

Minutes of the Association for the Protection of Lac Heney meeting
Nov. 26, 2012

Present: Kevin Bell, Ashwin, Allan Darling, Jerry, Michael, Chuck, Dennis, John Rayner, John O'Brien, Shawn, Don

Absent: Erin, Pierre, Al O'Brien, Jerry Holt, Tom, Colin

Chuck opened the meeting and the agenda was adopted.

Minutes of the meeting from Sept 24 were unavailable-we will vote on the minutes at the next meeting.

Business arising from the previous meeting- we had decided to form a web design committee which has met and an update will be presented.

Denis presented the Treasurer's report: \$36,850.76 is in the bank. Our membership number is at 159. A second mailing was sent out to 37 more members. Our goal is 195 paid members.

Report from the Comite Paritaire: Kevin Bell presented the fall Phosphate levels- they were at 17 ug/L at the end of October, one ug/L lower than last year. Still higher than we'd like. Once the oxygen data is available Kevin will meet with the ministry to discuss winter fishing.

Milfoil control with weevils in Lac Superior in Quebec was not effective, possibly because the weevils were eaten by fish. Dr. Carignan feels the lake is too deep to worry about Eurasian milfoil.

The Comite Paritaire will continue to exist next year, but will be in future nominated by the Foundation.

Kevin is not sure Dr. Carignan will continue to work for us in the future- he will speak to Dr. Carignan to decide on a plan for future lake monitoring. He will also speak to Dr. Carignan about the issue of the scientific article that Dr. Carignan is supposed to write that describes our lake study and intervention.

Chuck is not sure that other labs can measure the lake P levels as precisely as Dr. Carignan's lab. Kevin feels that P levels need to be monitored monthly, but he is not sure if continuing monthly monitoring is necessary.

Action Item: The Directors will ask Dr. Carignan for his opinion how long and how often lake monitoring of P is necessary.

Jerry asked if we could have an English translation of Dr. Carignan's executive summary and conclusions.

Michael discussed doing statistical analysis on the variance of the data so that we could potentially decrease the cost and the extent of the sampling.

The Foundation pays \$60,000 per year to do the lake P monitoring.

Hopefully the septic emptying and the shoreline restoration projects will help to keep the lake P down in the future.

Action item: Kevin to contact Dr. Carignan to set up a face to face meeting to discuss lake monitoring.

Communications- website redesign.

Dennis summarized – the committee had a requirements document for the website. They went to 3 companies, Blueworth, Becton and Solarcom- they have had 3 submissions.

The committee is evaluating the submissions, they still require some information.

Summary: All 3 companies can do the job, each comes with a contact management system. The 3 companies all came in at around the same cost quote- \$4000-\$5000 to do the job. The committee will evaluate the submissions further and put forth a recommendation to the Directors.

Chuck stated that the point of redesigning the website is to make the website fresh and updated and accessible to everyone. The administration of the website will be separated from the content authoring.

There will be several modules added in: self-registration of members, pay on line membership dues,

Motion Tabled: Michael moved for the Directors to give authority to the subcommittee to spend up to \$6000 to award a final contract to the web designer chosen by the subcommittee. Seconded by Jerry.

The vote was unanimous in favour of the motion.

Environment: No news on winter fishing since the last meeting. We are awaiting the oxygen report, then we will request a meeting with Julie.

The ministry did not catch any trout in the lake.

Municipal Affairs: LSM planning meeting was held on Nov 19. Pierre and Kevin attended. Issues raised: protection of the environment, fragility of the local economy... The planning committee will revise their draft plan and then publish it on the web and have a large meeting to present it to the community.

Proposed goals: turn the village core into the heart of the community, protect the environment, retain and attract residents...

Taxes: Tax bills will come out in March 2013. Alan Darling stated that cottage property values peaked in 2008 and have been flat since then. Therefore he does not feel that there should be assessment increases. There will be a communication in late February that will

go out to the Lake Association members to advise them how to appeal their assessments. Alan Darling will coordinate this communiqué.

Jerry Webb brought up that Chemin de Lac des Ormeaux should be paved because it is dangerous, with deep ditches on the side of the road. **Action Item: Chuck will contact the mayor of Gracefield to discuss paving Chemin de Lac des Ormeaux.**

Date of next meeting: January 14, 2013