

MINUTES OF THE PETE'S LAKE WATER USERS SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
BY ZOOM – Tuesday, February 23, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS – John Martin, Doane Grinnell, Jayn Tyson, Neil Matheson, Barbara Smith, Patty Biro, Lisa Johnson, Jonah Spiegelman

SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE – Terry Theiss

CALL TO ORDER – 9:31am

Minutes of previous meeting had been approved via email.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Inactive Memberships** – According to the society's bylaws it is a legitimate request after one year of non-use. The \$40 membership fee must be paid, the member will have no voting rights while inactive, and their water will be turned off. When the member chooses to reactivate, the following fees will apply: \$50 reactivation fee, Barry's labour, and any parts necessary to reconnect, and the full year's water usage rate, as we do not pro-rate this.
2. **Guidelines for Ramp Use** – We will ask the qRD signage to read that allowed activities are: rinsing boats and trailers, flushing boat engines. Filling of water tanks is not allowed. The water is non-potable. The rights to access the water may be removed at any time.
3. **New Member/Transfer of Membership Policy** – The board reviewed the proposed policy developed in committee. Further revisions will be made before finalization.
4. **Spring Flush and Line Replacement** – Plans are afoot for a flush in March, plus replacement of a section of leaky line. Details will be announced in advance, so that all members can be prepared to have their water off for several hours. Anyone interested in helping out that day is encouraged to contact John Martin.
5. **Water Meters** – Two have been ordered and are in the mail. We purchased low cost, ultrasonic meters, which do not require us to cut into the lines. They go on the outside of the line and will be put on the 3" and 4" lines that come out of the manifold at the lake. We will need one or two 12-volt batteries to power them. All in, it will cost less than \$1,000. \$10,000 had been approved, so we are well under budget.
6. **Inventory Report** – John and Neil went out to Barry's and made a list of what we have, which has been put into a spreadsheet. Right after that the line at the boat ramp leaked and was repaired. Barry realized he is short on couplings for that size of line, so he will get more. John reported that one of the oars broke when he and Barry went out to look at the strum box and screens, so it will be replaced soon.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Report on Annual Bills** – The bills were sent out at the end of February and payments are coming in. They are due March 31.
2. **Review of Drafts of Financial Statement & Budget** – Both documents were reviewed. M/S John/Doane that the 2020 Financial Statement be accepted as presented. M/S John/Jayn that the 2021 budget be accepted as presented. Passed.
3. **Membership/Usage Rate Structure** – 2022 fees will have to be set at the AGM. We have fixed costs of about \$13,000 a year. In order to have ongoing access to the system everyone should be paying towards those costs. If we had membership fees to cover that, it would be about \$200 per member instead of \$40. Then the usage rate would be reduced. A member could then go inactive but still cover the fixed costs of the system. Discussion ensued. Decision postponed.

4. **AGM** – July 24 – Saturday. This will be held outdoors again due to COVID, if provincial health guidelines permit gatherings at that time. The 2020 Financial Statement and 2021 Budget will go out with the notice of the AGM.
5. **Barriers at the Lake** – New barriers have been erected by Mainroad. Concern about the use of pressure treated wood has been voiced by at least six. William Shulba will be contacted to see if this is a risk. Once we know about the risk, we'll write a letter to Mainroad.
6. Jonah has been invited to sit on a strategy advisory roundtable committee in support of the Islands Trust freshwater sustainability strategy.
7. A letter is being drafted asking Magic Mountain for permission to dig test holes in the dry season for pre-filtration purposes as advised by Trevor Wicks.
8. **Next board meeting** date is to be determined for about a month from now.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:24am