



Annual Report from the President 2022-2023

This annual report covers the first year of my mandate as President, from August 27th, 2022 until August 11th, 2023.

1. LOHA Membership Status 2023 versus 2022

The participation rate was 51% of owners in 2022. The participation is 70% or 60 of 86 owners this year. This year, each owner who paid their annual subscription received a pen from the association as a bonus. For the first time this year, we implemented an Interac transfer option, and 12 owners paid their dues using this method.

2. Board Activities

The Board has met six times over the past year: in August and November 2022 and in May, June, July, and August 2023. Considering that each meeting typically lasts two hours, I would like to thank all the members of the board for their twelve hours of volunteering, which in fact represents only the minimum of their respective contribution to representing your interests during the year that is ending.

1.3. Protection of the Lake and water quality

As indicated in the new regulations adopted at the August AGM, one of the objectives of the APLO is to promote the protection of the environment of Lac de l'Original and to work to maintain the quality of the water in your lake. and the value of your property. I would therefore like to give you an update on our efforts to maintain water quality over the past year:

RSVL – Réseau de surveillance volontaires des lacs

When you consider the impact of climate change, that has manifested itself all around us here at Lac de l'Original over the past year, whether it is the forest fires in the north of the province that have affected the quality of our air with several days with a warning for people with respiratory illnesses, bans on recreational fires in Val-des-Bois, storms of a nature much more violent than in the past, we are forced to admit that it is difficult to anticipate how these climate changes will affect our beautiful lake in the future.

It is for this reason that, after an absence of seven years, we have decided to resume our commitment with the RSVL: the Voluntary Network of Lake Monitoring, a unit of the ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs of the Government of Quebec. The objectives of the RSVL are to establish the trophic level of Lac de l'Original and monitor its evolution over time.

In simpler language, it is a question of following the evolution of the natural aging of our lake. Our immediate neighbors in the region, Lac de l'Argile and Lac Vert are also members of the RSVL. It is important to note that Lac Vert and Lac de l'Argile face invasive species, the Eurasian watermilfoil. Our Lac de l'Original is a rare pearl in the region, it is healthy, and the

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water quality is excellent year after year. Imagine the impact if a boat that has traveled on Lac de l'Argile lands at Lac de l'Original without having to go to the cleaning station?

The cost of our commitment with the RSVL is \$120 per year. We receive 3 collection kits with cooler-type containers with prepaid return. Water sampling is carried out three times during the summer: in June, July, and August. The sample is analyzed in the ministry's laboratories which establish the level of phosphorus, dissolved organic carbon and chlorophyll a found in the lake.

lac de l'Original multi-year RSVL results

Year	Phosphorus	Chlorophyll α	Dissolved Organic Carbon
2023-06-18	5.6	1.28	2.6
2016-08-22	ND	1.9	2.8
2016-07-18	ND	2.1	2.8
2016-06-20	3.3	1.2	2.6
2015-08-16	1.6	1.4	3.2
2015-07-19	5.1	2	3
2015-06-14	4.4	1.7	3
2014-08-17	7	2	2.9
2014-07-20	3.2	1.6	2.8
2014-06-15	4.3	2.1	2.6
2013-08-18	3.8	1.1	3.2
2013-07-21	3.7	1.6	3.2
2013-06-16	4	1.5	2.9
2012-08-19	4.2	2.7	2.9
2012-07-22	1.8	2.3	3.2
2012-06-17	2.8	1.4	3.2
2009-08-25	4.9	1.9	3.1
2009-07-19	4.5	1.8	3.3
2009-06-18	6.2	1.8	4.9
Average	4.1	1.8	3.1
Target	<7	<2.5	

The June results indicate that the phosphorus level is low which is good, that the Chlorophyll α level is also low, which indicates that we have few microscopic algae in suspension and finally a low level of dissolved organic carbon, which means that the water is slightly colored. I would like to thank Denis Bénac who took care of taking the samples this year and coordinating the shipments with the RSVL.

