

TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes (November 9, 2022)

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Board Attendees: Paul Tamburro, Nicole Brooker, Terry Males, Alec Morley, Carol Lowery, Diane Green, Greg Goodman

Regrets: Tarik Muzaffar, Rob Corcoran

Guests: Tim Richardson, Chair of TERAS Board of Directors

Minutes: Linda Bangay

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda:

- moved by Terry; seconded by Alec; carried at 7:35 p.m.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2022:

- moved by Alec; seconded by Terry; carried at 7:36 p.m.

3. Update from Tim Richardson:

- Tim provided an overview of TERAS (Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship).
- The TLA's water-quality program started in 2011, and was implemented by university summer students who were hired by the Association.
- Because a tax-deductible charity was required to complete the work more effectively on a long-term basis, a separate organization (TERAS) was subsequently created. Letters patent were acquired in 2016, and TERAS water-quality-monitoring initiatives began in 2017 – led by Dr. Murray Richardson (a TLA member and hydrologist from Carleton University). All of the legal work for the creation of TERAS was completed pro bono. Currently there are 17 sites on Lake Temagami where testing occurs annually.
- The TERAS membership is small, with a working Board. All TLA Board members are de facto members of TERAS, and the TERAS Board of Directors (four people – including the TLA President) comprise the other members.
- Water testing is currently done through a private lab, with costs of ~ \$5,000.00/year.
- Bottom-sediment sampling will be likely be completed in Lake Temagami during the winter of 2023. This will allow the investigation of impacts to the Lake (e.g., due to acid rain, forest fires, and other anthropogenic and natural factors) over the past several hundred years.
- Receipts for donations are provided directly to Canadian donors, and to US donors who contribute more than \$250.00 (through the Nature Conservancy of Canada).
- Tim then answered a number of questions.

4. Administrative Coordinator Update:

- Highlights since the October 2022 meeting were provided re: finances, membership renewals, the 2022 AGM, and property patrols (Fall 2022).

5. Business Arising from Past Meetings:

(A) COMMITTEE UPDATES:

By-Laws, Nominations, and Elections

- Nicole and Linda will be reviewing the by-laws in 2023, in keeping with *Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* (ONCA) requirements that must be completed by the fall of 2024.
- By-law updates may include adding more flexibility to the TLA President's term.

Planning and Municipal Affairs

- There is nothing to report regarding the new OP.

(B) REVIEW OF TLA AGM 2022:

- The TLA AGM took place on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, with 76 voting members (and others) in attendance and 14 voting members represented by proxies.
- Topics of discussion included the OP, invasive species, loon surveys, the geodesic dome, and the Municipal election. Follow up was completed for member questions that couldn't be addressed during the meeting due to time constraints.
- A poll was conducted regarding preferences about the format of AGMs going forward. 29% of respondents favoured an in-person AGM, 33% of respondents favoured a virtual AGM via webinar, and 37% of respondents supported either option.

(C) STATUS OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING:

- Paul, Linda, and Peter Healy are currently assessing the basic requirements of the TLA Building – should the HQ be moved to another location.
- These requirements include: space to store and/or display maps, merchandise, information, and notices; Wi-Fi service (the #1 member need); a workstation with computer and printer; mail service (twice a week); and, VHF service (broadcast daily – either on site or remotely).
- Staffing for 2020 to 2022 was three days/week (on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), with twice daily VHF radio announcements.
- Other considerations include adequate boat docking for members, exterior signage, access to a washroom/privy, and possible space for a filing cabinet and shelves (containing TLA records and stationery items).
- Paul is currently investigating potential alternatives to the existing location.
- It was also suggested that the current HQ could be used to a greater extent by members and others (e.g., for meetings, courses, etc.).

6. New Business:

(A) PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:

1. *Encampment on Shoreline of Dirty Heart Bay*

- Paul contacted the MNRF and provided information and photos about an encampment on the mainland shoreline of Dirty Heart (Hammerhandle) Bay. Their staff will be investigating.

2. *Proposed Meeting with MNRF in 2023*

- The TLA's "Natural Resources and Environment" committee and TERAS will continue to attempt to set up a meeting with the MNRF in 2023 regarding current Lake Temagami issues. Rob submitted a request for this some time ago, but heard nothing from them.

(B) MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2022 RECAP:

- Paul provided an overview of the 2022 election results for the Municipality of Temagami.

(C) NEXT TLA "TOWN HALL":

- Another "Town Hall" will be hosted by the TLA early in 2023.
- The topic of discussion will likely focus on economic ventures on the Lake (e.g., the geodesic-dome business in the NE Arm, short-term cottage rentals).
- Greg will reach out to the businesses/individuals in question and invite them to participate.

(D) CONCERNS ABOUT AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE TOWN AND LAKE TEMAGAMI:

- Ambulance services for the Municipality of Temagami will soon be administered by the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB). The impacts of this are unknown.

(E) PROPOSED BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2023:

- The following meeting dates (on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.) have been proposed for 2023:
 - ❖ January 11, 2023
 - ❖ February 15, 2023
 - ❖ March 15, 2023
 - ❖ April 12, 2023
 - ❖ May 17, 2023
 - ❖ June 14, 2023
 - ❖ September 13, 2023
 - ❖ October 18, 2023
 - ❖ November 15, 2023

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjournment: moved by Terry and carried at 9:04 p.m.