

**Big Basswood Lake Association Board Meeting**  
**June 22, 2020, 7PM**  
**(remote via Zoom)**

Members present virtually: Larry Allcorn, Nancy Bakemeier, Phil Conley, Joanne Falk, Marilyn Kellum, Leigh Olmstead, Cynthia Wood

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. The minutes from the 9-9-19 Board Meeting have been circulated. Board members were asked to review them and send additions, corrections and/or their approval to the Secretary via e-mail.

The Treasurer's reports were sent via e-mail for review prior to the meeting. The Treasurer reviewed both the BBLA Statement and the Trillium Statement. The Big Basswood Lake Association Financial Statement from August 31, 2019 through June 22, 2020 shows a closing balance of \$9,284.50. It was noted that the Cade Insurance bill has not been received but is expected. The Trillium Account Financial Statement was also submitted for review. Joanne Falk made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports. Leigh Olmstead seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Committee reports:

Membership for 2019 was 103. Members are successfully using the new web-site to register and pay dues.

Marilyn will circulate the 2019 Lake Partner Data. She also reported that the Lake Partner program has been suspended due to the COVID19 emergency. Larry has offered to do Secchi disk readings and will contact Bob Kellum to get the disk.

The loon survey has also been suspended for 2020. Marilyn referenced an article documenting the decrease in baby loons. The two causal factors are declining pH levels and elevated mercury levels. Leigh will keep the loon network informed.

Marilyn will forward the history of Melwel Lodge to Nancy. Also, Larry will contact Will Samis to check on the status of community history activities.

Old business:

There is no new news on the Thessalon First Nation Boundary Claim to report. Larry has contacted the provincial negotiator. She stated that an updated fact sheet was in the works and also offered to attend our AGM. Larry is also trying to follow-up with the Mayor (of Huron Shores) to review his concerns.

The Trillium Grant has been extended with no deadline so far because of the COVID19 emergency. The current balance in the Trillium Account is \$11,172.76. The emergency measures do not affect the ability to do inspections. It was decided that it would be

worth a try to contact property owners who have not had inspections done to let them know there is another opportunity to have one done this summer. Larry and Leigh will contact Huron Shores to make arrangements.

There have been concerns about lake levels on both Big Basswood and Bright Lakes. There is a MNRF dam operating plan in place to regulate the dam and lake levels. However, the MNRF can be slow to respond to concerns. Larry states there is a satellite tracking system in place. It was agreed that Larry should contact Peggy Wilson to set up a meeting to discuss the lakes' concerns about lake levels.

The updated web-site is operational and has been well-received. The cost to BBLA is approximately \$250. If there are any immediate tweaks let Phil know. BBLA will try to get a volunteer to train as the web-master on an ongoing basis. Larry receives the e-mails from the web-site. Marilyn asked about businesses listed on the web-page. After discussion, Phil moved to require businesses to join as Associate Members at \$25 per year to be listed on the web-site. Leigh seconded and the motion carried 6-0. Joanne will review the current businesses listed and let them know the requirements. The board also plans to thank Andrew VanderPloeg with a round of golf and meal.

New business:

The AGM scheduled for July will be postponed. A tentative date is set for Sunday, August 16th. The venue and format to be determined based on the guidelines in place for the COVID19 emergency. Plans for the Sweet Sowerby Social are on hold.

The board talked about the importance of communication now for the lake residents who are affected by the US border closure. Sending out e-mails, posting on Facebook or any kind of lake news would be welcome. The photo contest this year will not be a contest, but an opportunity to share photos with people who can't be at Basswood. Larry, Joanne and John Kasch will meet to update push e-mails.

For information:

Larry, Ken Shaw and Matt Aho are planning to pressure wash the graffiti from the 40s this week. If not successful, they will try using a non-toxic removal product.

Larry updated the board on the Huron Shores Private Road Association (HSPRA). He is a member, representing the BBLA. The Municipality changed the program without communicating their intent, beginning last Fall. Action was taken and only then were road committees informed. The HSPRA has been in communication with the Municipality numerous times and are trying to arrange a meeting with the Mayor. FOCA may be a resource for information on road committees.

Joanne and Larry will meet to talk about an award honoring Mike Hunting and perhaps other people who have contributed to the Big Basswood Lake Community.

Joanne will forward us information she received from Joanne Mark about Algoma Paddlers. She also has information about reusable shopping bags she will forward to Marilyn.

The meeting was adjourned.

Marilyn Kellum  
Secretary