

**Alberta Lake Management Society
Annual General Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday November 24 2022 6:30 pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Minutes

1. Call meeting to order. Establish quorum.

General membership present: Melissa Logan, Stan Franklin, Blake Bartlett, Don Davidson, Neil Fleming, David Trew, Sue Styles, Kala Pandit, Shane Hammell, Mike Conway, Catherine Pierce, Patrick Marriott, Wesley Boe, Kelsie Norton, David Barrett, Kurtyn Cappis, Kirsten Letendre, Richard Normandeau, Ferdous Nawar, Meghan Payne, Paula Evans, Kayla Hellum, Rick Tiedemann, Stan Kobylo, Bruce Kosugi, Wesley Boe, Kate Lovsin

Directors present: Adam Norris, Breda Rahmanian, Mike Christensen, Rosemarie Ferjuc, Kellie Nichiporik, Brendan Ganton, Jay White, Steph Neufeld, Devon Shouldice, Wendell Koning

Staff present: Bradley Peter, Caleb Sinn

- Meeting called to order: 18:33
- Quorum established.

2. Approval of the 2022 AGM Agenda (Christensen)

- ***Motion (Adam Norris, Steph Neufeld) to approve the annual general meeting agenda. 25 in favour in favour of the motion. None opposed. Carried.***

3. Approval of 2021 AGM Meeting Minutes (Rahmanian)

- Minutes from the 2021 ALMS AGM were presented for discussion.
- ***Motion (Wendell Koning, Kellie Nichiporik) to approve minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting. 25 in favour of the motion. None opposed. Carried.***

4. Annual Report (Peter, Christensen)

- Annual Report for 2021-2022 from Executive Director (Peter)
 - Acknowledgement and thank you to ALMS sponsors for financial support including LICA, NSWA, University of AB (Vinebrook and Hangington labs) and Alberta Centre for Toxicology, Bass Pro Shop and Cabela outdoor fund, Alberta ecotrust, Pigeon Lake watershed association, MD of Bonnyville, and Government of Canada.
 - Monitoring and Research Goals:
 - Lakewatch program: 26 lakes sampled, 104 sampling trips, and 184 volunteer hours.
 - 2021 volunteer of the year was Daren Lorentz. ALMS thanks Daren for all his support in volunteering at Pigeon Lake.
 - Lakekeepers program: in summer, 9 lakes samples and 27 monitoring trips. In winter 40 lakes samples, 123 monitoring trips, 623 volunteer hours. Winter program has expanded from <20 to >100 lakes since 2018.
 - Lakes of the Carvel Pitted Delta: 44 lakes monitored in area of Stony Plain. Thank you to all the sponsors who supported this project and the volunteer hours from David Trew and Walt Nielsen. Report generated and results are on the website.
 - As part of lakekeepers, dissolved oxygen sensor arrays deployed in the winter help monitor under ice DO.
 - Research project in 2021 used satellites to visualize phytoplankton blooms in Pigeon Lake. Since then this program has been expanded to more lakes in Alberta. Potential

to develop realtime tool to evaluate severity, intensity, and extent of phytoplankton blooms in real time.

- Recreational water monitoring program: 153 recreational beach water samples collected for eDNA and public health targets to support Alberta Health Services. Four lakes also had site assessments completed for safe beach protocol (Wabamun Lake, Lac La Biche, Calling Lake).
- Aquatic plant surveys: 41 waterbodies sampled in 2021 for water milfoil and submitted for analysis. No positive hits on Eurasian milfoil based on this program but high risk of observing it in the future.
- 2021 ALMS Scholarship recipient Ferdous Nawar.

○ Communications

- ALMS hosted a webinar series in 2021 with 11 speakers.
- Generated several reports in 2021: 20 individual Lakewatch reports and for 9 of those lakes updated long-term trend analysis, Summer and winter lakekeepers report, Lakes of the Carvel Pitted Delta report

○ Lake Management Goals

- ALMS contacted the Alberta government during 2021 Lake Appreciation month to highlight commitments Alberta Environment and Parks has in regard to lake management.
- ALMS contacted the Alberta government in 2021 in regard to the reduction in invasive species check points on Albertan borders.
- Alberta Water Council: Jay White and Steph Neufeld Directors of ALMS sit on the Water Council. The AWC has several project teams on projects that have implications for lake management.
- ALMS board met to discuss the status of lake management in Alberta and the role of ALMS. From this the Lake Stewardship Community of Practice formed to progress lake management.

○ Internal/organizational goals

- The Board of Directors currently has a slate of 12 Directors.
- In 2021 the Board of Directors conducted a bylaw review (updates to membership and board nomination process), revising the human resources handbook, developed a COVID policy for staff, and reviewing financial processes and streamlining signing authority.
- The Board operates several committees: scholarship (selects scholarship recipient), workshop (planning virtual webinar series), nominating (handles board nomination process for the Board), and technical.
- The Board of Directors thanks and acknowledges the ALMS Executive Director, ALMS staff, and volunteers for all the work they do.

5. Financials 2021-2022 (Norris)

- The 2021-2022 Review engagement report (conducted by Yaremchuk and Annicchiarico ANN EE KYARE EKO) was presented: Assets at end of the fiscal year were \$348,058 (includes accounts receivable which were received the following year end and a new \$25,000 GIC), net liabilities were \$55,537, and net assets were \$264,498. Revenue was \$367,536, expenses were \$381,005, and excess of revenue was -\$13,469.
 - ALMS holds a Canada Emergency Business Account loan for \$40,000 payable by 31 December 2023. It is an interest free loan and the deadline for repayment was extended to December 2023.
 - Differences between 2022 and 2021 revenue and expenses was primarily driven by increased funding to support new Rec Water Program and for LakeKeepers through Bass Pro and Cabela's Outdoor Fund.

- **Motion (Adam Norris, Kellie Nichiporik) to accept the 2022 review engagement report as presented. 27 in favour of the motion. None opposed. Carried.**

6. Elections to the ALMS Board (Ferjuc)

- ALMS nominations committee was comprised of Kellie Nichiporik, Mike Christensen, and Rosemarie Ferjuc.
- Nomination committee worked to solicit nominations to the Board, review applications to the Board of Directors, and meet with potential candidates.
- The nominations committee received three nominations to the Board of Directors: Mike Conway, Jennifer Kerr, and Melissa Logan.
- Directors standing for re-election: Stephanie Neufield, Dörte Köster, and Breda Rahmanian.
- ALMS Board is permitted to have a maximum of 15 Directors. The proposed slate of 6 Directors combined with 8 Directors whose terms are not up for renewal, will result in a total of 13 Directors in 2022-2023.
- Directors that are leaving the Board is Phil Sutton. ALMS thanks Phil for this contribution to the Board of Directors and the ALMS organization.
- **Motion (Wendell Koning, Adam Norris) to approve the slate of 6 directors for re-election to the ALMS Board. 26 in favour of the motion. None opposed. Carried.**
- Elected Directors:
 - Mike Conway
 - Jennifer Kerr
 - Melissa Logan
 - Stephanie Neufield
 - Dörte Köster
 - Breda Rahmanian

7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 19:34. (presentation ended 20:23).