



## PERCY LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Tuesday Oct 5, 2021 7:00 – 8:00 PM via Zoom

Zoom meeting hosted by Jim Richert

### MINUTES

Meeting began at 7 pm with a welcoming introduction by Anna and a 'roll-call' by the 24 called-in attendees. [Peaked at ~30]. Treasurer Koko Yamamoto and Peter Mills had sent regrets due to personal and business conflicts.

Minutes of 2020 AGM (Brian Edey) were presented and deemed read. Hearing no objections, they were approved. Brian to send to Claire for posting on PLRA.ca

### Youth Awards Announcement (Jim Richert)

#### Lake Trout Trophy

**Keegan Elson**, Bruno and Brucie Delazzer's Grandson

20 inch Lake Trout Caught March 22, 2020 Through the Ice



**Bass – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Plaque**

**Cohen Elson**, Bruno and Brucie Delazzer Grandson

18 ½ “ Bass Caught August 20, 2020



**Bass 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy and Matys Corp Traveler Trophy**

**Julian Tilman**, Anna Tilman’s Grandson

18 inch Bass Caught July 31, 2020



Joe (Matys) with sister Helen, in the background, spoke to their enjoyment of delivering last year’s trophy and how they are pleased to reward/encourage a generation of environmentally conscious youth.

## PLRA August 2021 Bass Tournament (Lou Kiriakou)

Harry Winder passed away on July 2nd and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. Harry was a great supporter of the tournament and he loved to fish. The PLRA Board has decided to rename the Tournament trophy in Harry's honour.

### Mark & Chloe Ristow, Tournament Winners

All time tournament record of 5 fish measuring 89 1/8 inches

Mick & Julian Tilman, Finished Second with 5 fish measuring 87 inches

Ed Dawsoyar and Lou Kiriakou finished third with 5 fish measuring 76 inches

Nine teams entered the tournament on a very windy day but the bass cooperated and were right where they should have been at that time of the year.

Lots of people fishing for the first time which was great to see. I think all the new Anglers learned a lot.



## **Dysart Township (Pat Kennedy – Deputy Mayor, Walt McKechnie - Councillor)**

Roads:

The Municipal road to the boat launch was repaired with fresh gravel in the late spring, and Johnson Bay road was resurfaced. Walt noted that the section of Haliburton Lake Road from Ft Irwin to Currie Rd S. was resurfaced with extra gravel over the tar to limit the tar pickup. Walt mentioned the roads budget was being discussed and to call him on priorities [roads, culverts, brushing].

Wendy Thompson asked what the plan was for the dangerous potholes Percy Lake Road?

### **By-Laws – (e.g., Fireworks, Noise, Renters)**

<https://www.dysartetal.ca/en/municipal-government/municipal-by-law-enforcement.aspx#Fireworks-By-Law>

Pat noted that Sky lanterns [Chinese Lanterns] are expressly forbidden and Fireworks are limited to four long weekends. Noise and Lights are covered in the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw. While the Bylaw enforcement Officer doesn't work week-ends incidents can now be reported on-line for subsequent follow-up:

Incident reporting: <https://www.dysartetal.ca/en/municipal-government/municipal-by-law-enforcement.aspx>

It was also mentioned that any fine or damages [e.g. from a fire] would become the responsibility of the property owner.

### **Shoreline Draft By-Law – Pat Kennedy**

Revised by-law is expected at council this fall for possible adoption in Spring 2022. The next Municipal election is Fall 2022, so if not passed in the Spring it is likely to be deferred to new Council.

Both Walt and Pat pointed out that existing rules: 30m set back, the tree-cutting bylaw, and septic inspection are in place.

## Reports and Updates – PLRA Board:

### Financial report (Koko Yamamoto)

Percy Lake Ratepayers Association  
Unaudited statement of operations

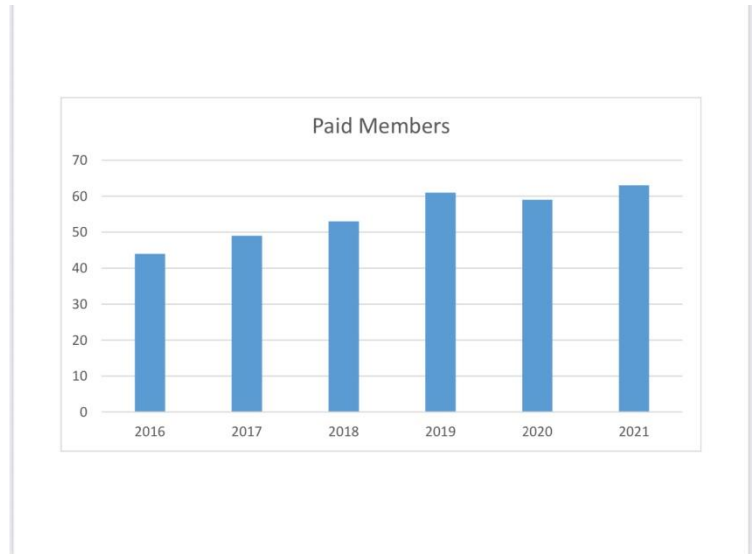
	Period ended September 30, 2021	Year ended December 31, 2020	Year ended December 31, 2019
	\$	\$	\$
Membership fee revenues	<u>1,955</u>	<u>2,080</u>	<u>1,960</u>
Donation to Haliburton 4Cs foodbank	-	200	-
Website design and maintenance	-	200	1,027
Membership fees	477	485	420
CHA Lake Health Report	-	-	396
Annual picnic	-	-	82
Engraving costs	-	64	106
Insurance (renews annually in November)	-	737	737
Bank charges	56	79	86
Total expenses	<u>533</u>	<u>1,765</u>	<u>2,854</u>
Excess (deficiency) of expenses over revenues	1,422	315	(894)
Opening bank balance	<u>2,925</u>	<u>2,610</u>	<u>3,504</u>
Ending bank balance	<u><u>4,347</u></u>	<u><u>2,925</u></u>	<u><u>2,610</u></u>

