



Minutes of the Board of Directors (BoD) meeting

Saturday, June 1st, 10 h

Bernard Bourdeau, 372, route 309, Val-des-Bois

Present :

Jean Côté	President
Denis Bénac	Vice-president
Bernard Bourdeau	Treasurer
Lucie Smith	Secretary
Noël Cantin	Director

Missing :

Jean-Frédéric Potvin	Director
Henry Patterson	Director

1. Opening of the meeting at 10:01 AM by President Jean Côté

The president welcomed everyone.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Proposed by Denis Bénac, seconded by Noël Cantin

3. Adoption of the minutes of the Board meeting on May 4, 2024.

Proposed by Denis Bénac, seconded by Bernard Bourdeau

4. Sale of the new membership card online (Interac)

Jean Côté confirmed the sale of 5 cards via Interac for May. He informed the Board members that they can begin selling physical membership cards. A refrigerator magnet with the LOHA logo will be handed out in person upon purchase.

5. Follow-ups and task distribution for APLO activities in 2024 :

a) Barbecue (Saturday, June 22, 2024)

The season-opening BBQ will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the home of Jean Côté and his wife Debbie Lewis, along with Bernard Bourdeau and his wife Alice, from 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM. In case of rain, it will be postponed to the following day at noon. An invitation in both languages was posted by Jean Côté on Facebook and via email. It's an opportunity to share a meal in a friendly atmosphere. Jean Côté will handle the purchase of food and beverages. Denis Bénac will buy 4 bags of ice and confirm with Jean Bertrand his help in grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for both June 22 and August 3. Jean Côté will call Cobali to ask if an agent can attend after the AGM on August 3. If they agree, the representative will provide documentation on invasive species prevention and lake protection best practices. Lucie Smith suggested a Board member contact Cobali annually in the spring. Membership cards and magnets will be sold at the BBQ.

b) *Poker Run (July 6, 2024)*

In case of rain, the event will be moved to the next day at the same time. Denis Bénac has prepared kits for the volunteers. Jean Côté will take photos. Lucie Smith will ask Lyne Prévost to help with photography at strategic locations around the lake.

c) *LOHA AGM (August 3, 2024)*

Jean Côté confirmed the AGM will take place on Saturday, August 3, at Camping Val-des-Bois after checking with Carol Renaud. He will ask Marc Bertrand if he agrees to be the election president. Lucie Smith will ask Lyne Prévost if she agrees to be the election secretary.

d) *Photo Contest*

Denis Bénac, from the organizing committee, presented the 2023 contest prizes to the 2nd and 3rd place winners, Kelly Blakeney and Mark Blakeney. Lucie Smith and Denis met with sponsors, who gladly renewed their support for the 2024 contest. For 2nd place: a \$40 gift card from Matériaux Lajeunesse, and for 3rd place: a \$25 gift card from Babine. The president, with the organizing committee, decided to extend the contest deadline from July 31 to August 31 to allow an additional month for jury deliberation. The contest will run from June 1 to August 31, 2024. Photos from previous seasons or years are accepted. The 1st place winning photo may be used on promotional materials. There will be 3 winners: 1st place will receive a canvas print, and 2nd and 3rd place will get gift certificates. The contest title is "The Beauty of the Lake!" Lucie Smith will create a photo montage of all participants for "L'Écho du lac de l'Original." The 1st place winner will receive a 16x20 canvas photo print. Lucie Smith will prepare an invitation with rules, and Jean Côté will post them on "L'Écho du lac de l'Original."

6. Follow-up on promotional tools

For the BBQ, AGM, and Potluck, Jean Côté confirmed a draw for an LOHA-logo bag as a door prize. He received 100 refrigerator magnets for membership card sales and distributed them to each Board member. It was agreed that the postcard size will be 7x5 instead of 6x4, with distribution starting at the BBQ and continuing at the AGM. The 100 postcards and 250 annual membership cards are sponsored by Staples for privileged members. Lucie will handle formatting and printing by June 10. Denis will buy 3 packs of paper for the President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

7. Code of ethics, checklist

Lucie Smith will get a quote for double-sided printing (French-English) of 50 color copies on cardstock for the code of ethics. In the meantime, Jean Côté will translate it from French to English.

8. Project: Document and table for phosphate-free products

This project, suggested by Lucie Smith, stems from personal research and passion. She mentioned making interesting discoveries and is working on presenting a list of ecological, biodegradable, and phosphate-free products in a table format. Some web publications are outdated. If the project isn't finished by the AGM, Jean Côté suggested discussing the main points at the AGM. Lucie mentioned showing examples of products and explaining their differences. If unfinished, the project will be presented in spring 2025.

9. Miscellaneous:

9.1 Water tests RSVL and Micro B

Denis Bénac confirmed that the cost for 3 water tests at Micro B has doubled to \$175 (for all 3 tests) in June, July, and August. The first will take place around June 18. After the meeting, Denis gave Noël Cantin the box of 3 RSVL sampling kits for the summer. He gave her a brief explanation and will assist with the first sample collection. Jean Côté and Noël Cantin will jointly handle RSVL sampling moving forward. Jean Côté will resume transparency measurements for RSVL due to previous Board resource constraints.

10. Follow-up list or actions for the next meeting:

- a) Jean will call Cobali for their presence at the June 22 BBQ or AGM.
- b) 2024 directory (draft for July meeting).
- c) Code of ethics (ready for AGM).
- d) AGM, distribution of the code of ethics.
- e) BBQ (Jean Côté will handle food purchases at Costco and Denis will buy ice).
- f) Photo contest.

11. Date of the next meeting

Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 10 AM, at Noël Cantin's home.

12. Adjournment at 11:11 AM, June 1, 2024,

Moved by Denis Bénac, seconded by Noël Cantin

Lucie Smith, Secretary