**BV Lac Heney Board Minutes November 19, 2018**

**6 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.**

**Fox and Feather 283 Elgin Street, Ottawa**

**Present:** Roger Larson, Duka Kitaljevich, Tom McKenna, Rock Radovan, Michael Wolfson, Ted Billey, Ashwin Shingadia, Chantal Proulx (on smart phone; could hear, speak and receive data).

**Absent:** Helen Goulet**,** Aileen Shaw, Murray Shaw, John O’Brien, Jim Rudkoski, Gad Perry, Sean Sutton

1. Adoption of agenda – Roger mentioned he would introduce a discussion on strategy under new business.
2. Minutes of 2018 AGM were accepted. Board Minutes of September 24, 2018 were approved – motion put forward by Rock and seconded by Duka and carried.

3. Foundation – board; investment; timing of AGM

Tom, Chantal (Treasurer), Rock (Vice-President), Roger and Michael along with Stephen Greenberg and Rolly Davis were already directors of the Foundation. Newly appointed directors now include Duka. Tom Rock, Michael are on comite paritaire that originally disbursed monies under Quebec Government for lake treatment (these commitments were for a limited amount and this has expired. Now the funds (some $1.4 million) are solely under the Foundation’s control but it would like to continue its relationship with Quebec as in the past. Chantal Picard is the provincial oversight person who will remain engaged and wants minutes of the committee. Tom reported that the Foundation was reorganizing its investments and would sell part of its investments in mutual funds and invest in mortgage funds which would pay 5.5% to 6% net of fees - $250,000 would be split between two companies; the interest income hopefully would cover the cost of surveys and monitoring. Chantal proposed that the Association AGM, which is held just after the Foundation AGM (at the same place and day) be held a little later – July 13th or late in the month in order to give the auditors a bit more time to analyse and report on financial data, particularly, book value and market value. The timing would be discussed with the auditors and Tom/Chantal would report back. Chantal is looking into the minimum disbursements requirements to continue as a charitable organization structure which are applicable to the foundation.

4. Committees

**a) State of the lake**: (members – Tom, Rock, Michael, Ted). Tom reported that the study updates for Heney and tributaries would take place that week and in the following weeks. Then assessment would be made whether winter monitoring would be necessary or not. In terms of total phosphorous Desormeaux was the worst, second worst Barbue; third, Noir; then Vert and Heney, which came out on top, albeit still below target compared to other lakes such as Pemichangan and Blue Sea. But that was partly the geological nature of Heney.

Michael suggested that the Foundation undertake a retrospective study of data using graduate students going back to the 80’s. He is making enquiries in the academia.

b) **Membership and Communications Committee:** Rock presented objectives, key tasks and deliverables for 2018-2019 – a) Implement Bay captain Program, b) update web presence to reflect watershed and reason for joining and c) improve merchandise availability and revenue.

Bay captains would be identified and fully trained by May long week-end. They would be provided with supporting materials on their responsibilities, strategic priorities and with primers on high profile subjects such as **algae** (water sampling results and trends); **weeds** and **water clarity**. Web site would be updated to reflect new material and watershed lakes. Merchandise is or would be available at Beggars Bench (Linda), LSM, and at the Northfield General Store (Joanne Poulin), Gracefield. The Board unanimously agreed to remit 15% of the selling price of an item to the shop owners to compensate for their efforts. Rock pointed out that more mugs would need to be purchased to meet the supply needs.

Communications materials - It was not clear what costs could be covered by the Foundation – Tom suggested cost of printing supporting materials for Bay captains and the Kiosk would likely be eligible. Both Chantal and Tom suggested Duka could make a list of expenses that could be “educational”/scientific and send it to the Foundation.

**On membership**, Duka presented a table that showed a total “potential” number of properties to be 475. Heney totalled 346, while Desormeaux totalled 62, Vert 33; Noir 3; and Barbue 31. Current membership total is: Heney 152 (44%); Desormeaux 11 (18%), Vert 3 (9%), Noir 1 (33%) and Barbue 4 (13%). There is room for improvement, Duka suggested, by setting targets.

c) **Community Affairs:** Helen was in Japan, so could not report. However, she had met once with LSM, but not with Gracefield. Tom mentioned that he met Mr. Dubuc (Provincial level) who mentioned that the issue of lot size would go to Chantal La Marsh of MRC and then to Mr. Perron who sits next to him in Quebec.

Michael mentioned that the Inspecteur of LSM mentioned to him that the RCI would expire next year which means it could affect lot size. Roger pointed out that if the RCI is lifted, then we will have also lost the restriction on the minimum lot sizes for the watershed.

This connected to a broader discussion where Roger suggested that in our presentations, we have used 15 mg/litre as the “target” after treatment (set by Quebec government as the level at which we could not sue them again – to which we agreed in the settlement). Roger pointed out that this was not the best strategy going forward as this level – 15 – is not indicative of a recovered lake as even before the fish farm the lake readings before 1983 were only 7 mg/L (at that level the residents were forming this association and starting a drive to improve water quality and septic system management). This level compared to 2 and 1.5 for Pemishangan and Blue Sea. So, he proposed the Scientific Committee develop a presentation to counter Gracefield’s contention that the lake was now recovered and could be opened for increased development. Tom agreed to take this request back to the Committee, what defines a healthy lake (for Heney) e.g. Historical total Phosphates, Heney and Regional Lakes, from before 1983 to date.

Another argument is that decreases in quality of lake water could directly affect valuation of lake properties. Rock and Michael pointed out literature that shows algae/e-coli presence in lake water decrease market values by as much as 20% to 30% affecting the tax base for the municipality. The literature cites Professor Carignon who had worked on Heney studies!

d) **Website**: Postponed to next meeting.

e) **Treasurer’s Report**

Duka said the associations budget for 2018 was revenue neutral at $10,150. Revenues comprised of membership dues (190-member target), merchandise sales, and barbeque contributions. The expenses comprise regular expenses of the association mostly merchandise and kiosk costs ($4,000) and barbeque ($2,000). He said we were $4,000 short on revenue (dipping into reserves) as we have 170 members and only $721 from merchandise sales.

Next Board meeting – January 21st – after reviewing with everyone it was agreed that we would move our Board meetings to the Fox and Feather if possible.

Motion to close the meeting proposed by Ted seconded by Duka and carried.