



Minutes of the meeting of the board of directors (CA)

Saturday, May 4, at 10 a.m.

Chez Lucie Smith & Denis Bénac, 344, chemin du lac de L'Original, Val-des-Bois

Are present:

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

Missing:

Henry Patterson	Director
Jean-Frédéric Potvin	Director

1. Opening of the meeting at 10 a.m. by President Jean Côté

The president welcomes everyone and points out that this is the first meeting for 2024-2025.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Proposed by Denis Bénac, seconded by Noël Cantin

3. Adoption of the minutes of the CA meeting of September 9, 2023.

Proposed by Jean Côté, seconded by Denis Bénac

4. Followed by Jean Côté of the results of the survey for the owners of Lac de l'Original (LOHA)

Jean Côté sent the survey by email on February 19 to residents in both languages with the possibility for them to add comments to the survey. He made a reminder on March 27 then a final one on April 4 ending on April 30, 2024. He confirms that we have 84 properties. The response rate is 37 surveys out of 84 for a total of 44%.

5. Sale of the new membership card

Lucie Smith presents the new CA membership card, printed at Bureau en gros, at a cost of \$16.18 (taxes included) for 100 units. The sale of the card at a cost of \$25.00 will begin in May; we will favor online sales through Interac for this first month. Thereafter, membership cards will be sold on June 22 at the LOHA BBQ. When purchasing their card, each owner will receive a postcard and a fridge magnet with the LOHA logo. The card sale will then continue until the end of July 2024. The objective is to beat the record for the 2023 sale of 62 cards, including 12 by Interac out of a possible 84 cards. Jean Côté suggests and confirms to us that the cost for small fridge magnets is \$0.65 per unit. Proposal accepted unanimously. Subsequently, we will join the Staples Privilege members program, so we will receive 250 membership cards and 100 postcards, courtesy of this supplier upon membership. There will be printing of 50 postcards

with the winner Martine Frenette of the 2022 photo competition and then the same with the photo of the winner Luc Guindon from the 2023 edition.

6. LOHA's 2024 calendar of activities:

a) *Barbecue (Saturday June 22, 2024)*

The season opening BBQ activity will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the home of our hosts Jean Côté and his wife Debbie Lewis together with Bernard Bourdeau and his wife Alice from 11:45 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the activity will be postponed the next day at noon, same time. An invitation in both languages will be published by Jean Côté on Facebook and by email. This is an opportunity to share a meal in a friendly atmosphere.

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

In the event of rain, the activity will be postponed until the next day at the same time. Denis Bénac and Lucie Smith undertake to take charge of the organization of the activity. Jean Côté and Denis Bénac will meet Carol Renaud to find out if this date suits her.

c) *The AGA of LOHA (10 August 2024)*

Jean Côté suggests that we do our AGM, Saturday August 10 at Camping Val-des-Bois and he will check with Carol Renaud to find out if his premises will be available.

d) *Pontoon parade – 4 to 6 (August 10, 2024)*

Jean Côté, president, suggested that we do it on the same day as the AGM, a proposal accepted unanimously. In the case of rain, it will be postponed until August 17 from 4 to 5 before the Potluck dinner on August 17. Jean Côté will publish an invitation for residents on Facebook. Also, in order to share memories of this activity, Lucie Smith will publish a montage of photos and videos after the event.

e) *"Potluck" dinner (August 17, 2024)*

The closing activity of the season will take place on Saturday August 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. In the event of rain, the activity will be postponed to dinner on August 18, 2024 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the home of our hosts Jean Côté and his wife Debbie Lewis together with Bernard Bourdeau and his wife Alice. An invitation in both languages will be published by Jean Côté on Facebook. Participants will be able to bring dishes, food, cold meats and non-alcoholic beverages in order to share a meal in a friendly atmosphere.

f) *Photo competition*

Denis Bénac confirms that he will award the prizes to the second winner and the 3rd when the chalets open, and winner of the 2023 edition. Lucie and Denis suggested that the prizes be awarded at the AGM on August 10 because in the fall many residents close their chalets. It was agreed that this year, the photo competition will be renewed but everyone is unanimous that the competition will take place from 1st June to July 31, 2024. The photos may have been taken during another season or from a previous year. The winner of the 2024 competition may possibly be featured on promotional tools in the

future. We will maintain 3 winners including the first with a print of a canvas on photo and for the 2nd and 3rd places a gift certificate or gift card. The organizing committee will meet the 2023 sponsors (Babine and Matériaux Lajeunesse) to find out if they want to contribute again. The title of the competition will be: "The beauty of the lake!" ". Lucie Smith undertakes to make a montage of photos of all the participants in the competition on "L'Écho du lac de l'Original".

