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President's Report - July 15, 2017

• **Introduction of Directors**

- Before introducing the current Board of Directors, I must take a moment to acknowledge the hurt we all suffered this winter with the loss of Doug Good.
- His contribution to this organization and the lake community over the years has been huge and without it, we find ourselves, at unexpected times, picking up the things that he would have been there to do.
- After Doug's death, the Board chose not to fill his position for the duration of the term and so, we report today as a Board of 8, not 9.
- The current Directors of the Board are:

Bill Belanger (Director at Large)	Buzz Boles (Environment)
Doug Kirkland (Government Affairs)	John Callan (Membership)
Mary Sue Evans (Secretary)	Rod Howes (VP)
Absent – Lyse Prendergast	

Thanks and special recognition to Bill and Mary Sue who depart the Board at this meeting

- **Recap** - Put simply, 2016 was a very strong year and 2017 and continues in the same vein.
 - Finances - **solid**:
 - Continued benefit of the membership fee increase
 - Membership - **solid**
 - We are on target to meet or exceed last year
 - Communications - **never been stronger**
 - shout out to Lyse
 - Board Participation – **strong**
 - collaboration with respect for disparate views
 - Committees – **productive**
 - Need for volunteers

- Controversies – **minimal**

- **Unfinished Business**

At last year's meeting I identified several items requiring follow-up

 - Adam Lake
 - Despite outreach, no one from the Adam Lake Association has attended a Board meeting!

 - Bylaw Review & Update
 - After several starts, this has not yet been and should be a priority for the incoming Board.
 - Current Bylaws dated July 1968

 - Cow Island
 - We promised to return this year with a business plan detailing alternatives for the future of Cow Island, after assessing the “buy-in” in 2017 from a rejuvenated facility and revitalized social programme.
 - Moving the AGM forward to the beginning of the season does not give us an opportunity to make those assessments.
 - I can report that thanks to VP Rod Howes' engineering and project management skills, the island is in the best shape I've seen since coming to the lake.
 - And with the support of a very engaged subcommittee, the programmes on the island have been increased and enhanced.
 - More of these details in the Committee Report.

- **Challenges for the Incoming Board**
 - Replacement President
 - At the March 5th meeting of the Board, I announced that I would **not** stand for re-election as President in the coming year, but would stand as a Director (Treasurer).
 - The Board subsequently started to the search for potential candidates by:

- I. Announcing my resignation and the search on the website.
 - II. 2 Directors agreed to undertake to find a replacement from amongst their circle of acquaintances in the community
 - III. We sent mass emails through the website to all members asking for their help
 - IV. We sent a personalized email to members who have attended at least 1 AGM in the past 3 years asking for help.
 - V. We spoke with several candidates and had them attend Board or Committee meetings, but for personal reasons they chose not to stand for election.
- Depending on the results of today's elections, we may go into the year without a President.
 - The Board has a plan to continue move forward in this event, but clearly prefers to have someone come forward to offer their help.

In the event that that happens today, the Board also understands that it must reorganize its affairs for a more equitable distribution of tasks.