

PERCY LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Directors' meeting

June 2, 2026 5:00 PM

Via Microsoft Teams; Host Peter Mills

MINUTES

Summary

The board meeting on June 2, 2026, covered several key points. The bank balance is \$4,037, with membership fees paid up. Membership dues are 55% of last year's level, prompting a reminder to members. Cell tower light issues were discussed, with Rogers making adjustments. A hydro outage on May 29-30 was noted. Shoreline structure bylaws were updated, allowing gazebos and requiring site assessments. Concerns were raised about new sheds being built without proper permits. The board agreed to inform members about the new bylaws and encourage individual reports of non-compliance to the municipality.

Anna called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM

Present: Anna, Koko, Diane, Peter, Lou, Brian

Regrets: Bob, Mark, Ted

Minutes of previous board meeting (April 15, 2026)

Moved to approve Lou; seconded Peter

Brian to ask Claire to post as approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

Koko reported the bank balance at \$4,037, with expenditures mainly on membership fees [FOCA, CHE, CEWF]. All usual membership fees are paid up. Balance is consistent with previous years

A discussion on the need for a reminder about membership dues due to lower than expected submissions.

Moved to approve Treasure's report. Peter, Seconded Brian. Approved

Previous Action Items

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- Email the County planning contact (Tammy Wilson) requesting a written interpretation comparing the former Percy Lake special policy to the new municipality-wide shoreline policy and outlining any differences or impacts for Percy Lake.
 - Included in Spring Newsletter
- Send the PLRA membership form (updated PDF) to Peter so he can have his EA create a fillable PDF version and return it for website posting
 - Completed and on Web site
- Provide the conservation officer contact/tips line card information to the newsletter and website (include anonymous tip line) and explore inviting the new conservation officer to speak at the AGM
 - Included in Newsletter and on Website in Information section
- Email Ted to request a Rogers contact or hotline number specific to the cell tower site so residents have a direct number to report malfunctioning/strobing lights, then pass that contact info to Brian for the newsletter
 - Multiple visits to address tower navigation light. Awaiting feedback [w/e June 13/14]
 - Recommendation to use regular Rogers support line and reference tower on Percy Lake/ Bryson Trail
- Locate the Hydro One regional contact (director) responsible for the outage area, follow up on the March 84-hour outage details and proposed solutions, and report findings back to the board
 - On going
- Forward the County of Haliburton email about Official Plan Amendment #6 (deleting section 15.22) to all board members so they can review the amendment text and context related to Percy Lake
 - Removing the Percy Lake exception was in the Official Plan. Had to be approved by County. Appeal process ran out~ May 4
- Follow up with Janine about the proposed social media presence (Facebook/Instagram) for the lake, gather details on existing groups, and prepare recommendations for launching/maintaining a PLRA social channel
 - Need a couple of Moderators to sustain. Looking for volunteers.
- Lake tour in May to count properties with long-term trailers (identify locations and numbers) and submit a formal complaint/report via the Dysart online complaint form if required, then report findings to the board.
 - Appears to be 3 outstanding

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Memberships

Send a membership dues reminder email to all members, attached to the minutes, reminding them to pay their dues before the end of the season. **Action**
Brian Edey

Conservation Officer

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Upload the Conservation Officer cards received from Lou to the website so members can access them. **Action** Brian Edey

Shed By-law

Review the last newsletter to confirm whether the shed-bylaw amendment information was already communicated to members. Brian Edey

Consider sending a follow-up communication later in the season to remind members about the new shed-bylaw amendment, **Action** Brian Edey

Cell Tower Issues

Peter provided updates on contacting Rogers about the cell tower light issue, mentioning a first inspection on May 7 and subsequent repairs. Peter also shared feedback from residents, with mixed reactions to the light adjustments.

General discussion on the impact of the red light on residents' enjoyment of their cottages.

Peter mentioned ongoing efforts to address the issue with Rogers' contractors.

Hydro Outage

Recent hydro outage on May 29 and 30, noting it lasted 20 hours.[Wind storm]

Conservation Officer

Lou and Brian discuss the conservation officer's role and the need to update the website with relevant information. Lou confirmed the conservation officer's contact information and the process for reporting issues.

Shoreline Structures and Bylaw Changes

- Lou and Brian discussed the new bylaw changes regarding shoreline structures, including the making specific provisions for Percy Lake now applies across Dysart et.al.

- Lou raises concerns about new sheds being built without proper assessments.

- Brian explains the process for obtaining site assessments and building permits.

- Anna and Lou discussed the potential impact of new sheds on the lake's environment and the need for compliance with bylaws.

Reporting Bylaw Violations

- Discussion on reporting illegal sheds to the municipality, and the role of the board in educating residents about new bylaw changes and the importance of compliance.

- Peter mentions the availability of an online form for reporting bylaw violations anonymously.

- General agreement that individual residents should report violations rather than the board.

Environmental Concerns and Responsibilities

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- Peter expressed frustration with residents using ATVs on the beach to pull docks, highlighting the need for environmental protection.
- General discussion on the importance of educating residents about proper behavior on the lake and the need for ongoing monitoring and enforcement of environmental regulations.
- Agree that the board's role is to inform and educate, not to police residents.

Final Discussions and Next Steps

Discussion on the need for regular updates and reminders about new bylaw changes and environmental regulations.

Agree to continue monitoring the situation and addressing any issues as they arise.

Date and Location of AGM

August 15, FIRA Hall

Action Items

Book FIRA Hall for AGM **Brian**

Speaker for AGM **Lou**

Contact HydroOne **Peter**

Trailers **Diane**

Volunteer Moderators for Social Media Newsletter **Brian**

Bylaw reporting info **Brian**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The board decides to meet again on July 15, 2026, at 5 PM.