

TROY LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (TLRA)

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** held on **Sunday, Aug 9, 2020, at 10:00 am**, at the cottage of Tim and Janice Wright.

Members present:

Arnold, Todd	McEvoy, Brent	Orr, Don
Cieplak, Kris	McGill, Mary Ellen	Fowler, Randy
Hoover, Barry	Asselin, Jayne	Thomson, Al &
Lauridsen, Steve	Booth, John &	Jane
Lystiuk, Justin	Danuta	Wright, Tim

President Kris Cieplak called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Kris has taken on the President role as Tim's term was completed in May.

1. Agenda: Moved by Don Orr and seconded by Todd Arnold that the agenda for today's meeting be accepted as circulated. **Motion Carried**

2. Minutes: Moved Todd Arnold seconded by Randy Fowler that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held May 19, 2019, be accepted. **Motion Carried**

3. Treasurer's Report:

a) The Financial Statement was issued to all members with the agenda prior to the meeting. A copy is also included with these minutes. The bank balance as of 2020 July 21 was \$7067.08. This statement covers all transactions from our AGM of 2019 until July 21st of 2020. Moved by Steve Lauridsen and seconded by Don Orr that the financial statement for 2019/2020 be accepted. **Motion Carried**

b) Rideau Lakes Township has provided us a private road assistance grant for 2020 in the amount of \$600.75. This grant helps us maintain our road in good condition.

c) The Road Insurance invoice for 2020 was \$719.28 the same amount as last year.

d) The renewal of the FOCA membership for 2020 is due in August and is \$233.50 down a small amount from 2019.

e) As a Cottage Association we were invited to join the Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee established by the Mayor and Council of the Township in 2019. Steve Lauridsen is the designated representative and Don Orr is the alternate. Quarterly meetings focus on lake water quality, safety concerns on the water, impact of changes brought on by the amended Official Plan, garbage pick-up and a host of other topics. By being represented the Township has provided us with a grant of \$585.00 to use for environmental expenses (water testing being one important item). We are currently paying to have our monthly lake

water analyzed as the government lab in Dorset is not accepting samples yet due to COVID-19.

4. Road Report: Don Orr reported that our road has had graded and gravel applied this year and is currently in good condition. The invoice for this work was \$1550.54.

We also discussed the condition of the culvert that drains Troy Lake into Mud Lake as it is need of replacement soon. No decision was reached our assistance with this project as a new estimate of cost will be needed.

5. Road Clean-up Day: The annual Road Clean-up day will be held on **Saturday, Sep 12th**. All cottagers are encouraged to participate. Participants will meet at Don Orr's #566 at 9:00am to get started. This work entails weed cutting and branch trimming along the road.

6. Membership/Road Dues, 2021: Following a discussion the setting of dues for 2021 will take place at our Spring 2021 AGM as is our usual practice.

The current year road dues are \$150.00. There are only a few property owners with road dues outstanding as of this meeting.

Please forward cheques made payable to the Troy Lake Ratepayers Association to Steve Lauridsen, 172 Row Place, Brockville, ON, K6V 6V2 or if you wish to use e-Transfer please use the e-mail: Lauridsen@sympatico.ca

Those who wish to contribute toward winter snow removal may continue to do so with the funds provided to Don Orr for his time and equipment used; however, this is strictly voluntary.

7. Water Lake Report: The Lake Report is attached to these minutes. Todd Arnold discussed the significant blue green algae bloom that occurred in late summer in 2019 but reported that the lake conditions are much better this year to-date.

7(a) Lake Water Quality: On June 20th Kris convened a meeting of interested parties to discuss lake water quality given the large blue-green algae bloom of 2019 and a confirmation of a short-lived blue-green algae bloom in early June 2020.

The key outcomes of the discussion were:

1. Try to establish a lake water quality initiative supported by **all** residents/property owners on Troy Lake (some form of association to work on water quality issues).
2. Try to determine the priority for mandated septic system inspection on Troy Lake.

3. Try to get a better understanding of other sources of nutrients entering the lake and how these might be mitigated.

This undertaking is still a work in progress however some progress has been made.

8. President-Elect (Vice-President): Moved by Todd Arnold and seconded by Mary Ellen McGill that Lauren Markovich be nominated for a two-year term as Vice-President thereafter serving as President for two years. There being no other nominations Lauren was acclaimed subject to her acceptance. Lauren has accepted the role following communication after the meeting.

9. Gypsy Moth Discussion: This year has seen a resurgence of this forest pest. They readily defoliate oak and maple trees but may attach other hardwood species as well. Several years ago we individually purchased gypsy moth traps and used these to assist in controlling the spread by trapping the male moths. Don Orr has agreed to source and order kits for whomever would like to have them for their property. A typical cottage property needs 4 or 5 well placed traps to be effective. The traps I have seen on a quick search range in price from ~\$15.00 to ~\$30.00 each. Please let Don or Steve Lauridsen know if you would like traps for your property and how many you would like as soon as possible so an order can be placed for delivery in Spring 2021.

10. Other Business: A question was asked about curbside garbage pickup (end of driveway). The Township were seeking input to modifying the pick-up points that are used in the summer (May to October) and had started some consultations which has been placed on hold for the time being due to the pandemic. We are confident this topic will be back for review in 2021 so you should follow the Township newsletters and let your opinion be heard on garbage pickup.

11. Annual General Meeting 2021: The meeting will be held **Sunday, May 23rd, 2020** starting at **10:00 am** at the Justin and Alicia Lystiuk #658A.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 am. We extend our thanks to Tim and Janice for hosting today and special thanks to Tim for his service as President of our Association for the past two years.

TLRA Executive Committee Members for 2020/21:

Kris Cieplak	President
Steve Lauridsen	Secretary-Treasurer
Don Orr	Head of Road Committee
Lauren Markovich	President-Elect