

Annual General Meeting for PLA and PLCA
Thursday, September 15, 2022

Lori Tersigni (Vaudry) provided an introduction to Teams and the logistics of the meeting.

Call To Order by President Susan Devins – meeting called to order at 7:02pm. Susan welcomed everyone and acknowledged our member’s flexibility with the new date for the meeting. She also welcomed special guests from LOB and Huntsville.

- ◆ Terry Glover - LOB Mayor
- ◆ Nancy Tapley - LOB Councilor
- ◆ Karin Terziano - Huntsville Mayor
- ◆ Nancy Alcock - Huntsville Chair of Planning
- ◆ Kirsten Maxwell- Huntsville Director of Planning

Land Acknowledgement – Bridget Love

Bridget delivered the land acknowledgment and reminded participants of our responsibilities as stewards of PenLake.

Susan Devins introduced the PLCA and PLA board members

Virtual Vote to approve the Agenda – Motion by Carol Nerling, seconded by Ken Harper. All in favour, carried.

Virtual Vote to approve the Minutes PLCA AGM 2021 – Motion by Graeme Eastmure, seconded by Carol Nerling. All in favour, carried.

President’s Report—Susan Devins

Susan recapped her first year as President of the PLCA, taking over from Graeme Eastmure last fall. With an active board in place, the team spent most of the spring rebuilding our programs for the summer. The board worked on strengthening our membership services and supporting our shore reps, assigning Carol Nerling to the portfolio. We enhanced our social calendar with great new events for members to take part in and turnout was fantastic. We printed Pen Notes spring edition and shared it at our various gatherings and with new members, as well as offering it online.

Susan acknowledged Ken Harper, who has been managing our Buoy Program for so many years, as well as his role in overseeing the Propane Buying Group. That responsibility has passed to Catherine Moffat this summer and we are looking for a member to manage the buoys moving forward.

We’re grateful to Rob Hurst for leading our Deerhurst Working Group composed of lake associations and communities that will be impacted by the development at Deerhurst Resort. Susan wrapped by thanking our volunteer members of our organisation for their great work. Penlake is a vibrant and involved community and we hope you will consider joining us!

Membership and Shore Reps Report—Carol Nerling

We currently have 220 members. We welcomed 20 new members this year. New welcome packages were delivered to the new members. Pen Lake has 22 shorelines. We have 19 Shore Reps and we need three more for Canal Road, Grassmere Road, and Hwy 60 East. Membership requests will go out in February. We have an Early Bird award – ask her who won!

Treasurer's Report—Andrew Moffat

Majority of revenue is from our dues, ending on April 30, 2022. 2021 and 2022 were lighter year for expenses. \$3500 went to the PLA. Our expenses are up for 2022 due to the events and printed Pen Notes. Current bank balance of \$27k.

Virtual Vote to approve the PLCA Financial Statements—Motion by Rob Hurst, seconded by Graeme Eastmure. All in favour, carried.

Social Report—Lori Tersigni (Vaudry)

Fantastic summer! Many new events scheduled this year and the committee brought back many favorite traditions. A new event “Meet the Mayors” was very informative and entertaining. Tennis club and Book club doubled in attendance. The Regatta was a huge success. We need more volunteers to make all of these events happen. They will reintroduce the raffle at the golf outing. We are considering an off- season event. More details to follow.

Kathleen Tiede expressed an interest in the Social position and Lori Tersigni (Vaudry) said she would reach out to follow up.

Buoy Report—Ken Harper

Buoys were placed at the beginning of the season. None of the buoys were lost or stolen.

Propane Group Report – Ken Harper

10 new members joined the program this year, so now we have 45 members. Current negotiated price is \$.70 per liter that includes the monitor and mobile application. No additional fees. Contact Catherine if you would like to sign up.

Deerhurst Working Group Update—Rob Hurst

Freed Resorts is a new owner of Deerhurst. They also own Muskoka Bay Resort, Horseshoe Valley Resort and part of Blue Mountain. Rob, Ted and Susan met at Deerhurst with Senior Development lead at Freed in April. Freed wants to build a six-story condo on the Deerhurst stable land. PLCA has requested a presentation to the Deerhurst Working Group and that meeting is taking place 9/16/22. Representatives of LOB, Pen Lake, Lake Vernon, Fairy Lake, Woodland Heights and other neighborhood groups will participate. The outcome of the

meeting will be shared with membership. They don't expect any application to the township until after the mayoral election. PLCA nor PLA have developed a position yet and we want good development that is not haphazard. The priority is to preserve and protect the canal, shoreline and the lake's health.

Election of the 2022-2023 PLCA Board of Directors

Susan thanked Bridget and Bruce after many years of outstanding, dedicated service.

Susan Devins – President	Lori Tersigni (Vaudry) – Vice President
Graeme Eastmure – Past President	Andrew Moffat – Treasurer
Andrea Hutchinson – Secretary	Carol Nerling – Membership and Shore Reps
Vicky Koudstaal – Editor of Pen Notes	Jenner Pratt – Marketing and Communications
	Open – Social

Motion for the slate – Motion by Gord Moffat, seconded by Ken Harper. All in favour, carried.

