**Upper Stoney Lake Association**

**[DRAFT] Minutes of Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 1, 2023 – 10:00am**

**Held in person**

**1.** **Call to Order**

Nancy Bell-Dorfman called the meeting to order at 10 am with a quorum of members present (25 in person and approx. 225 attending via zoom) . Thumbs up by Sharon McLeod.

Singing of O Canada

 Brian Bedwell read The Land Acknowledgement under the Williams Treaty 1818-1924.

**2.** **Opening Remarks from Nancy Bell-Dorfman** (standing in for Doug Owens, President, absent)

-due to the May 2022 Derecho, the municipal docks have been in use for reconstruction

-Stoney Lake Market hopes to be reopened soon

-many changes in the Board who have been navigating through new requirements for our Association to ensure up-to-date finances and insurance compliance

-many facets to compliance re the governance of Ontario *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* known as

ONCA

-new website design done by Jim Davies, which will continue to be updated as needed

-Suzanne Coros has brought USLA into compliance with our finances one year ahead of the deadline

-Andrew Rorke and Joe Curtain will head the Rocks and Shoals committee, navigating the new Transport Canada requirements. Please contact secretary@usla.ca if you wish to volunteer for this committee.

**3. Introduction of the Present Board prior to the election of new Board members**

Jim Davies..................Communications (Membership- interim)

Alex Baird..................Events (interim)

Nancy Bell-Dorfman..Secretary (interim)

Linda Mathies............ Director at Large (and environment portfolio-interim)

Paul Pulver................. Director at Large (attending via zoom)

President....................Vacant

Vice-president............Vacant

Pavilion......................Vacant

Treasurer.................... Vacant

**4. Reports from the Directors**

**A. Jim Davies – Communications/Website**

Presented report attached below.

**B. Alex Baird – Events**

Presented:

 -full roster of events which need volunteers to run

            -hope to run dances, volunteer dependent

            -weekly programs include badminton and volleyball; and social hour every Thursday 5-6pm

            -swimming lessons no longer practical

            Calendar of events are on the website but highlights include:

Craft Show............................................moved to Saturday August 12th for this year only

Stoney Lake Paddle..............................................Sunday July 16th

Peter Raymont's Movie “Buffy Ste. Marie”.......Saturday July 22nd

Euchre Night.......................................................Monday July 24th

USLA Regatta....................................................Saturday August 5th

Le Jour de la Nuit...............................................Sunday August 6th @ 9-10pm

**C. Suzanne Coros – Treasurer's Report**

      See financial statement, as filed and attached.

**Motion #1**

Julian Pope moved that the Board’s appointment by resolution of interim directors since the last annual general meeting to fill vacancies be approved and all official acts and resolutions of the interim directors of the association enacted, made, passed, done, or taken since the last annual meeting of the association be and the same are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed. Tim McGuire seconded. Motion carried.

**Motion #2**

Jocelyn Wyatt moved to receive and approve the Directors’ reports as given.  Peter Raymont seconded. Motion carried.

**Motion #3**

Dave Lush moved to accept all Directors reports are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Brenda Lush seconded. Motion carried.

**Motion #4**

Joanne Gooding moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last annual general meeting and the same be approved and verified as if read. Sharon McLeod seconded. Motion carried.

**Motion #5**

Ryan Guthrie moved that all official acts and resolutions of the directors and officers of the association enacted, made, passed, done, or taken since the last annual meeting of the association be and the same are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.  Wayne Brownlee seconded. Motion carried.

**5. Board Elections**

Slate of nominees willing to serve in anticipated roles on the new Board (of up to 12 directors) are:

Nancy Bell-Dorfman (Secretary)

Alex Baird (Programs)

Linda Mathies –(Environment)

Kimberley Brownlee-(Treasurer)

Donna Rork-(Pavilion)

Brenda Tognotti-(Vice-President)

Liz Sweeney Tyler-(Director at Large)

Jocelyn Wyatt-(President)

Michael Wootton (Membership)

Jim Davies (Director – Communications (until Sept 2023)

Paul Pulver (until 2024)-Communications

**Motion #6**

Ruth Brownlee moved to approve the slate of nominees to acclaim new Board.  Dan Fodor seconded.  Motion carried.

**6. Appointment of Accounting Firm for Review Engagement for 2024**

Nancy Bell-Dorfman stated that the members have now approved the USLA corporate record. ONCA required that starting 2021, we had 3 years to bring our records into compliance and have done so one year ahead of deadline.

**Motion #7**

Leslie Styles moved to appoint Clarissa Sidaway, CPA, CA of Inclusive Accounting to conduct the review engagement for the fiscal year 2023.  Sharon McLeod seconded. Motion carried.

**7. Committee Reports**

1. Paddle/Fishing Derby – Len Minty
2. Readers Club – Len Minty
3. 116th Regatta – Julian Pope

-$75 for trophy sponsorship, payable to donations@USLA.ca

-volunteers and new sponsors email regatta@USLA.ca

1. Yacht Club – Brad Anderson

-Saturdays @ 2pm

1. Craft Festival, 10am-4pm on August 12th  – Carol Shaw

-members can be a vendor, no booth fee

-traditional date was moved due to maintenance, shall return to Canada Day weekend in future

1. Stoney Lake Golf – Peter Lavergne

-no skill required! Tee time is 8:30am starting Tuesday July 4th

**Motion #8**

Brian Bedwell moved to receive all Committee Reports as presented.  Joanne Gooding seconded. Motion carried.

**9. Tribute to Shelagh Landsmann**

A special tribute was paid to Shelagh Landsmann for over 30 years of volunteering and work for the  benefit of USLA and our membership. Her dedication, diligence and unwavering efforts have not gone unnoticed. On behalf of the USLA past and present, we would like to say Thank You for everything from the bottom of our hearts.

**10. Other Business/Discussion**

 A. Heather Howe expressed disappointment that there no longer is a hard copy Bulletin moved that a survey be distributed to poll the members to reinstate.  Cathy Douglas seconded. Motion carried.

B. Crowe’s Landing Docks –Member reported that the Township has received complaints about the condition of the Landing pier and docks and their use and are sympathetic but it needs to hear from USLA members to impose more maintenance and regulation of the docks.

3.   Al Ponnwitz noted that the trees planted around the perimeter of the Pavilion property are being parked on. These were purchased to begin to replace those lost during the Derecho; some planted on the Pavilion property and others made available to USLA members.  They will unlikely survive without care and watering.

4.  Rocks and Shoals – Pat Croome raised the issue of marking rocks and shoals. A new committee was struck to investigate the cost and feasibility of the Association continuing to place markers in compliance with new Transport Canada regulations. We have 7 proper markers and need donations or source of funding to acquire more.

**Motion #9**

Julian Pope moved that the present USLA bank account in Lakefield be secured and the credit card cancelled until we have two authorized signing officers to replace those who resigned. David Cameron seconded.  Motion carried

**Motion #10**

Jennifer Bedwell moved to adjourn the meeting.  Tim Dorfman seconded.  Motion carried.