



August 8 2021 at 11 AM

56 people attended

These minutes were recorded by Carol Pryce

Desert Lake executive members are:

Graham Pryce
Alan Revill
John Bonner
Rik Saaltink
Emma Saaltink
Jamie Bechard
Laura Stanbra
Thomas Bucher

- 11:15 Graham opens meeting, welcomes members, acknowledges covid and makes a motion to accept the minutes from 2019 ... 1st) - Howard Wintle, 2nd by Jamie Bechard.
- Laura Stanbra did the auditor report and stated "all is in order".
- John Bonner called on to give the state of the treasury. He says there are 47 paid members as of the time of meeting. Expenses are up due to new website cost of \$1000.00 and \$4000.00 spent on first shipment of clothing being sold. The association assets for the Desert Lake Association stands at \$49,160.96. Motion to accept the state of the treasure 1st) John Sherbino 2nd) Alan Revill.
- Graham thanks Rob Carvin (for use of property) and the executives, talks about new website, projects going on through FOCA re: phragmites signage for rivers edge and brochure for educational purposes. These signs organized by Jamie Brash. John and Laurie Sherbino volunteered their property to improve their shoreline for wildlife habitat and water quality. Plants installed by Graham Pryce, Carol Pryce, Laurie Sherbino and John Sherbino. Graham announces that Watershed Canada will do a site visit at the Sherbino's on August 24 2021. All members are welcome to come and learn.
- Jamie Bechard talks about the new website, new logo, merchandise for sale, and Facebook page. She asked members to contact her with any historical information such as landmarks, folklore or other, that would be of interest to other members at history@desertlakelife.ca.
- Alan announces the Causeway is complete, that the township has created a lake advisory group and that the township is working on an official plan. Members encouraged to join the official plan on-line meetings in August.
- Alex Bennett stood in for the Fire Chief. He talked about fire and carbon detector alarms, seasonal access problems, the importance keeping civic signage visible, active Facebook page shows burning bans etc..., burn permits process, automatic alerts system, GPS sends fire department the area of the fire, trim trees back from road for a 10' height allowance. A member asked about problems related to fireworks and Mayor Ron Vandewal said the bylaw to use for complaints would be the noise bylaw.
- Mayor Ron Vandewal announces that there are Lake Ecosystem Committee grants available for small projects and that the area has purchased a specialized 3/4 ton fire truck which makes accessibility to rural properties easier.

- Kate Laird and Peter Hodson spoke about their water testing research on Desert Lake. The Ministry provided the grant for this research. Water samples show Desert Lake is low in calcium, magnesium and algae, has good visibility, has cold water with high oxygen and not a lot of shallow waters. This is the reason that Desert Lake does not have zebra mussels. They stress the importance of protecting shorelines, testing for phosphorous and temperatures to keep the lake healthy. The [full report](#) and summary of the report can be found on the association's website at desertlakelife.ca.

Graham mentions website to report invasive species. (<https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/>)

12:30 Graham motions to close the meeting.

1st) John Bonner and 2nd) Howard Wintle





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