

# Carson Trout Lepine & Greenan Lakes Association

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Aug. 1, 2021 (Legion Hall – Barry’s Bay) – 1:00 pm

**Director’s Present** – Al Best, (Retiring President), Wendy Wolak (Acting President), Danielle Paul (Retiring), Steven Tovell, Paul Jablonski (Retiring), Jackie Aerts (Retiring Secretary but staying on as Board Member). Regrets – Tom Aerts (Retiring Treasurer)

### 1. **Welcome** – Wendy Wolak

Acknowledged and thanked retirees from board: Paul Jablonski, Tom Aerts, Danielle Paul, Al Best. Danielle Paul will continue to volunteer her help with the LPP program for Greenan Lake, the Adopt-A-Road cleanups etc, and for the website (on an as-needs basis). The latter includes monitoring for new membership forms, ads, etc. Facebook updates will be up to the board and/or whomever they choose. Jackie Aerts will continue on as Executive Member at Large. Al Best, founding father of the CTLG and who has been the President for the CTLG since it’s inception although retiring as President will continue leading CTLG Fishing Committee and be representative on MNRF’s FMZ 15 advisory board.

### 2. **Quorum** – Chris Hill – acknowledged

### 3. **Motion to pass the following voting bylaw amendment**

a. *A meeting of the members or directors may be held by telephone or electronic means and a member or director who, through these means, votes at the meeting or establishes a communications link to the meeting is deemed to be present at the meeting.*

**Moved to pass** – Danielle Paul

**Seconded** – Shari Gray

**All in favor (no opposed) – therefore passed.**

### 4. **2019 Minutes (Emailed to members)**

**Moved to approve** – Jackie Aerts

**Seconded** – Frank Burchat

**All in favor (no opposed) – therefore as no corrections the minutes stand approved.**

### 5. **Reading of Correspondence** – Steve Tovell

Read a thank you letter from 1st MVDHS student who received CTLG bursary for \$200.00 (Bugatti Brohart).

### 6. **Past President’s Remarks** – Al Best

Reflected on thoughts from 2015 with neighbours on Kubishak Lane and the development of the CTLG Lakes Association. Delivered postcards to persons on the lakes with unanimous support. Started with a steering committee and ultimately formed a lake association that we participate in today. Joked that with CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) we do not owe any money.

## 7. **Treasurer's Report** – Wendy Wolak

Presented report (Emailed to members)

Fiscal year (2020-2021) revenue down as membership fees waived due to Coronavirus Pandemic. Some members paid and others put forward a donation. New members were allowed to join for free on a one-year trial basis.

Overall revenue \$2000.00.

Expenditures - \$400.00.

Balance - \$3000.00

**Current balance** - \$5000.00

Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act – if revenues under \$100,000 do NOT need an Auditor. R. Wolak – Auditor in the past – conflict of interest as Wendy on the board.

**Motion to decline external audit (as small group) Moved to pass** – Steve Tovell

**Seconded** – Joe Muscat

**All in favor (no opposed) – therefore passed.**

## 8. **Committee Reports**

### a. **Water Quality, LPP, Chloride & Lake Sensitivity** – Wendy Wolak

Reported that for 2020 it was more difficult to have the testing samples assessed through the LPP program with the Coronavirus Pandemic. Some samples were done and at a later time than usual.

Wendy gave a water quality report for total phosphorus, chloride, calcium and clarity (secchi reading) for all our lakes.

The most concerning was the **phosphorus level** for Greenan Lake as it has increased causing its nutrient status to change from **oligotrophic to mesotrophic**.

Septic runoff is a known contributor to increases in phosphorus levels in our lakes. More investigation needs to be done.

**Chloride levels** are slightly increasing but remain well below the toxic threshold of 120 mg/L. This threshold is being reviewed at Queen's University. However, groundwater sampling at Bark Lake Landfill's test wells indicated chloride levels in the 100's. This was blamed on road salt by PINCHIN.

**Calcium levels** remain low at 5 mg/L due to the effects of acid rain back in the 70's.

A slight decrease in **clarity** was reported to Lepine. This may be due to septic runoff, silt, decomposition, invasive species and warmer lake temperatures.

