

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (April 28, 2019)

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Board Attendees: Chip Kittredge, Andrew Zyp, Margaret Langfitt, Allan Eustis, Brit Hyde, Amelia Brooker, Paul Tamburro

Regrets: Peter Whyte

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

- moved by Allan; seconded by Chip; carried at 7:37 p.m.

2. Adoption of Minutes of the March 17, 2019 Meeting

- moved by Paul; seconded by Chip

3. Business Arising from the Minutes:

(A) UPDATE ON SUMMER STAFF:

- Nate and Sam Mitchell will be hired as the summer staff at the HQ Building for 2019. If other candidates express interest, they will be considered, as well.
- Peter Healy has indicated that he may also be available on occasion to assist.
- Amelia will develop a schedule shortly.

(B) BUDGET APPROVAL:

- The Directory will be produced as before for 2019. Strategies to reduce production and mailing costs (e.g., asking most members to pick up copies at the HQ building; offering an electronic version for some people) will, however, be investigated for future years.
- There was discussion re: costs for the production and mailing of the *Temagami Times*. Since the Winter 2019 issue, the mailing list has been reduced from about 1,200 to 900 people (by eliminating some “complimentary” recipients). It was determined that continuing to offer the 300+ copies of each issue to local people (Temagami, Bear Island, Marten River) via their PO boxes would be a good way to foster communication. Extra copies are also typically printed in the summer for distribution at the TLA building and local businesses.
- TERAS has taken on the responsibility of completing water-testing initiatives. Budget lines 1. (j) Income: Water Quality (TERAS) and 6. (h) Committee Expenses: Water Quality (TERAS) / Waste / Natural Resources appear to cancel one another and may not be needed in the formal budget. TERAS donations to date via TLA membership renewal forms total ~ \$3,685.00.
- move to approve the draft budget by Andrew; seconded by Margaret; carried

(C) UPDATE ON OUTREACH TO BEAR ISLAND REGARDING TLA HQ:

- Jamie Koistinen at TFN contacted Paul. A new facility on Bear Island (with space that could potentially be utilized by the TLA in the future) may be available after this season. Once costs were researched, Paul informally suggested a rental rate of \$450.00 per month (based on \$1.00 / square foot / month). Jamie said that this would have to be reviewed and approved by the TFN Council. She thinks that bringing the TLA radio tower is feasible if a move does occur. At this point, all discussion with TFN is preliminary.

(D) TLA BOARD COMPOSITION AND RECRUITMENT:

- Brit Hyde will continue into his second, three-year term as a TLA Director beginning on September 1, 2019.
- Amelia Brooker has decided that she will not put her name forward again. Her current, three-year term ends on August 31, 2019.
- The names of several prospective Directors were discussed. These people will be contacted as soon as possible, and all Directors will attempt to think of others who may be interested in joining the TLA Board.

4. New Business:

(A) NEW TOR FOR “FORESTS, FISH, AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE” (DEVELOPED BY PAUL):

- moved to approve the TOR by Margaret; seconded by Chip; carried

(B) TLA ROLE IN EMERGENCIES (E.G., FOREST FIRES):

- Allan reviewed the Municipality of Temagami’s recent “After Action Report” for the 2018 Emergency Declaration. It has some sound recommendations, which could be discussed with TLA members at the AGM.
- Of particular concern is communication re: evacuations – especially as fire disturbances may increasingly become a part of the Temagami ecosystem due to the ongoing effects of climate change.
- The TLA will offer to assist the Municipality + TFN in implementing items from the report.

(C) FUNDRAISING FOR TLA “TENETS DEFENSE FUND:

- Will Goodman has agreed to take on a leadership role with this initiative. The details have not yet been defined, but he will be looking to the Board for input.

(D) AGM AGENDA ON JULY 27, 2019:

- Brit has developed a draft agenda.
- He is, however, seeking input from Board members for additional items (e.g., invitation to the Mayor to speak and answer questions from TLA members; review of Municipal “After Action Report”; allowing more time for discussion from audience members).

(E) MEMBERSHIP SURVEY QUESTIONS :

- Ideally this brief survey will be conducted shortly, with the results shared at the AGM.
- Sample questions may address: ongoing use of the HQ building; services that are truly important and well used vs. services that are marginal/expendable; a ranking of services by importance; and, future production and distribution of the Directory.

5. Other New Business:

(i) “ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR HIGHLIGHTS” DOCUMENT:

- This will be prepared and send to Board members before meetings, as required.

(ii) EXPENDITURES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL PROCESS:

- Brit will follow up on this and report back to the Board, but sees no need for immediate change.

(iii) TLA HEADQUARTERS SERVICES 2019:

- This will be finalized by Amelia so that it can be included in the Summer *Times*.

(iv) TLA PARTICIPATION IN THE “CANADIAN LAKES LOON SURVEY”:

- Amelia and the “Forests, Fish, and Wildlife Committee” will determine TLA participation and reporting for 2019.

(v) DONATIONS TO SERVICE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

- Brit will speak to Peter Healy about past donation recipients and respective \$ amounts.
- Previously, contributions have been given to the Lions Club, Temagami Community Market, Memorial Baseball Tournament, etc.
- \$1,000.00 has been budgeted for this.

(v) WELCOME BACK PARTY IN TOWN ON CANADA DAY WEEK-END:

- John Shymko and Jamie Koistinen sought input from Paul about this idea. Most Board members thought that it might not be well attended by TLA members due to distance and time constraints. Although there may not initially be much interest, the TLA can certainly assist in promoting this event if it goes forward.

6. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, June 9, 2019 @ 7:30 pm.

7. Motion to Adjourn: moved by Paul; seconded by Chip; carried at 9:17 p.m.