid-summer. Currently the fireworks are budgeted for \$9K but we can cut that to \$5K if needed.

Brian has not started to review our situation with the Not For Profit Legislation Review. The auditors feel that the provincial government has put this matter on the back shelf again. There appears to be an issue finding common accountability legislation for the 2 different Not for Profit Organizations types – those with members (like BRLA) and those which receive government funding and have no members. Brian has put this project on hold for now.

Brian reviewed a proposed reformatting of our financial statements to better show our members where their fees go

<p>and where we make up the fee shortfalls. He has generally explored this with the auditors and they have agreed to work with us on this. Brian will start to finalize details on this in time for the AGM.</p> <p>Doug G said this will bring attention to everyone at the AGM and let them know that we would like to increase the membership fee. The board agreed on the new format.</p>	
<p>Other Business</p> <p>Doug K and Buzz attended the Lake Networking Group meeting on April 24th. The MOECC from Kingston office attended. The first stage analysis work is done quickly when lake samples are taken to identify as Blue Green Algae. The secondary analysis to determine whether it is toxic takes more days. Mississippi Lake had blue green algae in October and it took them 12 days to find out that there was no toxin. The group is trying to do what they can to speed things up but explained there are problems with the bureaucracy.</p> <p>The emergency call out on the Big Rideau would be difficult for us as we do not have enough members and no procedures. The smaller lakes have been doing this for years. Would we be liable? Public Health is designed to do this but only on land ie beaches.</p> <p>Doug K dropped into the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley office to ask them about our request for support for the shoal markers. The treasurer said that we will be receiving a cheque shortly. They are very proactive and have done a great job in with the new docks in Rideau Ferry. It was suggested that we raise this at the AGM.</p> <p>The MOE and Public Health were asking the local lake associations to take the responsibility to disseminate critical environmental and health matters to all lake residents.</p> <p>Doug K will make a presentation at the AGM on behalf of Government Affairs regarding the funding of shoal markers.</p>	<p>All</p>

<p>Environment Report</p> <p>Peter Hannah's notice email was sent out to members. The group is working very hard not to expand their workload.</p> <p>Wild rice plantings on the land and Doug G has taken that on.</p> <p>Doug G had a meeting with Mike Dube, Peter and Buzz. Mike is leaving the MNR (conservation office) and going to MOECC. We don't know who his replacement is.</p> <p>There was a blue green algae presentation at the Lake Networking Group meeting. It was noted that 30 to 40 percent of blooms are toxic. We have to pay attention to this. An info sheet will be prepared on how to report it. This should be put in Driftwords and on the website.</p>	<p>Buzz Boles</p>
<p>President's Report</p> <p>Mary Ann will contact Jennifer Trant & David Bearman for more information regarding their offer to host a garden party on Grindstone Island.</p> <p>Jenn Kelly is coordinating enrollment for the sailing camp.</p> <p>We have five new road signs and Buzz and Doug G will go out this week to put them up.</p> <p>Hugh mentioned that he received negative feedback on the smaller road signs that we have in 13 locations. Sign pollution was mentioned. We will continue to keep them up.</p> <p>Buzz suggested we get business cards made up. Brian will take that project on and will coordinate with Buzz on what should be on it. Contact information on front and back.</p>	<p>Doug Good</p>

<p>100 Anniversary Plans</p> <p>John and Mary Ann are meeting this week to prepare a plan To date 3 vendors are committed. Ice cream, dessert and gourmet pizza's</p> <p>Doug G said we should discuss serving alcohol and the need for a liquor licence. Would wine and beer be served in the Community Hall or do we have a beer tent. Possibly the Lions Club or the Legion could run this. We would need people to have smart serve.</p> <p>The Anglican church has committed to do a breakfast.</p> <p>We are still waiting to hear back from Parks Canada regarding the docks.</p> <p>Doug G said there is a person with 8 antique cars and would like to participate.</p> <p>Originally the Manotick Classic Boat Club would be involved but now they have a conflict as they will be in Westport on August 8. We are not changing the date/.</p> <p>Doug G is hopeful that a museum will be set up for the day.</p> <p>We need sponsors to put on the dragon boat races. Money is needed to promote the event: radio, TV, website, twitter, Facebook. Look in contacting CTV and ask if Joel Haslam could do a story for Regional Contact.</p> <p>Doug Bond has offered to do tours of the village.</p>	<p>Doug Good</p>
<p>Succession</p> <p>Doug G is stepping down as President and we need to find a replacement.</p> <p>Bill will be stepping down as youth group director but will remain on as a director at large. The Board acknowledge and thanked Bill for his efforts.</p> <p>Hugh will be stepping down as he will be moving to Ottawa. He will send a message to the Adam Lake property owners and let them know and ask them for a new representative.</p> <p>Beth and Mary Sue will get the calendar of events together</p>	<p>All</p>

and will have it put on the website.	
Doug G suggested we should look into doing a presentation in Rideau Ferry to discuss the water quality issue. Would people show up and how do we get the message out. Doug G and Bill will pursue. Hopefully we could find someone from that area to join the board.	Doug Good
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Saturday May 16th – 9:00 am Portland Community Hall</p>	