

Echo Lake Association – Annual General Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, August 24, 2022 7pm – Virtual via Zoom

Call the meeting to Order – 7:02 pm by Michelle Leblond

Executive in Attendance:

Presidents: Michelle Leblond and Brad Lilleberg

Vice Presidents: Adriana Lurz

Treasurers: Val Stephens and Rob Brockbank

Secretary: N/A

Liaison Officers:

Eric McCormick (Hammond Rd, Winders Bay & Echo Lake Rd)

Adriana Lurz (Lawson Rd & Truscott Place)

Confirmation of Quorum – Michelle Leblond

Welcome and Introductions – Michelle Leblond

Proposal for Membership – Updated Member Numbers

- 50 paid members on lake of approximately 116 propertied (but some may be multiple property owners)

Approval of the minutes of the 2021 Meeting ([ELA Minutes 2021 AGM](#)) *

- Motion by Adriana Lurz, second Erik McCormick. Motion Passed

Executive Reports

President's Message - Michelle Leblond

- COVID continues to hamper activity/planning for the Echo Lake Association and as a result the AGM is virtual and there is no corn roast
- The Hammonds declined having the corn roast on their property this year. It's easiest to keep AGM and/or corn roast on the lake, if possible
- There was a July 1st boat cruise but with low attendance
- Loon Nesting Platform – lots of support and a great addition to the lake. It has been launched and there is hope for tenants next year
- Added 14 No Wake signs. **ACTION:** Susan Francisco would like one, Michelle to follow up with her directly
- Short Term Rental regulations have been in place since January 2022 and are available to public to see who is registered and who is not. Bylaw has dedicated resources to enforcement and is aware of the rental properties on most lakes.

Treasurer's Report - Val Stephens

August 25, 2021 to August 19, 2022

Balance Forward: \$4,677.85

Income:

Dues collected: EFT \$1235.00

No wake sign fee \$15.00 (paid out to Michelle Leblond since program was not run through ELA)

Total Income: \$1,250.00

Expenses:

Ethical Hosting Annual Fee (website) \$ 68.34

Loon Nesting Platform Supplies \$143.38

Michelle Leblond (for No Wake Sign) \$ 15.00

Total Expenses: \$226.72

Balance on Account August 19,2022 \$5,701.13

Environmental Report – Adriana Lurz

- We should be grateful that we are seeing such diverse wildlife on the lake: otters, turtle eggs, bald eagle, moose, etc but should be reminded that animals can feed themselves and that it can be detrimental to the animal and their habitat to feed them. For more information, see here: <https://www.thelandbetween.ca/2021/10/fed-is-dead-why-feeding-wildlife-can-be-detrimental/>
- We've been fortunate to hear the loons on the lake and the Loon Nesting project was completed in the fall – thank you everyone who supported this initiative
- The Echo Lake Association website contains useful information. It was updated last year and the "Echo Lake by the Numbers" section includes info like the ice in/out dates and water clarity readings. Thank you to Ken and Michelle Kavanaugh for helping with the readings while Paul was off the lake
- We appreciate the concern about wake and boat use on the lake and proper environmental care and have sent several notices out. If you rent your property, please share this information with renters so they too can take care of the lake
- The survey summary from the Echo Lake causation report was done by the District and posted on the District website and included in the AGM binder. This is a summary of the lake members who responded to the survey. We've asked for next steps and are waiting to hear back. For more information, see here: [Causation Survey Summary - Echo Lake](#)
- The Muskoka Watershed Council. They have a Citizen Science program that might interest some of our members. People can email katie@fotmw.org for more information. There are a lot of resources there as well (The Natural Edge, Love Your Lake, Clean and Green 13). Check under Programs. They also have a book that looks interesting. Here is a link to a little preview of it. <https://www.muskokawatershed.org/resources/handbook/>

General Discussion

- Don Lawlor is part of the Citizen Science project and it only requires a few days commitment. Very beneficial and interesting.

Other Reports – Councillor Godard– submitted in binder

Love Your Lake – submitted in binder

Bylaw – informational attached with minutes

Nominations

- The Executive positions have been filled by acclamation and no election was needed.
- The current executive will continue in their roles for one more year, with the exception of the VP role which will be filled by Cheryl Francis. Adriana Lurz will move to the Secretary role.
- Current executive contains both residents and seasonal owners and significant years of history on the lake.

Old Business

- No updates

New Business – Michelle Leblond

- Lake safety is critical and recently lake behaviour has not been safe. Echo Lake Association can not control the behaviour on the lake – the Association is not the police. Anyone can report to unsafe behaviour to the OPP or Bylaw, depending on the issue, but it's good to catch in real time and have video including location.
- It's not always renters who are violating, it could be owners or kids of the owners.

Discussion

- Don Lawlor called OPP recently and requested a visit from the Marine Unit for safety. They will make a surprise visit in the next few weeks.
- Val McCormick mentioned that we have unused funds and recommended that we laminate the "Echo Lake Check List" of do's and don'ts and distribute to cottages on lake. The Association did a "dock" drop of this list in the past but can revisit this recommendation.
ACTION: Eric McCormick and Stew (Brian Stewart) volunteered to distribute these flyers if we decide to proceed. Michelle will coordinate printing.
- Val McCormick asked if the Camp is an option for AGMs in future. The challenge is that the camp is running when the AGM takes place mid/late August. The AGM would need to be moved up until July but this could be considered for next year

For the Good and Welfare of the Association

- N/A

Adjournment

- The Zoom called was cut off (disconnected unintentionally) at 7:35 p.m.