Site web du RSVL : <https://www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/Eau/rsvl/index.htm>

Microbiological analyzes of swimming water



Our second initiative in the water quality file was to carry out monthly tests on the quality of swimming water. We didn't do any tests in June, because I was under the mistaken impression that the tests carried out by the RSVL included the quality of the swimming water, which is not the case. So, we resumed the swimming water tests which are analyzed by the Micro-B laboratories in Gatineau. The cost is \$43 for

each analysis. The results for the month of July and August indicated excellent bathing water, grade A with a very low trace of E. coli. Another big thank you to Denis Bénac for taking care of collecting the samples and dropping them off at the laboratory in Gatineau.

Register of Motorized Boats

To monitor the boats that access the lake, in collaboration with the Camping de Val-des-Bois, we have set up a register for the launching of motorized boats. We took this measurement to have more precise data on the comings and goings of the boats on our lake.

During the period of May 13th to August 1st, 2023:



- There were 27 craft launches
- 8 Motorboats
- 8 Jet-skis (Sea-Doo)
- 7 pontoons
- 4 Rowboats
- 1 owner made 5 launches with the same craft
- 1 owner made 2 launches with the same craft

Chemin Gagnon Boat Launch

The Chemin Gagnon boat launch is for the exclusive use of owners located on Chemin Gagnon and the Sentier des Bois, who have notarized access for launching. To limit access to authorized users only, last May, we secured the access. The posts were moved closer to the lake to allow the owners of 168 Chemin Gagnon unrestricted access to their two gates in the fence that separates the two lots. The posts were anchored in a concrete foundation. A new, stronger chain was installed.

Unfortunately, one of the chain's fixings was forced in June, leaving free access to anyone. In July, we reinforced the structure by installing two sonotubes over the existing posts, pouring concrete and installing two new chain rings anchored in the concrete.



Following the securing of the landing stage, I was contacted by several owners to obtain the key to the padlock. If you are an owner living on Chemin Gagnon and need a key for the padlock, please note that the President of the LOHA has spare keys.

I would like to thank Henry Patterson for all the work that was done to secure the Chemin Gagnon boat launch. Henry donated the sonotubes, cement and chain. I also thank the Bougie family of 164 Chemin Gagnon who graciously provided the posts (which are now covered by cement pillars) and the original chain that we have used in recent years to secure the launch.

Highway 309 culvert

We have a volunteer (Jean Bertrand) who works regularly to ensure that the water in the lake flows freely through the various obstacles that lead the watercourse towards the Lièvre River. The first obstacle is the small culvert that crosses the road leading to the camping and the second obstacle is a larger culvert that crosses Route 309 at the southern limit of the municipality of Val-des-Bois. In May, Denis Bénac, the vice-president of the LOHA, joined Jean Bertrand to clean up the natural debris (branches and grasses) which accumulates in the fence of the culvert of the 309 and affects free circulation. of the watercourse. This cleaning has proven to be important in helping to stabilize the water level of the lake following the melting of snow and ice on the lake.



Culvert on route 309

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The good news is that the Quebec Ministry of Transport modified the structure in July to remove the Frost-type fence mesh and replace it with simple posts, thus allowing better water circulation. Another big thank you to Jean Bertrand and Denis B  nac for their dedication.



Culvert on route 309 after modifications

4. Social Activities

Photo contest

The first LOHA Photo Contest was held last fall and the submission deadline was October 31, 2022. We received a total of 28 submissions. All images were anonymized and sent to the jury by email for a “blind” evaluation. Each photo was evaluated for its technical value (composition, framing, exposure, focus) and for its artistic value. Our congratulations to the winners: 1st place: Martine Frenette, 2nd place: Anne-Marie C  t  , 3rd place: Denis B  nac

Winner Martine Frenette received a framed 16 x 20 enlargement of her photo. A big thank you to Lucie Smith and Denis B  nac for organizing the contest!



Season opening BBQ

We also organized an opening BBQ for the 2023 season, which was held on Saturday June 24 at Jean Côté and Bernard Bourdeau. This activity brought together 24 participants who enjoyed hamburgers, salads and non-alcoholic drinks provided free of charge by APLO. We also took advantage of this event to present the first samples of the association's promotional products. Bernard and I would like to thank our wives for their precious help in this beautiful event.



