

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
PENINSULA LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
HIDDEN VALLEY SKI CLUB  
AUGUST 7, 2017**

**President's Introductory Remarks:**

Graeme Eastmure welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the joint AGM structure. He then provided a summary of his history on Pen Lake. Directors of both the PLA and PLCA were asked to introduce themselves to the membership.

**Invited Guests:**

Guests were introduced by Graeme - Nancy Tapley, Shane Baker, Mike Pppard.

Nancy Tapley talked about the tornado August 4th in the Limberlost Reserve. Tree damage was extensive, but surprisingly few buildings had damage. Baysville was hit by a massive rain storm and roads were washed out. Road crews and volunteer fire departments have been doing an incredible job.

Fire Department: The volunteer fire department needs more volunteers. Nancy encouraged the membership to recruit volunteers. Firefighting is governed by the province, if there are not enough volunteers you cannot have anyone go into fire building sites. Vehicles on the road that have green flashing lights is a volunteer firefighter vehicle.

OPP Costs: LOB is paying disproportionate amount, Mayor Young is encouraging letter writing to Premier Wynne for a more equitable formula.

The Dwight Library is preparing for an expansion. Very busy library with lots of services. Please donate.

Quarry: There is an application coming forward for the quarry but it has not been seen yet. The new owners are convinced that there was an existing quarry there. They are taking the OMB report and answering all issues that were mentioned in this report. A full open public meeting will take place. Mayor Young is encouraging this meeting to take place while people are still in the area.

Tally Ho landing: Township is looking at re-working the parking at the Tally Ho landing to increase parking.

Q: Rick asked about formula for OPP pricing.

A: Shane Baker says its divided as per assessment. \$600,000 imbalance is evident. Other towns are underpaying, LOB is overpaying. LOB carries a high assessment. Everything based on the property assessments.

**Call to Order and Constitution of Meeting:**

Graeme Eastmure called the meeting to order at 10:04am

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion of approval of the agenda: Eva Moffat

Seconder: Dick Moffat

All in favour. Carried.

**President's Report – Graeme Eastmure:**

Thanks to Jane Anastas and Nicola Biggs who did much of the leg work towards the PLA to PLCA transition.

A review of the reasons for creating the PLCA.

The quarry issue - what has changed since the OMB decision of years ago. A Quarry Committee needs to be struck. Additional help needed. Please volunteer.

**Membership Approval Establishing the PLCA and its by-laws**

Motion to approved the by-laws:

Alex Armstrong moved to approve the by-laws.

Heather Moffat seconded.

Discussion:

Q: Lang Moffat - concerns with the by-laws and not for profit rules - have we complied?

A: Graeme: The board as well as a legal firm scrutinized the by-laws and they were deemed appropriate for this organization.

Rob Hurst: we are compliant now, and the by-laws are living documents and are subject to review.

Q: Lang Moffat: concerns with clarification on membership. \$50 entitles you to one vote. The membership is often understated when we do this. When you look at the directory there are more than one member listed. When we vote, we don't remind people that there's only one vote per family. We should review membership and try to clarify this. Maybe look at a "Family Membership".

Rob Hurst recommends that Graeme strike a committee to review the by-laws with respect to membership.

Lang recommends an intermediate membership to get the younger members of the family involved.

Concerned about what we say in the by-laws and what we practice with respect to the recruiting and recommending directors and slate of officers.

Graeme - thanks, we will strike a committee to review our by-laws.

All in favour of the current by-laws.

Opposed? None.

Carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Dan Johnstone**

Dan stated this is our first year so a year end balance sheet not provided.

176 members have paid

120 unpaid members from the PLA list.

Early Birds - 97 signed up before the deadline.

Current balance 7345.01, not including recent regatta receipts.

Question Cathy Moffat: Effort should be made to extend membership and invite those not living on the lake to be members when Penlake issues affect them.

Rob Hurst - there is no residency requirement anyone else is able to join.

