LIVINGSTONE LAKE ASSOCIATION

Notice of

22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/LAKE PARTY

Saturday, August 15, 2026 ~ 3:30

The Garage of Dave and Lisa Fitton

MINUTES

As we gather to discuss stewardship of Livingstone Lake, we acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory of the Algonquin, the Huron-Wendat, the Anishnabek and Odawa people.

I. Welcome/General Comments (Steve)

3:45 call to order

22nd annual AGM and party

a. Introductions

Thanks to the Fittons for hosting at 1239 Hughes drive again this year.

Steve introduced the members of the executive in attendance and acknowledged those that were unable to attend.

Introduction of the special Guests:

- Susan Weise ~ 77 years on the lake
- Don Embree ~ council candidate
- Simon Payn ~ "Grounded Gardens"

b. Changes since the last AGM

No changes since last year

II. Minutes of August 16, 2025 meeting and acceptance.

There were no additions, deletions or changes

Motion to accept minutes as written ~ Amy McCarten, 2nd Dee McLaren – ***Carried***

III. Treasurers Report 2026.

a. Fees going forward for 2027 – no change at this time and will stay at $20/property

(See attached report)

Doing well. Began with $1521.13

Expenses $952.96 on food, newsletter, FOCA membership, etc

Revenue $1,340.00 from membership, donations and sales of mugs

Current balance: $1908.17

Motion to accept report as submitted, ~ Gord Farah, 2nd Mark Rook - ***Carried***

IV. Proposed for Executive Committee

a. Proposed for re-election for a 2 year term ~ Karen Hammond, Erika Bolliger (now Gott), Wayne Parker, Dee McLaren, Steve Bolliger, Amy McCarten and Beth Adams

Motion to accept all ~ Daphne Dube, 2nd Christine Spengler - ***Carried***

b. Bev McHenry, James Schwartz, Pat Dube, Dave Fitton and Christine Spengler will continue as members of the 2026/2027 Executive Committee and will stand for re-election next year.

c. There were no additional nominations put forward. If interested contact the President at 416-476-4569 or email thebolligers@cogeco.ca.

V. Questions for the Executive

a. President — Steve Bolliger
b. Gravel pit and forestry — Wayne Parker
c. Finances — Dee McLaren
d. Lake Steward — Erika Gott
e. Newsletter — Bev McHenry
f. Social Media — James Schwartz

VI. Other Business ~ Special Guests

1. Sue Weise – privy speech

77 years on the lake
Cottage name is EEEE (4 ease) – her mom chose the name. told her father to quit working each day as he would loose track of time
Lifestyle of work and wonder, swimming, paddling, owls and spring peepers
Respect the land and the water

2. **Don Embree – Township Council candidate** in upcoming municipal elections

Roots and cottage life goes way back on Oxtongue
Retired, getting to know more people. He has time and willing to do the work.
This was the first speech in his campaign
Advertising background. Taught him how to listen, learn and find solutions
Love cottage country and wants to give back to community
Work hard, be accessible and work with lake groups
Make sure you are on the voters list and vote!

3. **Greetings from Jen Dailloux** (out-going Reeve as read by Wayne Parker))

A lot of work on a master plan for the county
Affordable study for Haliburton – municipal rates and costs, services, affordability to residents.
Looking into what we cost as a government tier and new report suggests 4 structural model changes. New council will have responsible to choose and implement

4. Simon of Grounded Gardens

Thank you to Simon joining us for an interesting presentation on healthy shorelines and naturalizing properties. If you are interested in having Simon provide recommendations for your property he can be contacted at hello@groundedgardens.ca

- Healthy shorelines = happy cottagers. Start with what you will stop doing to let your property start becoming more natural.
- Shoreline 30 metres is depended on by 80-90% of water life
- Walls reflect energy back. Walls fight nature, plants work with it
- Geese like lawns ~ There is a simple solution… stop mowing… at least a part of the property
- Get started with plants and shrubs ~ Lots of resources at garden centres or contact Simon. Follow his articles in The Highlander. Pick up a copy of his book "The unfinished cottage landscape".
- Not neglect but environmental diversity. Establish cues to care – paths, benches.
- Be aware of the 20 metre preservation bylaw
- Minor changes, like a fire pit, ok
- For every plant there is a right site. Slope, sun, moisture, soil. Plant densely, shrubs, perennials, ground covers. Plan around view and access

- Ecological landscapes can need some support – how much ~ 5-10 minutes a year after established
- "Attention is the beginning of devotion"
- Simons presentation will be available to cottage association and sent at later date.

5. **Erika's presentation** ~ Erika couldn't join but will send her presentation out to everyone

6. **Questions/comments?**
   - Troutspawn is an MNR road. Township may be asked to assume Troutspawn in future
   - The water Spring ~ Thanks to Wayne, Fergus and Dave for maintenance of the cistern at the spring earlier this year. Suggest take the hose off and set it down so it can run (froze last winter first time)

Adjournment Motion: Wayne and 2nd Sue – ***Carried 4:32***

VII. Lake Social and corn roast followed

a. Raffle draw – Winners ~ Fred Hughes, Lisa Fitton, Bev McHenry (Karen), Brandon Phoenix (Steve), Wayne, Sue, Michelle Reid (Steve), Vena
b. Corn roast enjoyed by all.

Note!!! Date of next Annual Party and Meeting will be Saturday August 21, 2027. Please mark this date in your calendars.