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August 11th, 2024

Royal Canadian Legion, Coe Hill

Call to Order	Mary Byrne -Introductions of present executive
Opening Remarks	Luke Mellors - regrets - unable to attend
Agenda - Review - Notes from AGM 2023 - Motion to Adopt	Mary Byrne -review of last year's minutes -danger buoy - now in place -issues in Mud Bay (docks piling up) - continues this year Motion to adopt - Rick Ward and Carol Dahlquist seconds
Report from the Lake Steward	Fred McConnell -gave presentation to council in July -lake is the biggest economic driver in this community -Threats to Wollaston Lake: nutrient pollution, contaminants, shoreline development, invasive species, -3 sources of data (Ministry data, trent data and our own monthly summer testing) -Lake Partner Program (Watersheds) - you can still access your report, provide name to Fred, might link to Facebook Page -~30% of shoreline is in need of rehabilitation or past the point of being able to be rehabilitated -importance of naturalizing shorelines -example of Urbach Lake - what happens when a lake goes out of balance -nutrient levels -other choices to harvesting Milfoil is Markers and discouraging boat traffic , harvesting is happening on the recommendation on the ministry of Fisheries. Benthic mats are too costly . Is herbicide anoption in peoples minds . We will not move forward with this decision without consultation. Herbicide application is 30,000 cost. Questions are asked about herbicide . We got approved for a grant and are on a list but havent received any money. We have also applied for a Trillium grant. Habitat restoration grant has been applied for as well. Various questions were asked about Milfoil and Herbicides .Dont go ahead until we have consent to prevent divisiveness. But we will apply for herbicide in a grant , will depend on community consultation whether or not we go ahead with it.
Report from MembershipD	Mary Byrne There was a discussion about whether or not to raise the membership

	fees Dave Rogers made a motion to raise the fees to 40. Seconded by Bill Dumont and approved . Will take place January 1st.
Report from the Treasurer	Sheila moved to adopt the financials and John seconded
Committee and Activity Reports	Joanne Pozniak - Milfoil Action Committee -there are worse invasive species than milfoil . Clean and drain will help spread prevent of other species and we can now be fined . 3rd year of mechanical harvesting, continuing to learn and share info. It ran over 2 days. This year wind conditions were bad and we had to shut down part of the time. We are only as effective as we can be with the number of volunteers that help. We had 2 complaints this year during harvesting. July 27th we had our 2nd Benthic mat installation. We are continuing to improve our process. Shout out to the Barn Chefs who have consistently donated to our causes. It is greatly appreciated. We have an amazing committee , Fred and Tracey are the pillars of our committee and have great success with grants. We have had volunteer divers for 2 years which keep costs down Community BBQ - Nancy Sherwin Please see attached paper - Poker Run - Kathy Corvers -
Call for Nominations of Officers	Mary Byrne President: Past President: Luke Mellors Vice President: Mary Byrne Treasurer: Mike Benson Secretary: Secretary Lake Steward: Fred McConnell Director of Membership: Director of Communications: Stacey-Anne Sukharrie Milfoil Action Committee: Joanne Pozniak Members at Large: Carol Dahlquist, Peter Lennox, Nancy Sherwin, Kathy Corvers, Spencer Bush, Angela Baltkois
New Business from Members	-
Closing and Adjournment	Mary Byrne -