

# ***Belmont Lake Cottagers' Association***

## ***Minutes, Board Meeting***

**Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00pm via Skype**

**Present:** John Dixon, Greg Alexander, Evan Meyers, Ellen Walsh, Peter White

**Regrets Due to Technical Issues:** Valerie Marshall

### **1. Follow Ups from January 26 Meeting**

- **Greg** estimated that rock marking would be \$200 more than the year before
- **Greg** has been in touch with CVCA regarding water level testing. They are changing a number of measures and are not in a position to finalize water level testing in the short term

### **2. Newsletter Update**

- John reported that the final draft is complete and is available for final proofing. It will be sent to the printer tomorrow morning
- The newsletter will not have any colour this year, as per previous years
- John highlighted the need to allow more time for layout in next year's schedule. To do that, we will have to be more strict in terms of meeting article and advertising deadlines

### **3. Indigenous People Acknowledgements**

- Ellen will follow up with FOCA and with local indigenous people to create the appropriate wording for our acknowledgement
- The goal will be a focus on respect for the original peoples of this land
- The wording will be approved by the board and likely first used at our July 16 AGM

### **4. New Corporation Act Requirements**

- John and Peter attended a webinar about the new legislation requiring all not for profits to redo their bylaws
- Once the newsletter is done, John and Peter will formulate a plan
- New bylaws will likely be reviewed by the board late this year, and be presented to membership at the AGM in 2023

## 5. AGM Preparations

- Val and Peter will prepare a draft financial forecast for this year and next and share with the board prior to this year's AGM
- We continue to increase our surplus, and should take actions to use some of that surplus immediately
- A number of possibilities were surfaced to reduce our surplus: Spending more on membership activities, paying for newsletter layout, reducing membership fee, spending more on water testing
- Each board member will be allotted time at the AGM to update members on their activities

## 6. Next Board Meeting

- **Peter** will schedule the next board meeting for June to finalize planning for the AGM