

**Mattatall Lake Stewardship Association Annual General Meeting**  
**Minutes August 23, 2020**  
**Wentworth Recreation Center 2 pm**

**Welcome**

Keith Loudon welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**Present:** Keith Loudon (President), Gary Jollimore (Vice-President), Donna Spracklin (Secretary), Jake Jacobson

**Absent:** Deborah Lusby (Treasurer)

**Total Members Present** - 16 (note quorum required of 15)

**Old Business**

1. **Minutes of the last meeting June 23, 2019** were approved as circulated - **moved Gary Jollimore, seconded Jake Jacobson, Motion Carried.**

**New Business**

2. **Summary of Accomplishments**

- a. **Outlet Bridge** - completed in September 2020 after many many volunteer hours headed by John Green. **A photograph on canvas of Mattatall Lake was presented to John as a token of our gratitude for the work and responsibility he took on.** This was a project that spanned 3 years and was funded in large part via the individual donations of lake residents as a result of a fundraising campaign by Dave Lily in 2018 and in lesser part by a corporate donation and government grants. Sandy Welsh was the initial push and others were eventually convinced that this was a worthy project and carried the ball forward. We feel the MLSA should be proud that we made this happen. Thanks are extended to all association members behind this project.
- b. **Water Quality - The lake water quality is EXCELLENT!** The TPhosphorus levels this year have been averaging .06 to .07 micrograms/Liter. This puts the lake squarely in good territory (oligotrophic) as it is under .10 microgram/L. Last year the Tphos levels averaged .10 to .12 micrograms/L putting it up a little into the borderline area of oligotrophic to mesotrophic - or "on the fence". This lower level means that there is less chance of being pushed into a high enough level to trigger an algal bloom this year. The lessons learned by the research done over the past few years has delineated how we have external sources of phosphorus entering the lake via the 14 streams and also the internal sources of phosphorus that come via the internal loading of the lake bottom at the deeper part of the lake denoted as M4 (where the testing buoy is located). Last year (2019), measurements made over the summer confirmed again how the Tphos levels in the lake water at the deep level rise over the summer (due to the bottom becoming anoxic which allows leaching of phosphorus from the sediment into the

water), then with the fall overturn this water is mixed with the rest of the lake water. Last year this raised the Tphos level in the upper water levels by 5 points.

At present we are thankful for the research and testing done in the past and appreciate that we have had a good collaborative relationship with both the NSE and the Dalhousie Center for Water Resources Studies. We feel that the path forward now will be periodic monitoring (3 samples) of TPhosphorus levels through the summer months to ascertain the general pattern of lake water quality. This would be done via volunteer efforts through the MLSA. This year the NSE has provided the funding for this, we would like to see that funding and co operation continued.

- c. **Stewardship.** Stewardship issues are ongoing and should be one of the main focus areas going forward. They include: maintenance of: the website, the buoys to denote shallow areas, signage; education and communication.

### **3. Financial Report Revenue and Expenditure Year ending March 31,2020:see attached.**

Unaudited, but Reviewed by AC Hunter Tellier Belgrave Adamson CPA's

**Motion to accept- moved Roger Sorsdahl, Seconded Henry Smit - Motion Carried.**

**Budget 2020-21:** The Budget for 2020-21 shows an expense for accounting of \$690.00. This is for the Review done last year due to the significant expense of the Outflow Project. This expense elevates this year's budget as the expense was paid out this year, but it will not need repeating in the years ahead. If this figure is removed, the total expected expense for this year is \$1134. If we now subtract the \$300 rebate given yearly to date for Non Profit Insurance fees (by the Mun of Colchester), the yearly fixed costs in this budget amount to approximately \$834.00 - a more valid figure with which to compare yearly fixed costs.

With a membership fee of \$20.00 and the present number of members (22) we are in a deficit financing position, working into our cash reserves. Discussion followed: expenses could be reduced by leaving our incorporated and insured state and proceeding forward more informally as a "Friends of..." group. This has lower costs but leaves us in a less protected state and less ready to accept future challenges if and as they manifest. Also the MLSA has a responsibility to accept financial responsibility for maintenance of the outflow Aqua Vista Dr bridge as was accepted at last year's AGM.

**Motion to accept budget - Moved - M Leone MacLean, seconded- Bob MacLean - Motion Carried.**

**4.Future of the MLSA:** group membership has declined from 80 in 2015 to 22 last year - 2019. So far this year we are at 21. But what affects things even more is the lack of volunteers to join the board as this is what keeps everything going. The number of board members which started with 9, was changed by bylaw in 2019 to 7, but still we have had only 5 for the past year. And in particular we are lacking a treasurer for 2021. Thus the dilemma: Do we maintain the group as is if at all possible, or do we downgrade to more of an interest group with less rules and structure and continue forth on a reduced budget as discussed under the budget above.

Donna feels strongly that strong efforts should be made to recruit new members and board volunteers and maintain the current group structure. Group discussion followed. Many voiced arguments on the pros for continuing the MLSA as is- a group ready to tackle new stewardship issues. Several were mentioned - the sighting of 'green jelly balls' a kind of algal form said to be non toxic, but it is something new that will prompt questions and concern. The threat to hemlocks which abound around the lake - the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid... is expected soon. What can we do? Can any damage be ameliorated or prevented? More questions that a viable MLSA would be expected to address. A "Friends of" group could investigate and inform just as well, but it may be less effective and less interested in tackling issues as it would lack incorporation and insurance for the directors.

**Plan- recruitment drive to sign up lapsed and new residents!**

**Action:** Volunteers to do their areas: Rodger Sorsdahl, Jamie Davidson, Keith Louden, Donna Spracklin, Rick Parker, Gary Jollimore, Bob MacLean - others encouraged!  
Donna to provide an info sheet.

**Nomination of new Board Members:** Jake Jacobson and Debrorah Lusby are resigning. We thank them for their efforts, they will be missed.

**Returning:** Donna Spracklin(President), Keith Louden, Gary Jollimore

**Election of new Board members:** Kristi Wenaus **Motion to accept - Moved Bob MacLean, Seconded Adele Louden: Motion Carried.**

**WELCOME Kristi Wenaus!**

**New Board: full complement = 7 members**

**Donna Spracklin, Keith Louden, Gary Jollimore, Kristi Wenaus**

**Needed:** There are currently 3 board positions open, including that of treasurer.

**Interested members are asked to contact a board member. As discussed, this group cannot continue longterm without more board volunteers.**

**Motion to adjourn 3.20 pm Roger Sorsdhal, John Green**