7. Water and transparency tests for RSVL

Noël Cantin happily agrees to undertake to carry out the 3 sample collections (June, July and August) for the tests for (chlorophyll a, phosphorus and dissolved carbon) of RSVL to take over from Denis Bénac. Denis undertakes to give him all the information and show him the procedure in order to train him. Jean Côté confirms that he will resume testing water transparency at RSVL (Voluntary Lake Monitoring Network).

8. Bathing water tests (Micro B)

Denis Bénac will continue to take bathing water samples at Micro B (June, July and August) to find out if there is the presence of E. Coli (Escherichia coli) and to know the rating of the bathing water. He informs us on a voluntary basis that he will not charge costs for transport as he has never done so.

9. Sale of promotional tools (mugs and sweaters)

Jean Côté confirms that we only have 9 cups out of 72 left to sell. There are a few sweaters left and we won't be ordering mugs even if it was a success. Concerning promotional tools, feathers, we will give them during the BBQ at the reception table. Wearing your vest during the AGM helps to foster a bond of belonging and promote the LOHA.

10. Follow-up to the 2023 photo contest and sponsorships (ends September 30, 2023)

An enlargement, printing of a photo on 16 x 20 canvas was given to Luc Guindon, the winner of the 1^{er} place by Lucie Smith and Denis Bénac, organizers of the competition in fall 2023. For the 2nd place: a \$40.00 gift card to Matériaux Lajeunesse (Kelly Blakeney) and in 3rd place: a \$25.00 gift certificate from Babine (Mark Blakeney), the prizes will be awarded in May or June 2024. The secretary sent a letter of thanks to the sponsors then thanked Jean Côté for collecting all the photos. All images were anonymized and sent to the jury by email for a "blind" evaluation. Each photo was evaluated for its technical value (composition, framing, exposure, focus) and for its artistic value. We thanked the jury Geneviève Bilodeau-Roy and Alexandre Côté for their time devoted to selecting the photos. Residents really enjoyed seeing the photos of all the contest participants. The slideshow was published on the "L'Écho du lac de l'Original" group and produced by Lucie Smith.

11. Miscellaneous:

11.1. Lake cleaning

Lucie and Denis share with their colleagues that they are going to go around the lake again and that it is their own initiative. They will post the results of their collection on Facebook to encourage other residents to continue collecting objects that can fall into the water in the presence of wind. It was agreed that the CA will not call on volunteers.

11.2. Draft table for phosphate-free products

Lucie Smith mentions that she is continuing her research and admits that it is taking longer than she had expected. It will update data on products available in tabular form that are ecological and biodegradable and free of phosphates. Jean Côté suggests presenting some copies at the AGM. Denis Bénac adds that it would be interesting if Lucie set up a small kiosk to present her discoveries with supporting samples and a few copies of the painting.

11.3. Return to the suggestion of an online store (Web store)

In the absence of Henry Patterson at our present meeting we did not discuss the possibility of a website to sell promotional products. Example: boat disinfectant, sweaters, cups, boat equipment etc. For the moment, the CA by mutual agreement is not considering this avenue.

11.4. Procedures and publication of each report

Noël Cantin proposes to simplify the minutes and publications with fewer details while maintaining transparency for LOHA members. Proposal unanimously accepted which will standardize everyone's work, facilitate writing, correction and simplify translation by Jean Côté (President). Everything will enhance reading by the owners and residents of the lake.

11.5. Code of Ethics and revision of the code of ethics

Lucie Smith shares an abbreviated code of ethics in table form and confirms that she has worked on this one-page cheat sheet. The goal is to remind people of the importance of respecting this code and adopting good practices through good conduct and respect for all: motorized and non-motorized boats, kayaks, paddle boards, swimmers, pedal boats, etc. She undertakes to present it to her colleagues on the Board of Directors for modification or approval on their part. This memory aid will be laminated and can be placed on the fridge for everyone to see. For nautical safety and in the case of dangerous driving or behavior, the contact details of the Sûreté du Québec will be included.

12. List of follow-ups or actions to take for the next meeting:

- a) The president will communicate the results of the survey by email
- b) We will order promotional items for 2024-2025
- c) Prints of 100 magnets and 100 postcards, courtesy of Bureau en gros (50 from the 2022 winner (Martine Frenette) and the 2023 competition winner (Luc Guindon)
- d) Preparation of invitations by the secretary for upcoming activities
- e) Facebook posts by the President for membership card dues and 2024 activities
- f) Abbreviated table of the code of ethics

13. Date of next meeting

Saturday the 1stst June 2024 at 10 a.m., at Bernard Bourdeau's house

14. Adjournment of the meeting at 11:55 a.m., May 4, 2024,

Proposed by Denis Bénac, seconded by Noël Cantin

Lucie Smith, secretary