



## ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC

### APPROVED MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2003 LAC BATAILLE BEACH

Registration: 9:45 am.

Meeting convened at about 10:15 am.

Voluntary attendance sheet has 93 signatures, including 13 who signed as couples.

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For ease of reference, the Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

#### 1.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**PROPOSED BY:** *Rolly Bertrand*

**SECONDED BY:** *Louise Lemieux*

**THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

#### 2.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – MEETING OF JULY 21, 2002

Jane Askin indicated she wanted a correction in Section 5.0 of the July 21, 2002, Minutes. She said the reference to a motion proposed by Constance Hudak and seconded by H  l  ne Lemieux, stating “that the Association go ahead with the water-quality study outlined by David Kerluke, at a total cost of \$4,140,” should have been “*that the Association go ahead with a water-quality study and that it not to exceed \$3,600 and the applicable taxes.*”

Secretary Tim Naumetz explained that the only study discussed at the meeting was the one proposed by David Kerluke, and that \$3,600 plus the applicable taxes adds up to \$4,140. It was also noted that the Association was not limited to that particular study and that the decision was left at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

**PROPOSED BY:** *Irma Bigras*

**SECONDED BY:** *Laurent Roy*

**THAT the Minutes be adopted as amended with Jane Askin’s correction.**

**CARRIED**

### **3.0 PRESIDENT'S AND TREASURER'S REPORTS**

#### **3.1 President's Report**

President Gail Bradshaw encourages members to become involved in the Association activities and points out the water quality study has been done by Eco-Guide. Gail notes that the PSLL Association has become a member of the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts (FLVDM) and states that FLVDM that it has become an effective lobbying organization.

Gail then asks for a moment of silence in honour of Simon Veilleux, a long-time Association supporter and Executive member, who recently passed away.

#### **3.2 Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer David Hodgkin noted the report he tabled at the meeting is for the fiscal year 2002. He said membership for the year was strong, with 232 members. David outlined the expenditures contained in the report, including the *2002 Newsletter* and the first phase of the water-quality study by Eco-Guide. His report also included property tax and insurance expenditures for the beach and private roads. He also noted that the Association continues to hold \$4,000 in investment certificates.

A special reserve fund in the amount of \$1,015 had been held aside in 2002 for the water quality studies, and a further \$105 was currently being held aside as a reserve from donations for fish stocking that had been postponed. The balance was a \$2,340.90 surplus.

David Hodgkin explained that the water study was conducted in two fiscal years, 2002 and 2003. He said he did not include a projected budget for the 2003 fiscal year, which is based on the calendar year, because it might include a re-allocation of money for fish stocking, which was on the agenda, and which had yet to be discussed. In answer to questions, David explained that \$2,000 had been set aside for fish stocking in 2002 and that at the 2002 Annual General Meeting members voted to postpone the expenditure and use the money towards the water quality study.

**PROPOSED BY:** *Constance Hudak*

**SECONDED BY:** *Sidney Johnson*

**THAT the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**PROPOSED BY:** John Westeinde

**SECONDED BY:** Jack Cadieux

**THAT following the meeting, a budget forecast be prepared for 2003 and that it be sent to the membership.**

**The motion is debated.**

Jack Cadieux notes there has always been a budget forecast in the past. John Westeinde says a budget forecast is just a case of properly informing the Association members. David Hodgkin responds that he is prepared to present a budget for 2003.

**Gil Boyce calls for the vote.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4.0 REPORT ON THE WATER STUDY OF BATAILLE, RHÉAUME AND BARNES**

David Kerluke outlined the algae problems that occurred in 2002 and notes that the Annual General Meeting that year authorized a water-quality study. The final report from Eco-Guide, which did the study, was 58 pages. David notes a summary is included in the *2003 Newsletter*. He also mentioned that a CD was currently available in French, and that the Association was working on an English translation.

David Kerluke explained that the samples were taken on August 21, 2002 and in early April 2003. The samples were taken on Bataille, Rhéaume and Barnes Lakes. David said the findings of the studies were presented in two ways. One way is to take the average of indices based on three separate criteria (phosphorus, chlorophyll and water clarity) to come up with an overall index for each lake. The other is to use an index based on the worst of the three indices for each lake. This latter method is intended to demonstrate a future state of the lake water quality. The lake results were assigned to one of the following four categories: *Category 1* would be the best case, with low nutrients and high oxygen levels, *Category 2* would be slightly higher nutrients and slightly lower oxygen, *Category 3* would be high nutrients and low oxygen levels, while *Category 4* would be a dead lake.

