

Conservation Meeting September 8 2019

Present: Reid Rusonik, Brenda Leis, Jeanne Lafranier, Carol Brayman (via speaker phone)

1. Historical Society/Group from Kennisis Lake is seeking to open all '**old portage routes**' in the area. Invasive species including spiny water flea exist in Kennisis so this would not be in Growler's best interest. There are no direct ways to portage from Kennisis to Growler.
2. **Debbie Balika , Water Quality Specialist at Kawartha Conservation**, is aware of Growler's core sample work and has suggested to Brenda that academia may yet want to study our sample which would give us invaluable information on the calcium level history of Growler. She is also willing to speak to the threat of invasive species at the AGM. Brenda will invite her to do so.
3. **Gate:** Unfortunately the non mechanized gate from Kennisis Lake Rd into Growler Lake Dr has not deterred locals with canoes and no invitation into Growler to come and fish here during the summer of 2019 which will most certainly result in infection by invasive species. A mechanized gate with GLPOA members as well as EMS holding the code for operation may well be the only way to prevent this abuse of the private road to gain lake access and thereby potentially infect the lake with invasive species. Reid will research gate possibilities for presentation at AGM.
4. In order to prevent/deter renters from launching boats into Growler a **new by law** restricting watercraft on Growler to those owned by GLPOA members and their families will be presented at the AGM. Reid will forward wording for by law.
5. **Environmental Walk** for 2020 will be 2 weeks following Road Work and Progressive Dock Dinner and 1 week prior to Labour Day. Timing will be later in the morning (11am) in order to entice younger people to join in!
6. **Committee Member** news: Reid agreed to stay on Conservation Committee as a member; Jeanne will chair for 2 years following the AGM. Carol will take meeting notes for at least 2020. Alex would like to stay on the committee in an advisory position only; more members would be welcome. Setting 3 meeting dates a year and keeping meetings between 60-90 minutes may help recruiting efforts .
7. **Meeting dates** for 2020 are as follows at Reid Rusonik's cottage except at noted: January 4, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m. April 11, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m. (alternate date if roads are too bad for travel = May 16). August 28 @ 4pm on Lafranier pontoon boat (this is afternoon prior to environmental walk).