Special recognition: John Stuart

Graeme was honored to have the opportunity to thank John Stuart for over 52 years of being the Pen Lake Regatta Starter. It all began long ago, before John was married. At the regatta, John commented that the race hadn't started properly. The starter at the time handed him the megaphone, said "you do it" and so it began. Many thanks to John for his unrivaled support of the Pen Lake Regatta. A commemorative paddle was presented to John after the AGM.

Bring it up in the green canoe, bring it up!

Q & A Section:

Terry Glover shared his team has been having a lot of discussions about broadband and cell phone coverage and the need for improvement. They are also working towards a permanent ambulance station in Dwight and developing the Community Center into a broader center.

Gary Depew asked about what the mayors think about the high allowances for the Deerhurst new building? Karin responded. She extended her appreciation for the "Meet the Mayors" event and thanked the PLCA for the Deerhurst Working Group's support. They haven't seen any applications. Six stories would be a real stretch. They met with Mr. Freed, but no specifics were shared. Nancy said that they haven't seen the details. She was impressed with how important this initiative is to Mr. Freed. There is a new concept that is different that was being considered years ago.

Graeme Eastmure asked about the quarry, but no one had a response.

PLA AGM Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Call to Order and Constitution of the PLA Meeting at 7.55 Pm

Gord Moffat, sitting in for Ted Charlton introduced the board members of the PLA

Ted Charlton- President, Absent

Gord Moffat- Past President

Wendy Somerville- Environmental Director

Cathy Oakden-Treasurer

Ken Harper- Secretary

Doug McKnight- Lake of Bays/Huntsville liaison, Absent

Approval of the 2020 Agenda:

Gord went through the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Approved by Katherine Tiede and seconded by Ken Harper.

APPROVED.

Approval of the 2020AGM Minutes:

Gord asked if there were and addition, omissions or corrections to be made to the 2020 AGM minutes. No corrections were brought up.

Gord made a motion to approve the 2020 AGM minutes.

Approved by Gary Depew and seconded by John Brenciaglia.

APPROVED.

PLA President's Report –Gord Moffat

Gord was sitting in for Ted Charlton who was unable to attend the AGM.

He offered his appreciation to all the PLA board members for their continued support with all the projects and indicative's that were taken this year.

We are a very small and aligned group that is focused on our lake and the environment. It takes a lot of work to complete these tasks and our dedicated team work hard to manage these. The PLA is always open to having new members join the group whether on the board or as a volunteer to manage a task, project or to assist a director on an environmental initiative like tree planting, Benthic Monitoring or Sample collecting. If you are interested, please reach out to any one of the board members for information. The PLA are also looking to fill a few position on the board. The Secretary position is a vital role but not overly time consuming with 4 to 5 meeting per year and a great way to learn about the great work that the PLA do for the Lake and Community. The PLA was also looking for some technical support to manage the web site content. If anyone has those skills and would like to volunteer to upload and manage the web page to keep the focus on the environment and Lake for the PLA, please reach out to the board. The PLA tree auction was a big success this year with 4 trees being sold, 19 in total that have been planted on the PLA property. Gord wanted to thank all those members that have made donations to the PLA to help support the team in their initiatives and environmental goals to protect of lake and shoreline. Gord wanted to give a special thanks to Clark and Donna McDaniel for their 5,000 dollar donation to the PLA. The PLA have sent out quarterly communication newsletters of environmental information instead of the ECO workshop due the Pandemic to bring topics of interest to the membership. This information is up loaded to the web site that can be read at your convenience. We are always looking for membership feedback and new topics that are of interest to you.

Cathy Oakden- PLA Treasurer's Report:

Cathy showed the financial report to the membership. The balance sheet showed the equities, liabilities, and assets as of April 30th 2022. Cathy also showed the income statement showing the revenues and expenses for the year ending April 30th 2022. Cathy highlighted a few of the expenses for this year that we don't normally have. The first one is the new No Wake Buoy that we put by the canal to get every boaters attention of the 30 meter no wake setback for environmental reasons. The other is the PLA Lamon/McCann meadow garden upkeep, taxes, lawn maintenance and incidentals surrounding our new shed that Eric Koudstaal so kindly donated for the property. Our total net income for the year was 2,700 dollars and most of our revenue comes from your generous donations. All donations of 20 dollars or more are given a tax receipt. Other ways the PLA raise fund are by selling PLA/PLCA coffee mugs and beer steins, PLA books and cook books and the new stickers that are available on line. All of this revenue goes into water testing and environmental studies. There were no questions raised.

Cathy asked for the motion to approve the financials: approved by Debbie Court, seconded by Susan Devins.
APPROVED

Ken Harper's report: PLA property

Ken thanked Eric for the design and donation of the shed on the PLA property. The shed now contains all the PLA and PLCA event equipment including the 3 tents, extra event and party stuff and a donated BBQ. The Picnic tables were finished this year and a student using community schools hours helped install new legs on all the tables. As Gord indicated, the new trees were planted and watered all year.