Under the average-case presentation, Bataille Lake came in at the end of the first category and Rhéaume and Barnes Lakes came in at the end of the second. Under the worst-case scenario, Rhéaume fell into the third category, Bataille was in the second category, while Barnes was near the end of the second category.

David Kerluke explained that Dany Boudrias, the Eco-Guide consultant who did the report, hypothesized that the heavy June rains in 2002 may have resulted in nutrients from the lake bottom being raised to the surface, thus resulting in the algae blooms. David said that regardless of the cause, the results are an important wakeup call for property owners.

David Kerluke explained that the PSLL Association has joined the FLVDM, which has in turn received a commitment from the Mayor whereby the Municipality has budgeted \$80,000 for a water quality program, the most important component of which is the hiring of a septic system inspection officer. If a septic system is faulty, it is likely seeping additional nutrients into the lake nearby.

David Kerluke further explained that PSLL members took further water samples, in conjunction with the FLVDM, after Spring ice break-up. David said the sampling method cannot be compared with Eco-Guide, but the FLVDM samples, done with a different scientific protocol, showed Bataille Lake at the beginning of the second category and Rhéaume Lake at the borderline between the first and second categories. (The Bataille samples were collected by David Hodgkin and Blayne Chapman; and Rhéaume samples were taken by David Hodgkin and Michael Lucas.)

Upon questioning by Don Stanley, a member of the Association from Barnes Lake who was responsible for gathering samples on Barnes, said the sampling was done, but the results were not reported.

David Kerluke explained that the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds (CSW), based in Portland, Ontario, was considered as another contractor for the study. He noted that CSW could not prepare a report in French. David said Eco-Guide was based in Quebec and had extensive experience. David mentioned that the Association may do other work with CSW. David then outlined specific technical data from the study.

David Kerluke stated that the study results are a clear sign that the PSLL lakes are ageing and that phosphorus, in one of its forms, is the prime cause. David said there can be four main sources of phosphorus getting into our lakes: fertilizers, soaps/detergents leaching from septic beds, or, gray water not directed into holding tanks, and animal waste (wild and domestic). He noted that ineffective septic systems and holding tanks are likely the most important source.

David Kerluke informed participants that at its last meeting, the Executive discussed an action plan to combat nutrient build-up and the accumulation of phosphates in the lakes at its last meeting. He then took questions from the floor. He said that the Mayor had said that the order in which the lakes in the Municipality would be checked by the new inspector would be based on a number of factors, including the number of years since the lake was first developed, the number of cottages and homes around the lake, and the indication of potential water problems on the lake. He also said that the Eco-Guide study gives us the opportunity to lobby the Municipality to move our lakes up closer to the top on this priority scale.

France Joncas noted that the province of Quebec had adopted the “Reynold’s Protocol” which is also used by the FLVDM, and that their results were not as scary as the Eco-Guide results. She also questioned why Eco-Guide did not use the provincial protocol to conduct its tests. France then stated that CSW quoted a price of \$2,200 to undertake the exact same study provided by Eco-Guide, and that CSW had also provided a second proposal to do five site visits on Bataille, Rhéaume and Barnes at a cost of \$4,200 (Eco-Guide did only two site visits for \$4,140). She also informed the members that the Province of Quebec had also tested Bataille, Rhéaume and Barnes Lakes after ice-off in early April 2003 at no cost to the Association.

## **5.0 REPORT ON FISH STOCKING**

This item was discussed after the election of the Association Officers and Lake Representatives.

Secretary Tim Naumetz gave a brief report on the research he has done on the effect of fish stocking on the lakes. He reports that at least two experts, including Dany Boudrias of Eco-Guide, and Henri Fournier, a biologist from the Société de la faune et des parcs du Québec, have assured that fish stocking does not likely contribute to nutrient build-up. Several essays published by the Ontario government’s natural resources department recommend ecological studies before fish stocking to ensure that the lake is suitable for the fish species being stocked. The best selection for a species would be one that was original to the lake, which in the Perkins-sur-le-lac Domain would be a trout species called Quebec Red. France Joncas notes it would be

prohibitively expensive to stock Quebec Red. Herman Strober says Brown Trout was also an indigenous species. Tim explains that fish can contribute to the food chain and, in the case of rainbow trout, put pressure on the population of large mouthbass by dominating the zoo plankton food source. It was also mentioned that bass are not indigenous to the lakes in our Domain. As well, one of the Ontario government essays lists algae as one of the food sources for Rainbow Trout. Tim recommends that fish stocking be resumed and asks someone to propose a motion to that effect.

