

Minutes of the Meeting of the Association of Lakes of Val-des-Monts held on May 26th, 2003 at the Municipality Office at 6 PM.

1. Present

The list of attendees is attached. Bernard welcomed our newest paid member, l'Association du lac Létourneau represented by Jacques Lemieux.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on March 24th 2003 were circulated and it was moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes be approved as circulated. Jane asked that the list of attendees be attached to the Minutes and that the agenda be sent electronically in Word.

3. Water Testing Results

A round table was held where members summarized the timing and process followed for taking the various samples and observations while testing water quality. From the discussion, a few items for follow-up was noted:

- a) It is important that members document for their Association's reference purposes whom took the samples and under what conditions (sunny, clear day, date and time of day) as any of these factors can influence the reading, especially as it relates to the Secchi disk;
- b) It is important to note these comments and any particularities (such as tested near river or currents) and send them to Henri Fournier;
- c) Each Association is responsible to send the results to Henri Fournier as soon as possible;
- d) All Association representatives noted the problem with the printed Secchi disk that discoloured once introduced in the water. Henri Fournier is responsible for the follow-up and corrective action.

4. Water Quality Day

Jane Panet confirmed that the McGregor Lake Association accepted to organize Water Quality Day 2003 on Saturday, July 12th from 11 AM to 1:00 PM. They will provide a bilingual Chair and Jane/Paul will inform the members directly of the location of this Day. In terms of the program, Jane suggested that Henri Fournier present the findings of the tests, that the Mayor communicate the environmental plans for 2003 (inspection of septic systems, public awareness campaign, water testing and any other relevant plans, events or changes. Bernard will present where the Association of Lakes has done, where it is and where it is going. There will be a general Q & A session at the end. Also, Jane reported that there would be some 4-5 booths.

Tom Barber brought up the issue of testing for e-Coli this summer and agreed to communicate directly to members regarding a common process regarding testing.

5. Allocation of Municipal Funds for 2003

Bernard reported that there had been three meetings with the Municipality since our last meeting; one meeting with the Mayor to communicate the Association's proposal for the 2003 allocation towards the Environment, a second with Messrs. Carrière, Lafrenière and Croteau to communicate the Municipality's initial response to our proposal and a third with M. Lafrenière to pursue another less costly supplier for the signs. Bernard added that M. Lafrenière supported that he communicate to this Association two messages: one that he believes in the expert opinion that recommended that highway signs were an important medium to communicate with the public in Val-des-Monts on this topic and the other that he would give his support to the bid proposed by GATCO as supplier and their estimate of \$10,000 per sign or \$20,000. in total. Bernard noted that he would meet with GATCO on May 28th to ensure that our specifications were being met by this supplier. It was agreed that Bernard had the mandate to negotiate, on behalf of the Association, given the fairly broad resolution passed at the last meeting.

In response to a question from Françoise Saumure-Besette, Mr. Croteau noted that the Municipality would have no objection to share, at the end of the year, how the budget for the Environment (\$80,000) has been spent.

6. Pamphlet

Ginette Laramée asked how and when the Environmental Pamphlet, as proposed for 2003, would be developed and what message it would contain. Bernard responded that a sub-committee should be formed (Jane and Ginette agree to be members) and make recommendations to the Association as a whole. Suggestions were the use of non-phosphate products, how to maintain your septic systems and any other material that would guide the citizens on what they can do to protect their environment and preserve water quality.

7. Inspection of Septic Systems

Mr. Croteau reported that the technician hired to coordinate this program had resigned only after being on the job for several weeks and that a replacement was being sought. This resignation will further delay the start of the program for this year.

8. Next Meeting

It was agreed to have the meeting Monday, July 14th, 2003 at 6PM at the Municipal Office. The topic of membership with FAPPEL will be placed on the agenda as well as a debriefing on the Water Quality Day 2003.

9. Termination - The Meeting terminated at 8:00 PM.

Bernard Lamontagne, Secretary

Attendance:

Name	Association	Telephone
Paul Stringer	PSLL	671-8099 or 746-0647
David Hodgkin	PSLL	671-0249
Jacques Lemieux	Lac Létourneau	776-2132 or 561-8297
Kirk Thompson	Lake McGregor	671-7777
Julien Croteau	Municipalité de Val-des-Monts	457-2397
Paul White	Lake McGregor	782-6719 or 671-2896
Jane Panet	Lake McGregor	745-5945
René Beaudry	Trois lacs	223-9933
Tom Barber	Grand Lake	566-2050
Fred Laframboise	Lac Mcfee	766-2065
Françoise Saumure-Bessette	Lac Brassard	671-6715
Ginette Laramée	Lac McArthur	457-1997
Bernard Lamontagne	Président	789-5550
Peter Kearns	Dam Lake	736-1869
Michel Guay	Lac Clair	457-2453