

GLPOA Conservation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Jan. 3, 2020

Present: Jeanne Lafranier, Reid Rusonik, Brenda Leis, Alan Abelsohn
Regrets: Carol Brayman, Edwina Follows

1. Welcome Alan back to Conservation Committee
2. FOCA Fall Seminar: Discussion put off until Carol can be present as she attended in person; Jeanne only able to hear part of the meeting via teleconferencing due to technical difficulties
3. Committee decided our time would best be spent if we focus on 3 issues for 2020:
 - a. Continuation of Invasive Species/Lake Testing (Brenda)
 - i. Growler tested negative for invasive species in 2019
 - ii. Plan to continue invasive species testing with Coalition of Haliburton Property Owner's Association
 - iii. Continuing education priority for GLPOA
 - b. Electronic Gate investigation for harm reduction purposes (Reid) Questions to consider re. such a gate/expense:
 - i. Can emergency services get in effectively?
 - ii. Can we grant access to those with best practices who are not GLPOA members?
 - iii. Does financial investment make sense? (Approx. cost = \$37,000)
 - c. Education and Socialization (all)
 - i. Education of GLPOA on best conservation practices important and works well with social gatherings
 - ii. Portage Party. Tentative Date = 1st weekend in May (to discuss at 4/11 mtg). Help Leis family put up signs along their portage
 - iii. Offer 2nd annual Environmental Walk later in the morning on 8/29 to entice more people
 - iv. Compile talking points for discussing conservation concerns with non GLPOA people or their guests for an 'as need' basis including how to approach, what specifics to mention (spiny water flea), common goals (fishing/habitat) (Jeanne & Carol)
 - v. **For those we have not heeded No trespassing signs/we've been unsuccessful in keeping out: create signs re. best practices for cleaning boats/fishing gear & post signs the Y/Lafranier boat launch lane; between lots 10 & 11) at strategic points for those who trespass. Sign Ideas: Clean Your Boat/No Live Bait**
 - vi. Brenda will ask Debbie Balika about cold water affecting spiny water flea (ice fishing)