**PROPOSED BY:** *Dawn Lucas*

**SECONDED BY:** *France Joncas*

**THAT the Association resume fish stocking at a cost of about \$2,000 a year, with the Executive to determine the details such as the species and the method of stocking.**

**CARRIED**

Herman Strober suggests contacting the Quebec government to see if assistance is available.

## **6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY TO THE EXECUTIVE**

This item was discussed following the *Report on Fish Stocking* (agenda item 5.0)

After an earlier discussion about the Association's fiscal year, with members noting the difficulty of preparing a budget forecast for a calendar year when the annual meeting is always in July, it was:

**PROPOSED BY:** *Paul Pearl*

**SECONDED BY:** *Emile Zidichouski*

**THAT the Executive report back to the members on the issue of whether there is a fiscal year period that is more suitable to the timing of the Annual General Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

Annie Crombie, a new member, recommends that the Executive institute a method of introducing new members to the Association and its services.

Serge Tremblay asks what happened to the review of the Association's *Constitution* following his disqualification the previous year for a position as a Bataille Lake Representative. Tim Naumetz responds that the Executive had struck a committee to study the issue and early discussions suggested it would be virtually impossible to have families designate relatives as their active members on the Association. The Association's *Constitution* currently stipulates only property owners may be an active members. A change in the rule would likely lead to difficult proof-of-relation requirements, as well as legal problems with regard to responsibility of the property owner. The Executive intended to study the problem further.

John Westeinde raised two points that he wanted to put on the record. He asked that the Executive review the issue of asking the Municipality to replace the large culvert on Blackburn Road that links Rhéaume Lake to Bataille Lake. The Municipality replaced an original bridge with the culvert, which some members say has resulted in lower water levels, preventing large boat passage in late Summer. John says he supports restoration of a bridge.

France Joncas says a bridge would cost as much as \$750,000. John Westeinde responds that he is in the construction business and believes it can be done for less. A member says the Association once pressured the Municipality to replace the bridge because there was too much boat traffic between the lakes. Another member says PSSL development promotional material included references regarding the access between the lakes.

John Westeinde also raises the point that the small cove on his property is increasingly being used as a boat launch facility for Rhéaume Lake, since access from the boat launch on Bataille Lake is impossible for larger boats because of the low water levels in the Blackburn culvert. John says he does not mind neighbours, who usually ask first, to use the cove, but general use is becoming too prevalent.

Sharon Bernard raises health concerns about the garbage dumpsters on Chêne Rouge Road. She says one is damaged and the dumpsters are constantly in a horrible condition.

Paul Wilson asks the Executive to also review the effect of water run-off from the road into the two lakes at the Blackburn culvert linking Bataille Lake and Rhéaume Lake.

Emile Zidichouski asks the Association to approach the Municipality of Val-des-Monts to get it to complete the paving on Blackburn Road.

Line Mongeon-Décarie said she wants to study the issue of dangerous fires in the area.

## **7.0 REPORTS FROM LAKE REPRESENTATIVES**

Due to a lack of time, no reports were made. However, Paul Strigner, Barnes Lake Representative, had prepared a written report which is attached to these minutes as Appendix "A".

## **8.0 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The elections were held at 11:30 am, prior to the the *Report on Fish Stocking* (agenda item 5.0) and *Recommendations of the Assembly to the Executive* (agenda item 6.0).

Claude Letourneau agreed to chair the election process. He noted that *Constitution* does not offer any regulation on the percentage of votes needed to be elected. However, the *Code Morin*, referred to by most organizations, states that *each candidate must have 50% + 1 of the total votes* to be elected in each position. The *Code* also notes that in the event of additional ballots, the person with the *least* number of votes be removed from the list of candidates. The Election

Chair states that voting will be done by ballot and that if members have not picked up their booklet they should do so now. Three people volunteered to count and scrutinize the ballots: Sylvie Henrie, Jacqueline Swanson and H el ene Lemieux.

### **President Position**

❖ *France Joncas* is nominated by *Laurent Roy* for a two-year term. **Acclaimed.**

### **Secretary Position**

❖ *Odette Surch* is nominated by *Pierrette Simard* for a two-year term. **Acclaimed.**

❖ *Tim Naumetz* is nominated by *David Hodgkin* for a two-year term. **Nomination declined.**

### **Treasurer Position**

❖ *David Hodgkin* is nominated by *Laurent Roy* for a one-year term. **Acclaimed.**

### **Bataille Lake Representative (One Position)**

❖ *Louise Lemieux* is nominated by *H el ene Allen* for a two-year term.

