

Minutes – First Meeting of the Board, July 6, 2005

Present: Brian Castledine Carole Doré, Claude Foubert, Randy Irwin, Jacqueline Lambert-Madore (Chair), Joy Richardson, and Nick Strachan (Secretary).

1. Agenda

There were no minutes from previous meetings to accept. The proposed agenda was adopted.

2. Finances

Brian and Joy will have signing authority for the Association. Jacqueline announced there are some outstanding expenses from the Interim Board (small meeting room (AGM); supplies; server for new website). She also recommended that a separate bank account be opened to handle and track expenses relating to harvesting the milfoil.

3. Fundraising Strategy/ Memberships

3.1 Memberships and fundraising. Each director will canvass an area of the lake to renew old memberships, recruit new members, and seek donations for the purchase of a second cutter.

3.2 Information/ awareness campaign. Information on the results of the water test can be shared with the lake residents during the canvassing procedure. The latest newsletter and a copy of the *Report of the Interim Board* will be disseminated.

3.3 Sector reps. Each director was given a sector of the lake to canvass as follows:

- Brian Castledine Ch. Lac Notre-Dame; Ch. Renard; Ch. Shaw
- Carole Doré Ch. Symons; Sentier Symons; Kallala Road
- Claude Foubert Ch. Foubert; Ch. Leo-Held
- Randy Irwin (w/ Bryan Watkinson) Ch. Manoir; Cres. Du Lac; Ch. Usher; Ch. Rousseau
- Joy Richardson Ch. Du Santuaire
- Nick Strachan Ch. Sullivan; Sentier Sullivan; Ch. de la Ferme-Malone

4. Website

The website is being moved to www.lacnotredame.org and will be online within 48 hours. Nick offered to seek volunteer(s) to update and improve the site design. He will also create a “best harvesting practices” page to be posted on the website to aid residents who may want to cut the milfoil near their property, docks, etc.

5. Harvesting/ Volunteers

After the AGM on July 2, Jacqueline and biologist Paul Hamilton conducted a tour of the lake. Paul updated the lake map to reflect the spread of the milfoil since last year.

5.1 Cutting equipment. Jacqueline has ordered a small cutter (Water Weed Cutter II™) in order to determine whether it might be a suitable tool for individual residents to use to clear small, infected areas of the lake (i.e. near private docks, etc.). Randy, Kees and Brian will design and construct a device to help collect the weed that is cut using the large Jensen™.

5.2 Cutting teams. Randy and Brian will hold a training session for lake residents who expressed an interest in volunteering time and/ or equipment to harvest the milfoil. The session will occur Sunday, July 17 at 10 a.m. at Randy’s house. Nick and Joy will contact the volunteers.

5.3 Monitoring. Residents are encouraged to monitor the effect of harvesting. Paul recommends roping off (and keeping an inventory of) one square metre of the weed during cutting season.

6. Biodiversity/ Lake Environment

Members Doreen Henley and Selena Naccarato are researching the aquatic shore plants that Paul Hamilton feels would be useful to cultivate around the lake. Joy will attempt to gather information on fish species in the lake, now and historically. Jacqueline will contact the Ministry re. logging operations in the lake vicinity.

7. Meeting Calendar

The Board will meet again August 26 at 7:30 p.m. and November 11 at 7:30 p.m.

8. Networking/ Lobbying

Jacqueline will contact other local lake associations in order to share information and build relationships

to enhance our lobbying potential with the Ministry.

9. Other

Claude expressed concern about further lake contamination that might occur via the "boat launch" near Bishop's Manor. He will see what can be done about closing this access to the lake.

Nick will design and produce business cards for the Association.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.