

Norway Lake Association

2016 Annual General Meeting (draft)

Saturday July 9th. 10:00 a.m.

1. Welcome and introductions: President Mark Gallivan welcomed all, and introduced the Executive and Directors. He thanked everyone for coming out in the thunder and rain. Agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve Wayne Lord, seconded by Peter Malazia. Carried.

2. Approval of 2015 AGM minutes: Motion to accept minutes as written made by Betty Gauthier, seconded by Bruce Smithson. Carried.

3. Council/Township update: Mayor Glenda McKay presented on behalf of Greater Madawaska Township.

Budget this year reflects an increase of 8.11% of which OPP costs represent 6.11% of that.

The Public Works department in the township is working to do things smarter. Glenda spoke about the various studies underway, such as the debt mgt. plan, the asset mgt. plan, road maintenance issues, and how grant applications work. Information is all on the township website, as well as budget and capital analysis.

The rink roof in Calabogie has experienced problems with snow load and drainage, and they are working to correct this. The township suspects it is as a result of a design flaw. A legal opinion is being sought as to options available with the design company.

Back on the subject of budget, Glenda explained her frustrations over trying to rationalize the huge increase in OPP costs to the Township. OPP are now charging \$193 per household, and there is not even an explanation as to what criteria is used to determine what exactly a "household" is. Glenda provided detailed information of how various supplemental OPP charges are now being applied to the Township.

A question was raised by an NLA member wanting to know if anything is being done about the increasing number of house trailers in an area of Norway Lake. Complaints ensued from other members. Glenda explained that the Townships hands are tied to a certain extent and she would

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provide us with contact information at the Ministry of Environment. She will also look into the number of house trailers permitted on a property.

Glenda was thanked by all in attendance.

4. Treasurers Report: Presented by Sue McDonald.

- **Financial position:** Opening Balance July 1, 2015, \$1947.84, Income \$445.19, Expenses \$652.62, Closing Balance June 30, 2016, \$1740.41.

- Detailed Financial Statement was made available.

Betty Gauthier raised the question on whether FOCA expenses were warranted. She offered to investigate.

5. Director Reports & Updates:

Director, Mapping: Dave Johnson provided copies of a new 2016 map. A question was raised whether a second page could be made available showing municipal numbers. Dave will provide this.

Lake Stewardship: Joan Licari presented the Lake Partner Program (LPP) results from last year's testing. Total Phosphorous was 6.6 for 2015, which is an excellent value for the lake and comparable to 2014. Clarity of the lake was also good and similar to the 2014 value as well.

Since 2014 the LPP has added the testing of calcium levels in lakes. Norway Lake has a value of 31.0 mg/L. which indicates that it is a very health lake that provides good nutrition for our fish and aquatic life. A link to the LPP will be displayed on our website showing results from all participating lakes.

The LPP also keeps record of ice-on and ice-off dates. Members present reported that Jan 10/2016 and April 19/2016 were fairly close.

Members also discussed that testing for algae next to area with all the trailers, and testing for leeching from the old dump area would be advisable.

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Director, Neighbourhood Watch: Jake Charron reported low water levels on the lake due to a very dry spring. He reported that this was the second driest spring on record since 1938. Water levels on Norway Lake however, have been even lower in past years due to human tampering.

Dean McDonald suggested that perhaps NLA could provide water markers to alert boaters of dangerous rocks. Mark Gallivan explained that NLA could encounter liability issues by doing so, but suggested that perhaps NLA could financially subsidize NLA members if they wish to take it upon themselves to do it. Motion was made by Wayne Lord that NLA provide \$200 for this initiative. Seconded by Dean McDonald. Carried.

Larry Licari mentioned that kayaks have been reported stolen from two different cottages on Southside Way. One was taken after last year's Labour Day weekend, and the other more recently this year after the May 24th weekend. He advised to ensure your valuable possessions are secured when not at your cottage.

6. New Business: Denis Gauthier who is a member of the Wind Advisory Committee, reported that our Township has not yet been approached to place a wind turbine in the area. They are taking a "wait and see" approach. The survey conducted by the Township on how residents feel about the topic, resulted in a low response rate presumably because many seasonal residents were not made aware. More information is available on the Township website.

Nat Garrow announced that the second annual Norway Lake Golf Tournament is in the planning stage for either Friday August 12th, or Friday August 19th. It will be a scramble best ball and held at one of the golf clubs in the township. Costs expected to be \$50-\$55 including cart. A signup sheet was started and a more informative email will be sent to all NLA residents in a few days.

7. Other Business: Many attendees at the meeting voiced their concerns over the increasing numbers of trailers being brought into one area of the lake. Much discussion ensued around the environmental impact it may have on the area. It was

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finally recommended that NLA executive prepare a letter of concern in template form, so that residents may individually submit them to a selection of recommended governmental and corporate entities, if they so choose. Motion made by Kate Smithson, seconded by Andy Selst.

Discussions took place regarding the Township changing by-laws regarding road allowances. The Township is in the process of closing some road allowances and conveying them to abutting land owners. Information is available on the Township website.

8. Elections:

Mark Gallivan announced that Vice President Dave Larabie, Secretary Larry Licari and Lake Steward Joan Licari will be stepping down. Larry agreed however to stay on to continue with the NLA Newsletter.

Existing Executive/Directors willing to stand again

<u>Position</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
President	Mark Gallivan
V.P	
Treasurer	Susan McDonald
Secretary	
Director, Neighbourhood Watch	Glenda McKay (south side)
Director, Neighbourhood Watch	Jake Charron (north side)
Director, Assistant to Treasurer	Ruth Berry
Director, Mapping	David Johnson
Lake Steward	
Newsletter	Larry Licari

New Volunteers: Jake Charron volunteered to become the new Vice President. Bruce Smithson volunteered to be the new Secretary. Kelly Johnson proposed that her daughter Anastasia Turner take over the Lake Stewardship role. And Betty Gauthier proposed that her daughter Fauve Gauthier take over the Web Design work previously being performed by Treasurer Sue McDonald who had been looking for help with this task.

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Motion to approve new appointments made by Wayne Lord, seconded by Lori Malazia.
Carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting, Dean McDonald, seconded Denis Gauthier.

Meeting adjourned 12:35 p.m.