❖ *Irma Bigras* is nominated by *Gil Boyce* for a two-year term.

❖ *Constance Hudak* is nominated by *Ralph Stafford* for a two-year term.

❖ *David Kerluke* is nominated by *Francine St-Pierre* for a two-year term.

**A vote was held.** As no candidate had 50% + 1 of the votes, a second ballot was held. *Louise Lemieux*, with the fewest votes, was dropped from the ballot. *Constance Hudak* withdraws her candidacy.

❖ *Irma Bigras* is nominated by *Jane Askin* for a two-year term.

❖ *David Kerluke* is nominated by *Constance Hudak* for a two-year term. **Elected.**

### **Rh eaupe Lake Representatives (Four Positions)**

Claude Letourneau informed the members that there were four vacancies: two positions, each with a two-year term; *and* two positions, each with a one-year term.

#### **Two Positions for a Two-Year Term**

❖ *Line D ecarie-Mongeon* is nominated by *Laurent Roy* for a two-year term.

❖ *Emma Gregor* is nominated by *Irma Bigras* for a two-year term.

❖ *Gil Boyce* is nominated by *Herman Strober* for a two-year term. **Nomination declined.**

❖ *Tim Naumetz* is nominated by *David Hodgkin* for a two-year term.

**A vote was held. *Line Décarie-Mongeon* is duly elected** with a majority of the votes. Claude Letourneau asked the participants if they wanted to waive the *Constitution's* 50%+1 rule or whether a second ballot was required. ***Laurent Roy* then moved that a second vote be held;** those in attendance agreed.

- ❖ ***Emma Gregor* is nominated by *Irma Bigras* for a two-year term. **Elected.****
- ❖ ***Tim Naumetz* is nominated by *Dawn Lucas* for a two-year term.**

### **Two Positions for a One-Year Term**

- ❖ ***Gil Boyce* is nominated by *Paul Wilson* for a one-year term. **Acclaimed.****
- ❖ ***Ron Malis* is nominated by *Gil Boyce* for a one-year term. **Acclaimed.****

### **Chevreuil Lake Representative (One Position)**

- ❖ ***Jane Askin* is nominated by *Irma Bigras* for a one-year term. **Acclaimed.****

It was noted that there were Lake Representative vacancies for Corrigan, Louise and Maskinongé. No nominations were put forward. The election is declared closed.

**PROPOSED BY: *France Joncas***  
**SECONDED BY: *Gil Boyce***

**THAT the voting ballots be destroyed. CARRIED**

## **9.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business,

***France Joncas* proposes a motion to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Naumetz,  
Secretary



## APPENDIX "A"

### REPORT FROM LAC BARNES TO THE ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC AGM JULY 20, 2003

We, at Lac Barnes, support the efforts of the Association in the testing of the quality of our lake waters. We do hope that future testing will be less costly.

We also support the ongoing environmental efforts through our association with the Federation of Lakes of Val-des-Monts, comprising of the Municipality, the Province of Quebec, and most of the lake associations of Val-des-Monts, which has had almost monthly meetings since the beginning of the year, attended by David Hodgkin and myself, Paul Strigner. The efforts of the Federation is leading to fruitful actions by the Municipality, which includes the future inspections of our septic systems and correction of defective and/or overloaded systems and which, we are told, are the prime source of pollution, along with the use of phosphorous-containing detergents causing premature ageing of our lakes. We also praise the Municipality's proposed advertising campaign to protect shorelines.

We thank heartily the Executive members of the Association for their hard work in environmental and other regards on our behalf. We also thank heartily the three members who resigned, Gil Boyce, Irma Bigras and Jane Askin, for their years of loyal service.

We wish to report on three other matters of interest:

1. Beavers were active, especially last Fall, bringing down a lot of mature trees, many on the road and over hydro wires. We are debating the issue on the value of trees versus beavers.
2. There is now a complication with respect to switching garbage collection from dumpster (essentially a dump as tires, gas tanks, construction materials collect around the dumpsters which the contractor does not pick up) to door-to-door pick up. A document has to be signed which absolves the garbage collector from any damage to the road in question. The Association, which owns the roads, has no written guidelines on who should sign the document.
3. There was a small fire in the Spring on Barrière Road which resulted from mutual touching of live hydro wires leading to sparks falling onto dry leaves and causing the fire. The Fire Department came to put out the fire and then Hydro came, separated the fused wires, stretched them so that they did not touch, and restored electric power. It is fortunate that cottagers were present during the incident.