

# Baptiste Lake Association AGM Minutes

Saturday August 13, 2022

Birch Cliff Lodge

10:00 a.m.

- Welcome – Marlin Horst thanked the many members who attended the meeting for coming out to the first large open meeting held at Birch Cliff Lodge since the Pandemic.
- Mayor Tracy Hagar: “Highlights of the Hastings Highlands Municipality Achievements”: Our mayor covered areas of achievement gained by the Operations Department in maintaining roads and transfer stations. She fielded many questions about the Shoreline Preservation By-Law. She also provided printouts of several bulletins put out by the HH Municipality regarding this By-Law.
- North Hastings Community Trust – Speaker Billie Laskin: The NHCT provides emergency funding for low-income families. Jane Collie is the manager and she explained that the focus of the trust this year is on housing for low-income families. The trust group is very welcoming and located at 19 Valleyview Dr., Bancroft.
- Watersheds Canada – Speaker: Chris Dennison: We had the pleasure of a very well done presentation by Chris Dennison who gave details about microscopic invasive crustaceans. These microscopic creatures are becoming prevalent in the Great Lakes and smaller lakes in the United States. The best way to combat these invaders is prevention, ideally, washing boats before launching especially if they have been used in the identified lakes. He promoted “I-Naturalist”, “Citizen Science Network” and “Seek” besides the Watersheds Website as sources of more information on this topic. See Watersheds Canada website for his presentation.
- Introduce Directors – Marlin Horst introduced the directors present, Eric Hooey, Anne Coleman, Shelley Pickard, Diane Jared. Absent were Cindy and Sabe Belcastro, Hilary Phillips, Lily Mabson, Paul Coleman and Mike DiCintio.
- President’s report – Marlin Horst gave a background for the Newsletter’s date of printing and eventual mailing, all having had delays. He is closely involved with the Interlakes Group, which is constantly aware of by-law changes plus provincial political innovations, which affect our lakes. Marlin has been president for 10 years and recognizes a need for change of the person holding this position.
- Minutes of the 2021 AGM as posted on the BLA website at

<http://baptistelake.org/WS/Main/meetings.php> - Motion to Accept made by Eric Hooey, seconded by Kan Chhatwal, carried.

- Treasurer's Report – Diane Jared: Diane provided the group with a printed report highlighting the revenues of \$18,468 and expenditures of \$13,835 leaving an excess of \$4,632. The overall state of the BLA's finances is very stable. Diane presented a motion to change the title of the "Lake Plan Fund" and move the \$818.00 therein to the "Environment Fund". Ideas for use of the Environment fund included a power washer at the launches, increased water testing, education pamphlets and the Shoreline Booklet as created by Watersheds Canada. After a good deal of discussion the resolution to blend the names of the two funds was agreeable. Motion to Accept: Moved by Anne Coleman, seconded by Eric Hooey, carried.

A motion to accept the Financial Report as presented by Diane Jared was made by Bill Bean, seconded by Phil Small. Carried

- Waiver of requirement to have the financial statements for Fiscal year ending 2023/3/31 audited -

Marlin Horst: Motion to Accept: Moved by Marlin Horst, seconded by Eric Hooey. Carried

- Motions from BLA members (Must have been presented to the directors at least a week before the AGM)

David Hawkes presented a motion to create a plaque for Caroline Guest for her exemplary service to the Baptiste Lake residents for over 30 years. Seconded by Caroline Bean. Carried. This award will be titled under the Ross Viscof award.

- Nomination and election of new directors. The nomination of Beth Greenberg was put forward and she was elected as a new Director. Welcome Beth.
- Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn: Diane Jared
- Time of Adjournment: 12:05