

## **SDLCA Annual General Meeting – Saturday August 3, 2024 – Irondale Community Centre**

Bill Holding welcomed on behalf of the SDLCA Executive 23 members to the meeting and thanked them for taking the time to attend. He noted that this was the second AGM held in person since the reopening of society since the Covid Epidemic. He thanked the volunteers who form the Executive and others who assist with the many activities that the SDLCA hosts. The SDLCA is the voice that represents the lake with local and provincial Governments on many such issues as water levels, invasive species, lake health, short term rentals and shore line erosion. Our goal is to bring the membership together through the many various events such as the Lake Races, Concert on the Lake, Photo Contests and the BBQ, Children’s Games & Awards Ceremony.

### **Adoption of the Minutes of the 2023 AGM**

Bill asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the 2023 AGM as circulated prior to the meeting by e mail as if read unless there were any questions. Margret Clayton proposed that the minutes as circulated be adopted as if read, Doug Roger 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.

### **Nomination and Election of Executive Officers for 2024 - 2025**

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	Director
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Sue Thompson made a motion to accept the current slate of officers for election seconded by Tom Kott. All were in favour.....carried.

### **Financial Report Update**

Bob Collins reported that we began the year with \$12,110 and had a \$1,800 surplus for the year. Revenue was \$8,249 with expenses coming at \$6,449. Membership was up, the Lake Race had a larger turnout and the Concert had a \$1,000 sponsor again to offset costs.

Bob also mentioned that through a FOCA benefit, Rogers Communications was offering a special deal to cottagers which he outlined.

Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Doug Roger and seconded by Bev McCarthy. All were in favour.....carried.

### **Communication Report**

Michele Diano has had a busy year sending out 9 email blasts to date keeping the membership up to date on such events and activities as Membership Renewals, Concert on the Lake, the Sentinel, Photo Contest, AGM, Races & BBQ and the Get The Lead Out program.

The Photo Contest had 43 entries this year, up from last year's 39. The deadline for the contest is June 30<sup>th</sup> so that we can announce the winner at the Concert on the Lake. She is hoping to run a second one later in the year.

The new Puzzle's sales so far were 29 out of the original 50 and would be available for sale at the BBQ. The last Apparel Sale was in 2022 and will continue every other year. September 2 is the deadline and another reminder will go out shortly.

A discussion on stickers, replacement signs and renewal notices for expiring memberships as well as current status for prepaids took place. It was decided to communicate better on these issues for the coming year.

### **Membership Report**

Jordie McTavish provided the following update:

We had a very successful start to the year having paid Memberships of 77 so far for 2024 and 31 prepaid for 2025 which is an improvement over last year.

### **Website**

Line Gervais mentioned she was in the process of updating photographs which has given her some difficulty, and other files on the website. The site has been very busy with many hits by people visiting and looking for information. Over the upcoming winter we will be looking to review a new platform for the web site to migrate to. Also, the e-business card advertisement on the web page at \$50 has been a big success at raising money.

### **Environmental Report**

Rob Brown explained that Salerno Lake was a flow through lake with a limestone bottom and that the water test results from the previous year were good. Samples were taken from both ends of the lake for

the DNA Testa and that there was no evidence of the spiny water flea. The lake Secchi tests used to be clear to 10metres a few years ago but are now clear to 13 metres. There was evidence of zebra mussels and Chinese snails, But there had been no algae blooms unlike several other lakes in the county and that septic inspections were ongoing. He mentioned that he had talked with several people about day burning and using shampoo in the lake and attempted to educate them on why it was not allowed.

### **Annual Canoe Race & Barbeque**

Rob Stuart noted that the Lake Race would start Registration at the Boat Launch at 12 noon and boats in the water at 1 pm. The fee per boat would be \$20 for members and would sell memberships renewals to those needing it and would require an up to date Membership list. Every year 3 to 4 renewals are generated from the race participants. The Marshalls will be Rob Stuart and Kevin Pepper. Last year there were about 30 boats entered in the Race.

Rob Stimers said the Youth Race would start from Carol Edmonds dock with 10:00 registration and an 10:30 am start. Cost per boat would be \$5, with 4 divisions of racers going around the island and back.

The BBQ would be provided by Terri from Bottled Up from Kinmount with a BBQ Pork Roast and Greek Salad with Macaroni & Cheese as a separate option. Natalie and Daniel Stimers will once again assist their father Rob with the children's games.

### **Concert on the Lake**

Doug Roger said the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert on the Lake went swimmingly on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The performers, the Uninvited Guests from Ottawa gave a great show with a great turnout. There were approximately 39 boats with 150 plus people attending. The outlay was \$2100 with free admission for lake members, fees collected from non members was \$380 with 11 new Memberships or renewals as well. Michelle Dianno's campaign for sponsors garnered a third year in a row of sponsorship of \$1000 from Vince Duchene of Remax Haliburton for the Concert. Special thanks again for the bequest from the late Esther Atkin in supporting the Concert on the Lake.

Doug expressed his interest in trying to connect people without boats to those with room on theirs to allow more to attend and meet their fellow community members. Many thanks to all who assisted with the Concert, its' set up, show and take down.

### **Loon Report**

Kevin Pepper said one lone loon, Storm was hatched on June 13<sup>th</sup>. There were three loons frequenting the south end of the lake, one in the narrows and a few in the north end. In surrounding lakes there were about 12 chicks. One female loon Kevin has been keeping track of over the last three years had two eggs this spring.

## **Other Business**

### **Zoom Meeting with Margie Manthey – Lead tackle Toxicity**

Margie explained that millions of birds in North America every year ingest lead and die. It takes a very small amount of lead to poison a bird. It is estimated that up to 90% of lures in a tackle box contain lead and are suspected of being a leading contributor to lead poisoning of birds. She was here to talk about raising public awareness of this issue and to promote replacing lead tackle with no lead versions. She said 95 % of loons breed in Canadian waters and that was why it was important to address this issue here as well as south of the border.

She was involved with Wolf Lake In installing loon platforms to facilitate nesting. Wolf Lake and Crystal Lake are supporting the lead free initiative.

More info can be had at [manthy.margie@gmail.com](mailto:manthy.margie@gmail.com) and [donnagarland@rogers.com](mailto:donnagarland@rogers.com).

The SDLCA has initiated a ‘Lets Get the Lead Out” program to replace lead fishing tackle to raise awareness with those fishing on the lake (contact Kevin Pepper or Doug Roger).

### **Forest Management**

The Bancroft Minden Forestry Company will be harvesting trees on a 150 hectares of crown land as part of forest management in the near future.

### **Misc.**

Wakeboard Boat owners creating large waves- find a better way to communicate with them...

SDLCA Fireworks – Margaret Clayton said how much her grandchildren enjoyed them and how it was a deterrent for others to do them when we hosted them.

Doug Roger – Fire Hose Pumps 7 HP for fire fighting-portable \$1100 – information for those interested.

Tom Kott – talked about a recent 12-14 acre fire and how easily it can happen.

Motion to adjourn at 12 pm by Rob Stimers and seconded by Rob Stuart.