Anna noted that membership fees included dues to 3 organizations, FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations), COHOA (the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association) and CEWF (Coalition of Equitable Water Flow), and that the insurance will reduce the 2021 year-end balance accordingly.

## Membership (Anna & Brian)

Anna noted that despite the pandemic membership has stayed high relative to past years.

Jim noted that originally there were 70 lots and the new development added another 65. So potential membership could be up to 135.



Anna also mentioned that the Board has been discussing improved signage [and advertising the PLRA.ca website] at both the Johnson Bay tee and somewhere on Hodgson's Rd for the cottages south of the dam.

## Website [www.plra.ca](http://www.plra.ca) (Claire Ristow)

Lou Kiriakou provided some background on how we connected with Claire to refresh our web site and the effort that was put forth to get us here.

The screenshot shows the PLRA website homepage. The main heading is "Welcome to the Percy Lake Ratepayers Association". A red circle highlights the "Menu" button in the top right corner, with an arrow pointing to the navigation menu. The menu items are: Home, Newsletters, Meetings, Contests & Photo Gallery, Information Centre, Memberships, and Contact.

The "2021 Events" section is displayed below the menu. It contains three event cards:

Date	Event Name	Description
October 5	AGM (via Zoom)	The annual meet-up for cottage owners to discuss lake news and issues. Most importantly, where fishing tournament trophies are given out. This year, it will be held at 7pm via Zoom on Tuesday, October 5th.
August 14	Bass Tournament	Sadly we will be missing Harry Winder this year. Harry passed away on July 2 <sup>nd</sup> and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. Harry was a great supporter of the tournament and he loved to fish. The PLRA Board has decided to...
Cancelled	BBO	Food, drinks, and famous fish stories. The trophy is awarded to the winning team. *Cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

Claire gave an overview of the site and mentioned a Classified section is in progress. She mentioned that the fishing pictures can be sent to any member of the Board or directly to her [hello@PLRA.ca]

It was also mentioned that the history of cottaging on Percy Lake is in the Information Centre along with links to the Municipal by-laws.

### **Any other business e.g., Internet**

Jim Richert acknowledged the passing of several long-time cottagers:

Gord Douglas, Dennis Woodbridge, Jim Shephard and Harry Winder

Karen Hatch asked if there were any updates on Starlink [internet] availability.

Dave Panko advised that demand had exceeded supply for the dishes/receivers but a revised design was bringing expectations for supplies by the end of the year. [see more detailed note David sent post-meeting, appended]

Jack Russel noted that for the next AGM, notwithstanding Sylvia Winder's generous offer of her beach, we ought to consider using the spit as equally accessible to residents on both sides of the dam.

### **Nominations, Election of directors**

Anna noted that the existing board members were willing to serve another term.

Also we are always open to new board directors and anyone wishing to join either now or later should contact her or one of the directors.

The Board for 2021-2022 is thus:

President Anna Tilman

Treasurer Koko Yamamoto

Secretary Brian Edey

Directors Jim Rickert, Lou Kiriakou, Peter Mills

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 20:20

## Appendix

Post Meeting information on Starlink and LTE internet options from David Panko:

Jack asked me to write up my thoughts on internet service and distribute to the group. Here's a summary of our discussion at the AGM:

- Starlink is currently in beta testing and is expected to move to production later this month.
- Many of us have been on the Starlink waiting list since February. They have had issues manufacturing the dishes which has delayed the roll-out.
- People who signed up in February are still expected to receive their dish this year. New orders have a one-year lead time.
- Two of my co-workers have the service. It's fast, up to 150Mbps download, but does have occasional drop-outs which make video calls difficult. It is also sensitive to obstructions from tree limbs which may block a satellite as it passes by. Launching additional satellites will reduce the drop-outs and obstructions.
- Another option is an LTE booster + hotspot, which provides both a strong LTE signal and wifi up to 10Mbps.
- You will need 1-2 bars of LTE on your property to use an LTE booster. It is very sensitive to the locations of the antenna and repeater, so your mileage may vary.