**Lake Sensitivity** – Wendy explained why Carson and Trout Lakes are labeled on Renfrew County’s Official Planning maps as **moderately sensitive**. It is a term used by the County of Renfrew, MECP, and MNRF to classify a lake’s ability to support Lake Trout should a lake be faced with further development and how much additional nutrient input the lake can sustain from it. Carson and Trout Lake are classified as trout lakes therefore, they are further classified as **moderately sensitive**. The term now used is “**near capacity**”. Lake Kamaniskeg is classified as “sensitive” or “at capacity” (this would suggest no further development should be happening on Lake Kamaniskeg in order to protect the lake Trout). The key parameters that dominate this classification are: lake trout, phosphorus level, dissolved oxygen and development. The **Lakeshore Planning Assessment** is a predictive tool available to municipalities to aid in decisions should any further development be considered on trout bearing lakes. It is unknown at the present time if MV uses this tool.

**b. Adopt a Road cleanup** – Wendy Wolak

Covid Pandemic limited ability to do Spring clean up Siberia Rd to Wendy Wolak, David Hudder and Doug Beingessner. Frank and his volunteers cleaned up a section of Hwy 60, Arbor Vitae Rd and the neighbouring ATV trails. Noted regular litter on Arbor Vitae Rd and illegal dumping of motor oil near Carson Lake. The latter was reported to the Municipality who are presently looking to hire a non-compliance officer to look into illegal dumping.

Thanks to all of those who participated.

**c. Fishing Reports** – Al Best 2017-2018 MNRF concerned about Lake Trout. In Ontario 1% lakes are capable of keeping trout. 20-25% of the world’s Lake Trout is from Ontario.

CTLG – Al Best and group members (Ang Mosca, Frank Burchat, Doug Beingessner and new member Paul Jablonski). Al Best is also a representative of the MNRF group.

In 2022 the MNRF is seeking the publics & Indigenous communities input. When available, Al Best will distribute to CTLG members. There may be changes coming for fishing Lake Trout including: licensing, baits, hooks and more. Al Best will have till September to review a 300-page document.

**d. Media-Website** – Danielle Paul reviewed that the CTLG Lake Association has both an online and facebook presence. **Website** – CTLGlakes.com

**e. Facebook** – CTLG Lakes mentioned & thanked our local sponsors. The businesses below have links that are available on the CTLGlakes.com website.

Burchat Homes ([burchathomes.com](http://burchathomes.com))

Greg Kelly Insurance ([gregkelly.ca](http://gregkelly.ca))

Mikes Kitchens & Baths ([dombroskiekitchens@sympatico.ca](mailto:dombroskiekitchens@sympatico.ca))

Pantry Savings (613 756-3813)

Rockingham Tree Service ([rockinghamtrees.ca](http://rockinghamtrees.ca))

SCS (So Can Services – Steve McCann & Linda Soche) – [socanservices.net](http://socanservices.net)

Our local Metro grocery sponsored our AGM meeting.

## **Unfinished Business** – Al Best

**Municipal Strategic Plan** – is amended every 5 years. The last plan developed in 2013 after engaging visitors and residents. It went from 2015 – 2019.

As a lake association we are concerned about the environment whereas some municipalities or councilors are more concerned about development. There is a concern the environment and its future will be overlooked without input from Lake Associations or individuals. The next County Official Plan meeting is to be held on Aug 19 @ 6:00 pm and can be viewed on YouTube.

Audience input into how to influence Municipality

- continue to develop a relationship with council over time
- more influence with larger numbers (one councilor mentioned if you have 75% of your lake owners onboard will help others to listen to concerns – currently if you have 90 members on CTLG Lakes association, this represents about 30% of our lake property owners – split between seasonal/fulltime residents 50:50 ? few more seasonal)
- discussion how to increase memberships (Frank Burchat volunteered to assist anyone who may need support approaching their neighbours – Trout Lake has a welcome package given to new owners)
- Danielle noted that future development takes into account population allocations, water setback, servicing policies, secondary dwellings
- member asked how we can motivate Council to take a leadership role on environmental matters – fear of the consequences of environmental degradation and the upcoming election
- election time everyone needs to be aware and vote (seasonal residents vote less than permanent residents yet make up a substantial population in Madawaska Valley)
- next election CTLG will once again pose questions to candidates running and seek their input on important issues such as protecting the environment
- fear is you wait too long to start change it may be too late
- other priorities – litter clean up, garbage pickup
- Mayor Love attended inaugural meeting of CTLG Lakes association but a Council member was a “no show” at another
- member asked if CTLG Lakes association could be put on the Agenda of a Council meeting to voice concerns or provide updates (thought maybe able to 1-2 x per year – consider for future – also acknowledged previous attempts to work with council – garbage pickup, fireworks)

- has been talk about other Lake Associations joining together to work on issues and present to council (ie. CTLG, KAPOA, Ayleen Lake Associations)

### **Fireworks**

- Fireworks bylaw allows fireworks any night of the week up until 11:00 pm (initial draft allowed until 1:00 am which was then revised). Although council said they would provide education around this, it seems this may be limited to posting times on website. The results of the CTLG fireworks survey and general concerns of PTSD, water pollution, animals (pets and wildlife), fire risk seem to have been non influential in developing the policy. As a Lake association we still see the need for education around the harmful effects of fireworks.

