

SDLCA Annual General Meeting – Thursday September 14, 2022 – Zoom Meeting – 6:30pm

Bill Holding welcomed approximately 14 members to the meeting. He noted this was the third on line AGM since covid restrictions were set in place and that we were trying to determine if a non summer meeting would attract more attendance. He thanked the Executive volunteers for their dedicated work on bringing back the canoe races, BBQ, children’s games, apparel sale and photo contest, as well as the numerous communication e-blasts, twice yearly Sentinel, Concert on the Lake, water testing and website work.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2021 AGM

Bill asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the 2021 AGM as circulated prior to the meeting by e mail unless there were any questions. Doug Rodger proposed that the minutes as circulated be adopted as if read, Jordie McTavish seconded the motion. 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. The previous year we were joined by Jordie McTavish but lost Lynn Blake who had stepped down.

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
* Jordie McTavish	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
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Michele Diano 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. 2021 the SDLCA saved money by not incurring the expenses of running the canoe race and BBQ. Total receipts of \$12,060 and expenditures of \$9432 left us with a gain of \$2628 partly from the Concert and Apparel Sale. For the current year our advertisers have renewed and Vince Duchene has become a sponsor for the Concert on the Lake. Bob also noted a bequest from Esther Atkins of \$5,000 to help support the Concert on the Lake for the next three years although Doug is hoping they are successful enough it will last 5 years.

Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Doug Rodger and seconded by Wendy Idiens.

All were in favour.....carried.

Communication Report

Michele Diano noted that the Apparel sale in 2021 had a profit of \$791.33 on 143 items ordered while that of 2022 was a profit of \$283.05 on 73 items ordered. The best seller was the hoodies. She compared the entries for the photo contest with 35 entries in 2021, the first year, and 49 entries in 2022 noting the increased interest and was hoping to run two in 2023 (Summer and Winter).

Seven e-mail blasts were sent out to 318 recipients from February to August. Membership renewals had 680 opens, the Spring Sentinel had 600 opens and the Photo Contest had 504 opens. She was pleased with so many opens on the Sentinel as it takes quite a bit of time putting it together. She also established a new tiered sponsorship for events to gain new advertising revenue. The three tiers would be Gold \$1000 giving the advertiser's name on a banner, posters of the event and on e blasts etc., Silver \$500 and Bronze \$250.

Membership Report

Jordie McTavish provided the following update:

That there were 102 paid members for 2022, 53 prepaid for 2023 and 7 for 2024.

Website

Line Gervais reported that there were 132,094 hits for the year and was hoping to add more current photographs from the Canoe Race to the web site.

Environmental Report

Rob Brown noted that the Secchie Disk was visible 3 feet deeper this year indicating the water was clearer than the previous year. Rob signed up for an Invasive Species Program testing (water fleas etc)for which 700 applied and only 25 were selected of which we were one. There would be three locations on the lake for testing each in which a sampling jar would be lowered 6 metres down and sent to the Ministry. It is like a DNA of water test with the results due in September.

Annual Canoe Race & Barbeque

Rob noted he was impressed by the number of parents and grandparents supporting kids in the Youth Race, including people on docks cheering them on. There were 36 participants in the adult race which is down from previous years. The River Race was an adventure while the Lake Race is tough with the wind often in your face going out and coming back. Rob Stewart as a Martial saw many groups of people on

docks enjoying drinks and food, a social time. The registrations pulled in a few new paying members. He had some difficulty at the last minute with shirt and paddle orders but managed with his long time contacts and also in securing prizes from vendors. The BBQ raffle sold over 300 tickets and over 100 people showed up for fun, food, drink and the awards. Many thanks to Natalie and Daniel Stimers who assisted their father Rob with the children's games. The new owner of the Irondale General Store, Shahab, was happy to provide the BBQ's food and drink service.

Rob Stimers said the Youth Race was especially rewarding to run as it involves families in supporting the individual racer and has given him the opportunity to train his two children to help run the race and Games as well. The Children's Games(12 and under) are over fairly quickly in 15 minutes or so, which are then followed by the young adult/ adult games of shoe toss, balloon toss, egg toss etc which takes longer due to the number of participants. He then thanked Wendy for hosting the Youth Race from her dock.

There was a suggestion that the Adult Lake Race change its course to touch both shores of the lake for certain stretches to bring it to more spectators. Rob Stewart was concerned that such a change of crossing the straights or part of the lake would expose the paddlers to more boat traffic and large waves.

Concert on the Lake

Doug was pleased with the band and number of people attending the concert and the good weather. He mentioned that he would be moving the concert back to the first weekend after the July long weekend from which it was moved a number of years ago due to a conflict of schedule with other local events. He was scouting out potential performers for next year notably Ryan DiCarlo the singer for Blue Oyster as well as several Bar Bands. Doug mentioned that a cottager offered the use of his dock for ferrying the band and gear across the water to the Concert Venue for the next year sparing him and others from carting it down and then back up the hillside at the Brown's. Doug expressed his appreciation again to Rob and Rosalie Brown for hosting the Concert at their deck.

Other

There was a lot of concern about the effect of high rising water and waves on loon's nests and their eggs. One possible solution Rob Stewart offered was a floating Loon Island with has two sloping sides with the nest on top. Perhaps we could look into building one to try out.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 by Bill Holding and seconded by Rob Brown.