

## **SDLCA Annual General Meeting – Thursday September 21, 2021 – Zoom Meeting – 6:30pm**

Bill Holding welcomed approximately 21 members to the meeting.

### **Adoption of the Minutes of the 2020 AGM**

Bill asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the 2020 AGM as circulated prior to the meeting by e mail unless there were any questions. Margaret Clayton proposed several changes to her comments as recorded in the Minutes that provided a clearer understanding. Such motion was put forward for the amended minutes by Bob Collins and seconded by Esther Atkins. All were in favour.....motion passed.

### **SDLCA Executive Update**

Bill then made an appeal for any member who might be interested in joining the Executive to help out with various duties and become familiar with some of the roles of the officers. Jordie McTavish volunteered to join the board with her duties to be discussed in the following year.

### **Nomination and Election of Officers**

Bill called for nominations for the election of officers.

* Bill Holding	President
* Line Gervais	Web Site
* Rob Brown	Lake Steward and Environmental Director
* Lynn Blake	Membership Secretary
* Rob Stimers	Web and Technology Chair Youth Race
* Rob Stuart	Canoe Race & BBQ
* Michele Diano	Communications
*Bob Collins	Treasurer
Doug Rodger	Past President
*Kay Armatage	Editor
* Jordie McTavish	tbd

Esther Atkins made a motion to accept the current slate of officers for election seconded by Jordie McTavish. All were in favour.....carried.

### **Financial Report Update**

Bob Collins reported that for the year ending Dec. 2020 the SDLCA basically broke even which was good news considering all the covid disruptions. Total receipts of \$4271 and expenditures of \$4397 left us

with a small loss due in part to a fall off in paid memberships. However, all the current advertisers had renewed with one additional one added. The unfortunate cancellation of the Lake Race and BBQ resulted in lower expenses incurred.

Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Michele Diano and seconded by Line Gervais. All were in favour.....carried.

### **Membership Report**

Lynn Blake provided the following update:

That there were 74 paid members for 2021 and 39 prepaid for 2022.

Data for 2020 showed 89 Paid members with 26 prepaid for 2021.

Data for 2019 showed 103 paid members with 33 prepaid for 2020.

The bad news was paid memberships were down 17% from last year but prepaid ones were up 33%.

She had been busy during the year delivering and mailing new updated membership stickers and mentioned that those needing new signs to notify the Executive members and to encourage your neighbours to become members if they were not already so.

### **Website**

Line Gervais reported she was more comfortable now in her new role as Web administrator and as issues came up they were being resolved. She was grateful for the help Jacqueline Proud had provided during the transition.

### **Concert on the Lake**

Doug provided an e-mail report:

This year's concert on the lake was perhaps our most successful. Certainly, the attendance was larger than ever before. There were approximately 150 folks in forty different boats and plenty more enjoying the show, on shore. And the entertainment value was extraordinary! The artists involved were truly appreciative of the opportunity to perform to such an appreciative audience. Both Kat Mathews and Jack de Keyzer wrote to me afterwards in thanks. A big thankyou goes out to the Salerno Lake community which continues to support this unique event.

I wish to thank Rob and Rosalie Brown for generously hosting the concert, Barbara Gordon for providing meals, hospitality and box office. Barbara sold almost \$1000 worth of tickets from her Kayak! Lastly, I wish to thank the Executive for supporting this ambitious undertaking with a particular debt of gratitude to Bob Collins for making my job so much easier and to Michele Diano for the design and printing of the posters and flyers.

### **Communication Report**

Michele Diano talked about the successful Photo contest recently held and the interest it generated. She is now planning a second one. She reported that the Apparel launch had a good response after the covid lockdown and expected to clear about \$800 for the SDLCA. She mentioned a possible Sentinel article on a lake swim by five women on July 17 led by Heather (Stuart) Maclachlan and asked for stories from others to include.

**Annual Canoe Race & Barbeque**

Rob Stuart said it was disappointing to have to cancel the Lake Race and BBQ again this year but there was just too much uncertainty with provincial guidelines dealing with the covid epidemic. He needs lots of lead time to plan all facets of the race, from discussing with John Leonard the design and painting of the winner’s paddles to ordering shirts. The boat launch is a busy spot on a long weekend but most people launching are pretty co operative. Of concern was the year over year reduction in the number of boats taking part in the race and some categories going unfilled. The Youth race course will be reviewed for a new starting point and a longer route.

