

## Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2021 7:30 pm

### 1) Welcome Packages

Jeanne indicated she has delivered welcome packages to Patrick and Molly (Lot 4), Luke and Ashley via Edwina (Lot 8), Tony and Pam (Lot 12), Dan and Susan (Lot 19), David and Naomi (Lot 20). Beverly (Lot 14), Ilir and Lisa (Lot 18) have yet to receive. The welcome packages contain a copy of the Lake Plan, container of Eco Ethic and a coupon for a future discounted purchase and additional pamphlets with an environmental focus.

### 2) Conservation Tab on Website

Jeanne has been forwarding information to Steve Owen in order to update our Conservation tab on GLPOA website to provide a more user friendly site. Jeanne welcomes feedback regarding the site and the postings.

### 3) Newsletter

Thanks to Jeanne and Carol, Growler Lake members will be receiving their first hard copy of Growler Conservation Newsletter on May long weekend; it will also be emailed to all members. Edwina suggested adding an applicable note about lawns and their impact on shoreline preservation; further discussion followed about how lawns to help with erosion control.

Reid is to confirm if Paul Heaven is still able to do the hike through Reid and Joanne's property on August 21 as there is interest to continue with this scheduled event.

Jeanne indicated she focused on only 2 invasive species, next newsletter will have information about 4 more invasive species. Conservation tab on website has a section on invasive species as well. Please be advised that Eagle Lake has Chinese Mystery Snails.

### 4) Welcome Sign/Centre

Reid did confirm that Collin Morrison will move the sign from gate entrance to the chosen location (from 2 possible options) at the "Y". This will NOT occur on the Road Work Day and without a cost to the association. Al Dodington has been included in the discussion regarding the location as chair of the roads committee.

### 5) Water testing update

Brenda indicated she has the necessary material and will be conducting the phosphorus test and the initial secchi disk test on May 24. Sign-up sheet will be emailed at the same time as the newsletter (which has a section on water testing).

### 6) Gate Update (on our agenda due to protection from invasive species)

Note: On agenda as a method to protect Growler Lake from invasive species via boats being launched by individuals who are not property owners or their guests.

Reid indicated the cost would be approximately 15,000; would open via a remote control in a vehicle and opens automatically upon departure. Al Dodington has met with EMS who have concerns with having a controlled gate system (ie volunteer firefighters may drive their own vehicle to site); he has taken their concerns to Tony Lowe (Lot 12) to address, as he would be the provider of the described gate system.

#### 7) Chinese Mystery Snail

Congratulations (and thank you) to Reid who is now certified with a scientific license which qualifies him to harvest the Chinese Mystery Snail, if needed. They tend to thrive in shallow, still waters; they can be harvested by hand and recommended method of disposal is cremation. They enter lakes via boats but they are easily identified due to their size and stripes and sharp shells. They need a male and a female to propagate, which they do readily. There was an article in Haliburton Echo indicating they are present on 3 local lakes, one being Eagle. Of concern is the fact that they eat small mouth bass eggs, other snails, and they carry parasites which if eaten by birds, will disrupt the food chain.

Note: To be added to newsletter--a note indicating to contact Reid if anyone locates an aquatic snail.

#### 8) Lake Plan Survey

Suggestions for changes appear in blue on the Draft copy provided by Carol; Carol asked for further feedback from committee members. When survey was completed 6 years ago, Survey Monkey was utilized but Carol indicated it is no longer viable for this survey. Rachel, Reid's daughter, suggested Google Forms. Nancy was to ask Dave if his office has another survey option. Carol hopes to have survey out by end of June.

#### 9) Shoreline Preservation Enviro Café

Edwina attended the café and indicated she felt her notes (emailed on May 17) were an adequate summary vs watching the recorded seminar. A point of interest would be the resource list for plants that would provide natural diversity. Thank you to Edwina for attending the café.

10) Car note for Trespassers (Sharon and Nancy consulted others and it was decided that if it was made into an educational pamphlet, it would not be read and the focus on the message may be missed). I also attached the "talking points" that were developed by members of the CC but were not forwarded to GLPOA members.

NOTE: Wording to be discussed at September meeting

HELLO,

JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT GROWLER LAKE DR IS A PRIVATELY OWNED & MAINTAINED ROAD & THE ONLY LEGAL ACCESS IS BY INVITATION FROM A PROPERTY OWNER OR VIA THE EXISTING PORTAGE FROM CLAYPACK LAKE.

THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING OUR ROAD, PRIVACY AND EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN OUR WATER QUALITY & ECO-SYSTEM.

11) Further discussion notes

A discussion about BeShore.ca

Not to ignore invasive species but focus of committee moving forward will be on shoreline preservation, especially if By-Law is passed that will require a permit for any work within 30 m from shoreline. Suggestion to have a guest speaker at AGM was presented.

Jeanne left blue green algae for Fall newsletter; shoreline preservation is an influencing factor in development of BG algae

Jeanne looking for replacement as Chair of committee

Alan suggested posting sightings after Edwina mentioned she saw an owl by Carol's and Reid mentioned loons are back. Suggestions was on website as members may not want to receive emails of sightings.

12) Pontoon Boat Happy Hour in August for Newsletter Discussion (if Covid protocol allows) in order to distribute Labour Day Wknd

13) Proposed date for next meeting is September 13, 7:30 pm via Zoom if cannot meet in person