Ken Harper's Report: Nature Farms Reserve:

The Nature Farm reserve is in great condition. The Bobolinks were back this year and the milk weed growth saw an abundance of Monarch Butterflies. The field cutting was done last year and will not be done again until 2024. We are asking the membership if they would like to continue building bird houses for the birds to nest in on the property.

Ken Harper's Report: Loons

The lake was gifted with 2 baby loons this year and has grown into young adults and are learning to fly soon. I put up loon nesting signs at both locations and they help keep kayakers at a distance.

Wendy Somerville- Environmental Report:

Wendy spoke about the water quality testing that we do on the lake through the lake partners program and spring turnover. These are the samples that are collected by Jim Marshall. We have an Algae pilot project that we are still involved in. We have the benthic monitoring program through the district of Muskoka that Cathy Oakden ran this event this year with a great turnout. We have the bacterial testing project that we still perform adopted by Jim Marshall. Wendy showed the membership a slide of the Ice days on the lake that is on the web site under the environmental tab testing results 2021. The graph shows the ice days from 2003 and the results show a decrease in ice days. Another slide showed the average lake temperature throughout the summer season taken from different areas in our lake.

The lake partner's program gets different tests done that help us evaluate the health of our lake and the enrichment of our lake with sediment and there are 3 different categories of enrichment including oligotrophic, mesotrophic and eutrophic and we are somewhere in the middle. This is judged by the clarity of the water visible from a Secchi Disk and the amount of Phosphorus in the lake. The other things that are tested by the Dorset Environmental center are calcium and phosphorus. Calcium levels must be above a specific level of 1.2 to 2.5 and we are well above that which is a good indicator that the bugs in the lake are healthy and the effects of acid rain are diminishing. The phosphorus level should be below 12

and our lake has been below this level for the past few years however the phosphorus is bound to iron at the bottom on the lake and environmental events like a storm can disturb this and bring the phosphorus up into the water table which can contribute to bacterial growth and algae. Chloride is another test being performed in the lake. The source of the chloride is the salt that they put on the roads and has been increasing. The more salt used increases the level in the water. The Secchi disk measures the clarity of the water and this reading is one they use to assess the enrichment of the lake. Through the natural edge program with the Muskoka watershed council we replanted the area at the corner of Shaw's Rd and Maplehurst. We planted 50 different plants, shrubs and a tree to the area. We included rocks to keep the area clear of vehicle traffic and a path so patrons could make their way through this area to launch a canoe or kayak.

The PLA newest project is to announce a "naturalize your shoreline package" contest to the membership. This is a 300 dollar value available that includes a personalized visit to assess the shoreline, a plan of the area and up to 50 native plants, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses. The membership must submit a picture and description of the area to be replanted and why you should win this by May 2023. The board will pick the winner and get in contact with the property owner.

PLA Board Slate 2022-2023 – Gord Moffat

Gord Moffat advised that the new slate for the PLA board will remain in their current positions.

Ted Charlton- PLA President

Gord Moffat- Vice President

Cathy Oakden-Treasurer

OPEN -Secretary

Ken Harper- PLA Property, PLNFR and Environmental assistant

Wendy Somerville- Environmental Director

Doug McKnight- LoB/Huntsville Liaison

Approval of the PLA Slate 2022 - 2023:

Motion for approval of the PLA Slate: Rob Hurst

Secunder: Carol Nerling

All in favor. Carried

Comments/Questions from the membership:

Rob Hurst asked if the MNRF team that was conducting an extensive fish study would be sharing the results to the PLA.

Ken mentioned that the last fish study was done is 2016. The MNRF have indicated that a report will be sent out in the spring of 2023. A copy of the report will be sent to Ken for distribution and will also be available of their web site.

Kathleen Tiede asked about the navigational buoy that was put by the canal and wants to know if another buoy that the Tiede's purchased could be put in the lake in front of their property. Kathleen wanted to know if the PLCA would entertain taking ownership of the buoy and reimburse the Tiede's for the buoy. The Buoy is a Transport Canada approved buoy similar to the one purchased last year.

Gord indicated that the issue would require the board's approval to move forward with the buoy. The issue will be added to the next PLCA meeting agenda.

Wendy mentioned the 30 meter no wake bylaw and that she had a NO Wake sign that she is willing to get to Kathleen to put up on her dock.

Ken mentioned that he had reached out to the publisher of the Pen Lake II

(Along the Shores of Peninsula Lake) book for a cost to get it reprinted. This information was sent to the membership in the PLA summer newsletter. We are looking for all members that are interested in the book to email the association with their request to penlakeassociation@gmail.com. If the interest is large enough, the PLA will reach out to the publisher to have the book reprinted in a soft cover.

Meeting adjourned at 8.36pm