

Lac Notre-Dame and Usher Lake Association

Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting
at the
Rupert Community Center
July 8, 2006

Board Members Present:

Jacqueline Lambert-Madore Brian Castledine Carole Doré Joy Richardson Randy Irwin

Regrets: Nick Strachan Claude Foubert

1. **Constitution of Meeting:** A quorum being declared with 32 members in good standing of the 95 people in attendance, the President, Jacqueline Lambert-Madore, called the meeting to order at 11:20AM The agenda was tabled and with the addition of two proposals by Yvon Fleurant, it was approved on a motion from Morag Hutchinson and Joanne Brulé. **Carried**
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** The minutes of July 7, 2005 were reviewed and approved by Sandy Castledine, seconded by Robert Boucher. **Carried**
3. **President's Report on 2005:** Jacqueline Lambert-Madore reported on 2005 activities which included an environmental awareness/information campaign through a web site (www.lacnotredame.org), the distribution of a newsletter and pamphlet's related to shoreline protection and, our affiliation with the Assembly of Lake Associations within the Municipality of La Pêche – a municipal lobby group concerned with the preservation & protection of lakes within the municipality. In addition, she reported on the positive results of the 2005 water testing and the favourable balance in the Association core budget and the Milfoil Harvest accounts.
4. **Proposed 2006 Program:**
 - Jacqueline outlined the awareness/information program for 2006 which will focus mainly on the web site and periodic newsletters to residents.
 - Carolé Dore outlined the 2006 water-testing program which will be reduced to 2 tests in Lac Notre Dame and 0 for Lac Usher.
 - Brian Castledine reported on the harvesting plan for 2006. (*In 2005, 400 person hours were spent harvesting 50,000+ litres of milfoil*). This year, harvesting will continue as the only effective means of controlling the milfoil at this time. The overall goal of the Harvesting Plan is to contain the proliferation of milfoil. This year's objective is to contain the plant in the middle channel adjacent to Randy's cottage while residents will be responsible for their own shoreline harvesting.
 - Jacqueline announced that we will continue our alliance with the Assembly of Lake Associations to collective further our environmental objectives with the municipality.
 - Carole Doré outlined her recent success in procuring 12 manual cutters from an American Company, Weeders Digest, at a reduced price (\$200 FOB Lac Notre-Dame) She offered to place another order on a one-time-only basis if there was sufficient interest. **Motion:** moved by John Narracato, seconded by Randy Irwin that a flat fee of \$200.00 be assessed for each new manual cutter ordered by Carole Doré with the excess funds used to offset expenses related to barge operation. After some discussion, the motion was amended by John Nacaratto, seconded by Tova Clarke to channel the excess funds to the Association for its use. **Carried**

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5. **Election of Directors:**
 - **Motion:** Moved by Carole Doré, seconded by Frances Routier to accept the resignations of Claude Foubert, Randy Irwin and Joy Richardson. **Carried**
 - **Motion:** Moved by Harvey Cox, seconded by Morag Hutchinson to appoint Robert Boucher, Yvon Fleurant and Bryan Watkinson to the Board. **Carried**
6. **Proposals:** Yvon Fleurant introduced two proposals to the assembly – (see attached).
 - A) **Limit boat access to the lake.** Yvon opened the discussion stating that pollutants were being imported into the lake via unwashed boats launched from public access points. He would like the assembly to agree on a policy, for presentation to the municipality, to restrict boat access to property owners and their guests by closing the public access points to the lake. Furthermore, all boats should be pressure washed annually upon entering/leaving the lake. A motion was put forward to restrict boat access. In the ensuing discussion, there was concern over the definition of the term ‘public access’ and municipality jurisdiction over access to lakes, in general. **Motion:** moved by John Naccarato, seconded by Sandy Castledine to further investigate the public access points to the lake and the municipal jurisdiction to limit boat access. **Carried**
 - B) **Restricted Fishing.** Yvon expressed his concern that over-fishing, particularly in the winter months, had decreased the fish population in the lake, significantly. He was of the opinion that restricting fishing to every other year would reverse this trend. **Motion:** moved by Gaston Maisonneuve, seconded by Harvey Cox that a letter be written to the Provincial Ministry of Natural Resources requesting the restriction of fishing in Lac Usher & Lac Notre-Dame to every other year. **Carried**
7. **Financial Review 2005:** Joy Richardson reviewed the 2005 balance sheet. Revenue Account: Balance \$1078.72. Harvest Account; Balance \$1144.26. **Motion:** moved by Robert Boucher, seconded by Randy Irwin that the 2005 financial books be closed. **Carried**
8. **Security Presentation:** Martin Fournel from the MRC Police gave a presentation on the state of security in the region. Generally speaking, residents enjoy a high degree of surety safety in comparison to other regions in the province. Martin stated that police response could be enhanced if resident addresses were contained in the MRC database. **Motion:** moved by Alan Maisonneuve, seconded by Lois Gould that the MRC be provided with a list of property owners. **Carried**
9. **Fire Prevention Presentation:** Mr. Smith, from the Wakefield Fire Station, provided an update on the volunteer fire operation. He stated that the best fire prevention was vigilance – like a neighbourhood watch. Also, he emphasized the need for unobstructed access for fire fighting equipment to reach the premises in an emergency situation.
10. **Adjournment:** Moved by Joanne Brulé, seconded by John Nacarrato, the meeting was adjourned at 1310 hours.

Jacqueline Lambert-Madore
President

Brian Castledine
(Acting Secretary)