**Social Report: Dennis Maxwell**

Dennis mentioned weather has been an issue, but only one cancellation- the sailing race. Both Canada Day and Regatta had poor weather, but the number of attendees and spirit prevailed. In one race there were 30 paddlers. Canada Day - members came out in rubber boots and all had a good time. Dennis mentioned the August events and encouraged attendance. Plea for conveners and new social director.

**Ken Harper:**

Buoy Report: A new buoy put off the old golf course - total of three there now. New buoy added to North Portage as the rock that is usually predominantly painted by the gulls is under water. A hazard buoy is there - white with orange stripes.

Loon Siting:

Tally Ho - nesting loons had two babies and they are doing well. The eggs on Grassy Island in Hills Bay were abandoned by the loons. Believes that there are too many kayakers and canoers too close to the island and this may have scared off the loons.

Water Levels: constant state of fluctuating levels. MNRF has set logs to summer levels.

New Facebook page: Please post your info and pictures. Put a link on the website.

Propane Group: look at the proposal and consider joining. Info is on page 6 of Pen Notes.

Rudy Koehler asked about Deerhurst Development:

Rob Hurst: Lakeside Lodge is 60-70% sold, one year November they think they will open.

Barb Armstrong: Wakeboard boats are creating waves too high - washing out shoreline. And fishermen are leaving lures in her shoreline.

Bruce Howell: The parking at the public docks by Tally Ho is being expanded and this is a concern.

Member from Canal area: Boat speed is a concern. They have called OPP and advised of staff cut backs. Specific boat info, video of speeding boat required to lodge a complaint. Perhaps swimming lane ropes to slow them down.

***Carol Sissons: moves that the PLCA write a letter to LOB township opposing the Tally Ho expansion.***

Secunder: Barb Armstrong

All in favour - carried.

### **Election of new PLCA Board**

Motion to approve the 2017-2018 slate of directors be approved:

Dibby Appleton moved this motion.

Seconded Dick Moffat

Carried.

### **Membership & "Early Bird" Draw: Jenner Pratt**

Jenner Pratt called out the names of the new members:

*(get Jenner's list and insert here?)*

Thanks to all for paying their dues early. \$150 certificate to dinner at the Norseman. Graeme Eastmure pulled the name out of the "transparent" glass jug. Shy Raubvaugel is the recipient.

Graeme thanks Andrew Rusnik, manager of HV chalet for use of the chalet.

Next AGM will be Monday August 6th, 2018, at this location.

### **Q & A Period for the PLA or PLCA**

Q: Alex Armstrong - will the PLA and PLCA be joint again next year?

A: Yes

Q: Dibby asked for round of applause for Vicky Koudstaal and her work on Pen Notes. (loud applause)

Q: Sheila Morse: Plea for the sailing race. So few boats show up. Can people offer their sailboats for others to use? Need more sailors. Only 1 boat showed up for junior sailing race. Hosts of the sailing race put on a really good party! Encourage sailing participation. Anyone who wants to learn the rules about sailing could join the committee boat, including younger people.

A: Gord Moffat: Could have a junior sailing program. 9:30am race - not enough wind for a race at this time - change the timing?

Ted Charlton suggested to put the rules of the race on the website.

Tony Houghton - the course buoys are always set in same place, start is always Hills Island.

A: Need our new Social Director to help champion these events.

Diane Burley: two shoes floated in to Winoka shore. One of them had a set of Toyota keys in them.

Bill Fraser: Thanks to sailing race committee.

Janet Matthews: lots of debris, logs, foam island created with the run off from the rain storm - be cautious. At the Springsyde Mtg. it was discussed that the canal has logs dislodged from docks - creating a hazard.

Q: the last storm at the canal broke a huge tree, uprooted and fell into the canal, reducing canal width to one boat.

A: This is a hazard - do need to remove

Q: Lang Moffat - Thanks for getting out the AGM material ahead of time so that questions could be prepared.

Q: Debbie Court suggested that all those who have questions for the board should, as a courtesy and for better prepared answers give advance notice of their questions.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 am