

May 6, 2019

The Pike Lake Community Association Board has been busy working on behalf of its members since the last AGM.

**The Board has held meetings August 6, 2018, September 15, 2018, January 23, 2019, February 25, 2019, April 30, 2019 and May 30, 2019.** Below are the key points covered in the meetings.

**At the August meeting** Board members indicated which projects and/or positions they wished to accept.

John Duguid, in his role as Membership Coordinator, stated there were 87 members which represents approximately 65 properties. Records for the past three years have indicated that membership has remained stable.

**January 23, 2019, meeting**, Cheryl Fosbery, Chair of the Constitution Committee was asked to report on recommendations for clarification of wording in the PLCA Constitution. This had been requested at the 2018 AGM.

Suzanne Forget initiated discussion on applying for a biodiversity grant of \$500 through Biodiversity Education and Awareness Network (BEAN). This would help offset costs for a PLCA Bees Project.

Kathy Noxon, Communications Coordinator, talked about the challenges with the website including that it was down for several weeks. Various options were discussed such as changing host site, paying a professional to build a new website and researching sites used by other lake associations. In follow-up discussions, including balancing costs, it was determined that although challenging, often due to idiosyncrasies of the website, it “generally works well”.

**In February**, Cheryl Fosbery reported that the Constitution Committee would be meeting in April. The Board discussed ideas on how best to approach PLCA members on their thoughts as to the date/month of the AGM. Although traditionally held mid July, several members had enquired about the viability of changing the AGM to June.

Suzanne Forget gave an update on the BEAN funding for a PLCA Biodiversity, “Bee the Change” initiative. It was determined that the PLCA would not apply for funding due to the parameters of the project - specifically that it needed to be completed by the end of June. Additionally, it was subsequently learned that BEAN staff were not fully confident that the organization would receive funding to support its programs. Suzanne offered to develop a project plan for the next Board meeting including a budget for consideration to continue with the project.

Lake Steward, Linden Davidson and Adrienne Fowlie Larocque reported that the Rideau Conservation Authority (RVCA) Pike Lake Catchment report was near

completion. Photos were requested which were subsequently submitted. The report was posted online by the RVCA in March.

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, Naomi Fowlie reported that she, PLCA member Jack Anderson and John Murphy had gone out to view the burnt snowmobile in the middle of the lake, northern end, that had been reported late March to info@pikelake by a PLCA member, Robin Stout. Discussions on how to deal with the remains of the machine were discussed with various agencies that included the OPP, Bathurst Burgess Drummond & Elmsley Fire Rescue (BBD&E), RVCA, Oaks Recovery & Towing services and an insurance company. MNR went out to the site. Due to ice instability it was too late to contemplate recovery.

Suzanne Forget and Linden Davidson presented a proposal for a Kids Fishing Derby to be held Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, for children ages 5 to 15. The Board decided to support this activity with financial and volunteer resources.

Linden Davidson continues to work with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) on the Walleye Enhancement Project. The MNR is willing to restock fingerlings at no cost to the PLCA if documentation is provided. This includes producing a fishing diary for people fishing on the lake to complete and submit. The Board determined there are several more steps to be completed before the project can move forward. A motion was made to table further discussion and decision to the next meeting.

The Constitution Committee met again in early May to review input from Board and PLCA members with regards to clarification in wording. Forty members responded to the survey on when they would like to have the AGM held. June and July are the preferred months.

Three ideas were presented to the Board by Suzanne Forget to deliver a “Bee the Change” project. Although Board members are in full support this project, it was determined that the time-lines were too short for delivery in 2019. Hence, an article would be included in the Pike Lake Post with the idea that a potential project for 2020 would be a viable option as it needs to be initiated and completed late May, early June.

Several project ideas had been sent to the Board from members. Due to budget restrictions, volunteer resources and previously planned events, it was decided they could not be delivered this fiscal year.

At the **May 30<sup>th</sup>** meeting the two key topics for discussion were the Walley Enhancement Project and finalizing the wording for clarification in the constitution. Both will be presented at the AGM.

The Pike Lake Post, membership form and Pike Lake brochure are ready for delivery. Thank you to everyone who participated: Suzanne for designing, writing and printing the colourful pamphlet and Kay Rogers for producing the Pike Lake Post.