Our BBQ Chef Jean Bertrand

Poker Run

The second social activity was held on Saturday July 22 with the famous Poker Run around the lake in a non-motorized boat. We had a total of 41 attendees this year, down from the previous year. The weather forecast and a conflict with another social activity at the campsite, affected the number of participants. A total of \$270 in prize money was shared by the top three places. This is the only activity that brings together the owners around the lake with the residents of Camping Val-des-Bois on the magnificent lake that we all share and allows us to forge relationships between all the residents. A big thank you and congratulations to the organizers this year: Lucie Smith and Denis Bénac and to the whole great team of volunteers.



Poker Run Volunteers

5. Association website

Last fall, we set up the association's first website, which can be reached at www.lacdeloriginal.org. This communication tool allows APLO to have a presence on the Internet to inform the community of our mission and our priorities. This new tool has also made it possible to refocus our presence on Facebook on an exclusively social aspect and to move the governance documents of the APLO such as the minutes to the APLO website.

Another benefit of setting up the website is the creation of three organization-specific email addresses:

president@lacdeloriginal.org

info@lacdeloriginal.org

admin@lacdeloriginal.org

which now allows the association to receive annual dues by Interac transfer. I am responsible for maintaining the website.

6. Promotional material



To increase the sense of belonging and create a community spirit, this year we proceeded to create and order promotional material highlighting Lac de l'Original. We ordered feathers which were given with the 2023 membership card and mugs and T-shirts which are sold at cost.

7. Governance

One of the elements that I wanted to reinforce this year was the good governance of the association and transparency with the owners. I have been strongly supported by all members of the board over the past year, however I would like to highlight the special work of Lucie Smith as secretary. Lucie took care of all notices of board meetings, preparing agendas and keeping minutes of our meetings, which we subsequently posted on our website. To make our Facebook site more alive, she took care of preparing all the invitations to the activities and our publications with photos to promote the activities of the APLO. It is a colossal job that she has accomplished. Thank you, Lucie!

The other element that was important for me was to recognize the linguistic duality of the owners around the lake, which is constantly evolving. To enhance the sense of belonging to the association, we have adopted a systematic translation approach for all association publications which are now available in both official languages.

8. Closing

Upon my election as President in August 2022, I mentioned to the Board of Directors that I intended to pursue three initiatives during my one-year term:

1. Setting up a website for the Association
2. The adoption of a graphic image representing the association which will be used for the website, correspondence as well as products such as T-shirts, caps, feathers, etc.
3. The publication of a directory of owners of Lac de l'Original based on the famous geographical map of the lake printed on white or green paper.

The printed edition of the 2023 homeowners directory is available on request at 374, route 309. You will find on page 9, appendix 1: Financial statements presented at the AGM of August 12, 2023. You will see that the Lac de l'Original Homeowners Association made significant investments this year, approximately \$560 more than was collected in 2023 annual memberships. However, we continue to have a healthy reserve in our LOHA Bank Account to support future investments.

I am proud to inform you that I have fulfilled my commitments to the Board of Directors. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you all a beautiful fall and a wonderful winter!

Looking forward to seeing you again in 2024!

Jean Côté
President of the LOHA

Appendix 1 – Financial statements presented at the AGM of August 12, 2023.

Lac de l'Original Homeowners Association

Financial Statements

August 1st, 2022, to July 31st, 2023

Revenue	
Memberships collected (60)	\$1,200.00
Desjardins Interest	\$3.40
Total	\$1,203.40

Less Expenses	
Social activities	
BBQ AGM 2022	\$ 211.83
Photo contest	\$ 52.82
Season opening BBQ	\$ 253.59
Poker Run	\$ 171.55
Water analysis (Micro B)	\$ 86.00
Various memberships	
Registre des entreprises du Québec	\$ 38.00
RSVL *	\$ 119.98
Office supplies and photocopies	\$ 104.78
Banking fees	\$ 35.40
Promotional materials	
LOHA foam board	\$ 84.00
Samples (cups & t-shirts)	\$ 107.84
Pens	\$ 205.52
Web site hosting	\$ 264.59
Other expenses	
Keys for Chemin Gagnon padlock	\$ 29.23
Total	\$ 1,765.13

Surplus Deficit	-\$ 561.73
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In bank account on August 1 st , 2022	\$ 5,522.50
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In bank account on July 31 st , 2023	\$ 6,419.67
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* RSVL = Réseau de surveillance volontaire des lacs