**Constitution Amendment Changes**

**Motion to change Article 5 from...**

**Article 5: Annual Meeting (amended 2003, 2015)**

A General Meeting of the Association shall be held yearly at a location within Irondale, Ontario or other such place as may be determined by the Executive, at a time to be advised, on the August/Civic Holiday weekend. Due notice of such meeting shall be mailed or delivered by the Secretary to each paid member, at least 7 days before the date of such Annual General Meeting.

**Motion to change Article 5 to...**

**Article 5: Annual Meeting (amended 2003, 2015, 2021)**

A General Meeting of the Association shall be held yearly at a location within Irondale, Ontario and/or remotely, using such technological means, as may be determined by the Executive. The Meeting shall be held at a time to be advised during the August/Civic Holiday weekend. Due notice of such meeting and the means and methods of participating remotely, or in person shall be mailed or delivered electronically by the Secretary to each paid member, at least 7 days before the date of such Annual General Meeting. In the event of extreme or unforeseen circumstances, the Executive may choose to reschedule the Annual General Meeting to another date within the same calendar year, following the same rules of notification.

This change was requested to deal with the uncertainties of covid restrictions on meeting with people in person.

A motion to adopt this change was made by Lynn Blake and seconded by Michele Diano.

All were in favour.....carried.

**Motion to change Article 6 from...**

**Article 6: Meetings**

**a) (amended 2003)**

Special General Meeting may be called by the President or in his/her absence or failure to act, by the Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, or any two of them, or by a majority of the members. Notices of such General Meetings shall be mailed or delivered.

**b) (amended 1998)**

The President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer may call Executive Meetings. There are to be a minimum of four Executive Meetings a year, one of these within 30 days of the Annual General Meeting.

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**b) (amended 1998, 2021)**

The President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer may call Executive Meetings. There are to be a minimum of three Executive Meetings a year.

The change was requested as with e mail and zoom meetings that can be held through out the year it is deemed no longer necessary to have a meeting within 30 days of the AGM. Closing down the cottage on Labour Day weekend and not having access to other Executive members until the following year is not the case any more.

Motion to adopt the change was made by Esther Atkins and seconded by Lynn Blake.

All were in favour.....Motion passed.

**Motion to change Article 12 from...**

Article 12: Banking (amended 1998, 2003, 2015)

*There shall be a bank account kept in any chartered Canadian bank named by the treasurer. All cheques, promissory notes or bills of exchange, drawn or accepted in respect of the said bank account, shall be signed by the treasurer and any one of the executive officers authorized by the executive. Bank signing authorization privileges will be determined by the executive at the first executive meeting after the General Meeting. All cheques will require two signatures of the three designated signatories.*

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The change was requested as very few payments are done by cheque any more at most three per year with the rest of over a dozen e-payments made. We know of no process on e-payments or PayPal for dual authorization.

A lively discussion took place and the motion was moved to be adopted by Line Gervais and seconded by Kevin Pepper.

A majority were in favour.....passed.

**Loon Report**

Kevin found a nest on June 16<sup>th</sup> with one egg in it. When he returned in July the egg was missing presumably compromised by other animals or accidentally knocked out of the nest by the mother. He noticed in August Salerno Lake had many Loons travelling through on their migration south. Salt water marshes become the home to many of these loons and so they will eat both fresh and salt water fish. He had the opportunity to be invited to White Lake and Crystal Lake to photograph Loons there. There were 8 chicks between the three lakes and was a pretty good loon season.

**Other**

Kevin also announced that Gord Reynolds was the new President of the Chimo Road Association. He wanted the substantial contributions Ken Clark has made over the years running the Road Association to be recognized.

Alex Stojanoff raised the issue of large boat waves destroying shoreline, breaking dock hinges and causing the docks to jerk wildly and wondered what could be done. He asked how can we better get the message out to educate these boaters to keep their wakes down? Margaret Clayton described how some lakes have adopted a Safe, Quiet Lake designation and suggested Alex search the CHA web page (COHPA) to connect with them and see what suggestions they had.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 by Lynn Blake and seconded by Kevin Pepper.