

## Echo Lake Association – Annual General Meeting – August 26, 2023 at 11am

### Agenda

#### Executive in Attendance:

Presidents: Michelle Leblond and Brad Lilleberg  
Vice Presidents: Cheryl Francis and Don Lawlor  
Treasurers: Val Stephens and Rob Brockbank  
Secretary: Adriana Lurz and Stew (Brian Stewart)  
Past Presidents: Michelle and Ken Kavanagh

#### Liaison Officers:

Eric McCormick (Hammond Rd, Winders Bay & Echo Lake Rd)  
Adriana Lurz (Lawson Rd & Truscott Place)

#### Regrets:

Jacqueline Godard, Councilor  
Paul Ecclestone, Environmental Officer  
Fire Prevention Officer regrets

#### Camp Cairn

Josh, Assistant Director

Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum – Michelle Leblond 11:12 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction of the Executive and Guests – Michelle Leblond

Proposal for Membership – Michelle Leblond

There are 119 cottages on the lake and 52 current members having paid dues

Approval of the minutes of the 2022 Meeting (ELA Minutes 2022 AGM) \* motion by  
Adriana Lurz, second Ken Kavanagh. Motion Passed

NOTE – Virtual meeting in Summer 2022 due to COVID

#### Executive Reports

##### President's Message:

- The focus is on loon population and quality of lake. A loon was found dead recently. Laura Murray (biologist) and others are involved. If you come across a dead animal on the lake, let the ELA know.
- Water quality: The Love your Lake program is put on by Watershed Muskoka and conducted a survey of every property. The report indicates what property owners can do to help improve shoreline and help watersheds.
- The ELA applied for a micro grant and was accepted. The quality of the lake is the most important thing. Look to district for guidance – they did a report last year (algae bloom three years ago and part of causation studies). Report was

disappointing – didn't tell us anything in terms of what we can do to improve. We interact with other lakes (Leonard lake) but we have to do the work to protect our lake ourselves.

- The little library is open for you to take/leave books. Wendy Truscott added a third book. It made need some light repairs.
- We must all remind our neighbours about fire prevention and wake issues, etc. Need to call OPP for emergency situations – the Lake Association is not an arbitar

#### Treasurer's Report - Val Stephens

Opening balance \$5,701.13 at August 19, 2022

2021 Dues collected \$1,000

Expenses: 1) website Ethical Hosting \$68.34 2) donation for Community Centre \$250 3) Love You Lake flyer insert \$160.46 4) Echo Lake magnets \$147.47 and 5) Annual General Meeting \$1,062

Total expenses: 1688.27

Current balance \$5,081.20 as of August 26, 2023

#### Environmental Report

Josh: Robin, the Director of Camp Cairn will share a full report. The Lake surrounding the camp is not as healthy as it was in past but still healthy overall. The full report will be available.

Don and Cheryl: Paul Ecclestone normally does secci disk testing but Don has done 6 readings starting May 6 until August 23. Paul will update the results to the web site. Don is taking the reading between jumping rocks and Gabrielle's place (38-40 feet).

Readings are done on Sundays. Clarity was over 4.5 metres which is clear. No water samples this year, just the readings. Ice off and ice dates will be posted on the web site.

Cheryl – Lake Blitz program sponsored by Living Lakes Canada. Two kits available. One can be done off the end of the dock. Cheryl is on list for next year. Microgrant: Association has received a \$500 grant and we'll be running a Lottery. Cheryl can share info if you email ELA. We have \$500 that has been granted to us for native plants and want to spread across lake. Naturalization of shoreline. Receipts and photos to demonstrate proof must be provided.

Cheryl will put magnets in a plastic bag and put them in their bin at top of driveway and in the little library.

Other Reports – Councillor, Bylaw (if submitted)

Jacqueline Goddard: Thanks us for voting for her. We will send her report with the minutes.

Josh from Cairn Camp: Great season. Shut down in 2020. 2021 modified program. 2022 returned back to normal program. 300 campers this year. Camp expansion potential in future years. Early June/July Family Fun Day – open Family day to visit. Variety of fall programs.

- Nominations for Office

- Secretary nomination for Michelle Kavanagh – approved

- Don and Cheryl move to President

- Adriana and Stew nomination for VP – approved

- Val and Rob remain Treasurer

- o Announcement of New Executive see above

- Old Business

- o Cheryl and Don

- Loons tried to nest but didn't work last year so we have created new nesting platforms with Paul Eccelstone.
    - Water level is high and someone checked for beaver damn, but no damn.

- New Business

- Open Discussion on 2024 Plans – Corn Roast, Events, other?

- Ken Kavanagh– branded hats/t shirts for the lake? Ken can get the name of the company to make them.

- Poker run on the lake?

- Val – we used to have an early meeting in the season. Nice because you can network. Cheryl to do a survey to determine timing of meeting

- Erik – Rent the camp to do the AGM to get kids involved

- For the Good and Welfare of the Association – Michelle Leblond

- No business

Adjournment – Cheryl Francis Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.