### **Boating Safety**

- Although there was a push to join together other Lake Association members and a councillor to develop a safe boating plan Council has reached out to Oceans Canada for additional input on “NO WAKE” and other signs/buoys and the project is moving forward slowly.
- Discussed fatalities in Muskoka that has been in the news
- Audience member wondered if could have buoys that state NO-WAKES or if allowed to put notices on docks to curb wakes
- Acknowledged that although guidelines of speeds close to shore (< 10 km/hr 30 m from shore) some boaters do go faster.
- Member asked if there was any guidelines of how many boats a lake could support (not known but thought not regulated)

### **New Business – Paul Jablonski**

#### **New Board Members**

- James Ducker (Trout Lake)
- Judy Armstrong (Trout Lake)
- Brian Moore (Carson Lake)

- Christine Hill (Trout Lake)
- Steve Tovell \* (Trout Lake)
- Jackie Aerts \* (Trout Lake)
- Wendy Wolak \* (Trout Lake)

\* incumbent (returning member)

**Moved to pass new board members** – John Epp

**Seconded** – Frank Burchat

**All in favour (no opposed)** – therefore carried.

### **Moving Forward** –Wendy Wolak

**Natural Edge Program** – continue to promote - decrease toxins, decrease geese with grasses or shoreline plantings

**Invasive Species** – Banded mystery Snails are invasive but are also protected under the Fisheries Act (OFAH). As they carry bacteria, members were asked if they were interested in training to become licensed by the MNR for mitigation of the Banded Mystery Snail.

**Water Quality** – continue with Lake Partner Program (LPP) – monitoring Calcium, Chloride, Phosphorous, Clarity

- increase chloride monitoring closer to Hwy 60, Matcheski Rd, Siberia Rd
- ? able to do dissolved oxygen levels

- educate to discontinue use of polypropylene ropes as it contributes to microplastics in water (especially if fraying) and reach out to local businesses to choose a biodegradable product such as ropes made with natural fibers in place of the yellow polypropylene ropes.

**Sport Fishing** - ? stock lake trout

**MVDHS Bursary** - ? increase from \$200 to \$250

### **Announcements** – Jackie Aerts

**Donation** Thanked the Pim, Rochefort and Grzywniak families for their generous donation to our lake association. Cheryl Pim spoke to the audience noting that friends and family host a golf tournament and this year decided to give the proceeds to our lake for restocking Lake Trout (\$1300.00 donated).

**Social** Discussed that although our Lake Association usually hosts a Social at the end of the season wondering if people thought we should try to have one this year or delay for another year with the Covid Pandemic and question of which way the numbers are going. Wendy spoke to previous Socials – members invited to a volunteers house (held outside). Attendees bring dishes, (appetizers) chairs. Other members help with preparation. Usually lasts only for a few hours in the afternoon. Raffles. Nice time to meet your neighbours or others on the other lakes. In the end, consensus was to hold off having social activities this year and plan for next year.

**MVDHS Bursary** – this year's recipient of the bursary is Christian Plebon who will be studying to be a Fish and Wildlife Technician at Fleming College in Lindsay.

**Next Year's AGM** – to be held as usual on the May long weekend.

**Royal Canadian Legion (Barry's Bay)** – thanked for hosting our AGM this year at such short notice. People were encouraged to stay after the meeting to have a wine or beer. Snack plate pre-arranged by Marianne Keyko. Thanks to Marianne for doing this.

The Legion is hosting the next Pancake Breakfast – August 15.

## **Question & Answer**

Are there any regulations of raking leaves in the water – noted that there are 3 volunteers whose properties will be included in an upcoming video being produced. Two are on Carson Lake and one is on Trout Lake. Watersheds Canada will use this as well as video from Dog and Cranberry Lakes in South Frontenac in the production of the video to protect and improve water quality and a healthy ecosystem. This video may help answer this question.

An Audience member thanked Al Best and the Lake Association for the work that they are doing.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 3:00 pm.**

Minutes typed – Jackie Aerts