



Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 10 a.m.

At Lucie Smith & Denis Bénac, 344 Chemin du lac de l'Original, Val-des-Bois

Present:

Jean Côté	President
Denis Bénac	Vice president
Bernard Bourdeau	Treasurer
Lucie Smith	Secretary
Noël Cantin	Director
Henry Patterson	Director
Jean-Frédéric Potvin	Director

1. Opening of the meeting at 10:06 a.m. by the Chair, Jean Côté

The President welcomes everyone.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Moved by Jean-Frédéric Potvin, seconded by Denis Bénac

3. Adoption of the minutes of the Board meeting of May 3, 2025.

Moved by Bernard Bourdeau, seconded by Noël Cantin

4. List of the review of actions and follow-ups from the previous meeting

- 1) Jean Côté confirms that he is waiting for the residents' update following the sale of the membership card. He will add links e.g.: Cobali with the "Directory of residents of Lac de l'Original" including the map of the lake, without their email for confidentiality reasons.
- 2) Jean Côté ordered 4 reusable cloth bags for the draw at 4 events.
- 3) Distribution of the key fob (flashlight) and plastic card is underway. Jean Côté confirms that he has received 100 plastic cards. Several residents went to pick up their cards at his home from May 16 to 19.
- 4) Jean Côté announced the procedures for paying for membership cards by Facebook and email.
- 5) Jean Côté and Denis Bénac met with the new owners of Camping Val-des-Bois to create a bond with them. Great discussions about summer activities (Poker Run on July 12th and AGM on August 9th). They agreed to maintain the register of boats concerning the landing stage of the Campsite. A great collaboration on their part.
- 6) Henry Patterson confirms that he went to see Matériaux Lajeunesse and Grill 309 to ask them to offer discounts to APLO members upon presentation of the membership card. He is waiting for answers. Denis Bénac suggested that he go and see the Waterfield restaurant. Jean Côté thanks him for the good follow-up.
- 7) Lucie Smith confirms that the finalization of her personal project made by Power Point is underway because there are still some computer details for the presentation. It is the

result of research into available products including a table of ecological, biodegradable and phosphate-free products etc.

- 8) The invitation to the BBQ was posted via Facebook and by email to members. To date, we have received 4 registrations.
- 9) Followed by the "2025 Photo Contest" made by the organizers Lucie Smith and Denis Bénac concerning sponsors. Jean Côté confirmed the choice of the judges and that it would be his children Alexandre and Anne-Marie Côté because the members of the Board of Directors were excluded from participating in the contest.

5. Sale of the membership card.

Jean Côté confirms that 25 residents paid by Interac, which represents 29% of our members' subscriptions. So, Interac payment has worked well and is growing in popularity. Jean Côté went around the table with all the directors to follow up on sales but also on those to come. Denis Bénac of Chemin du Lac de l'Original confirms that it is important to try to see all the residents to aim for maximum sales and mentions that he only has six residents left to see. Noël Cantin, for his part, made some sales. Jean Côté confirmed that we will no longer accept membership card sales after the AGM. To date, Jean Côté confirms the sale of membership cards to 34 residents, i.e. 40% of the members.

6. Owner's card for launching at the campsite

The plastic card is currently being handed over to the residents who went to pick it up at Jean Côté's. Due to the cloudy weather, few residents took advantage of this right.

7. APLO's 2025 calendar of activities:

a) *BBQ (Saturday, June 21)*

Lucie prepared the invitations in both languages. Jean Côté published these documents via Facebook and by email to residents on May 24. Participants must confirm their attendance by June 17 by email: info@lacedeloriginal.org

b) *Poker Run (July 12)*

The follow-up was with the campsite on May 3rd and we had confirmation that July 12th is suitable for everyone. Lucie Smith and Denis Bénac confirm that they have finalised the organisation of the activity and the follow-ups with the volunteers of the resorts and the campsite. Denis adds that Lucie has printed all the documents for everyone. Denis will bring the invitations, in paper format, to the Campground for posting on their bulletin board. Jean-Frédéric Potvin confirms that he will take care of the purchase of food (bottles of water, soft drinks and chips). Henry Patterson will check if he can make a video with his drone to publish it on our Facebook group.

c) *APLO AGM*

It will take place on August 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and then the BBQ (hot dogs) will take place. The owners of the Campground offer us the room for the AGM free of charge.

d) *Pontoon Parade – 4 to 6*

We agree on August 9th, the same day as the AGM. In the event that the weather does not allow it, this activity will be postponed until the next day at noon.

e) *Potluck dinner*

We agree that this event will take place on August 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. In case of rain, it will be postponed until noon the next day.

f) *Photo Contest 2025*

Lucie Smith has completed the invitations and Jean Côté will post them on June 1 on Facebook and by email. The contest will take place from June 1 to September 30, 2025. Also, make sure that a winner cannot win two prizes. The jury has been selected. Denis Bénac confirms that we have given the sponsors a flashlight key ring and a postcard. We still have to hand over the photo on canvas to Patrick Mainville, winner of first place in the 2024 competition.

8. Water and Transparency Testing by RSVL

Noël Cantin confirms that he has received the RSVL kit for the summer of 2025. The collection of tests will take place on June 15, July 20 and August 17. At the same time, he and Jean Côté will do the transparency measurement test with a Secchi disc.

9. Swimming water tests (Micro B)

Denis Bénac confirms that he purchased the 4 tests on Thursday, May 15 at a total cost of \$250.42 (taxes included) at a cost of \$62.60 per test. He handed the bill to treasurer Bernard Bourdeau. He reminds that he will take the 1st test on June 18 and then in early July, the 3rd week of July and mid-August 2025. Denis wonders about the need to maintain 4 tests. However, after our discussions, everyone is unanimous in keeping the 4 tests for this year. In conclusion, Jean Côté confirms that the APLO's mission is to protect the lake and that the expense is justified for these bathing water tests. We can absorb the increase in costs and if necessary, we will absorb it from the money we have in the bank as working capital for the \$6,000.00 financial cushion.

10. Sale of promotional tools in stock (mugs and T-shirts)

Jean Côté received the key rings and distributed them two weeks ago. This flashlight keychain was very popular with members. Denis Bénac bought the remaining coffee cups. Jean Côté gave the remaining 12 APLO t-shirts to Denis Bénac and the latter confirms that he has sold 5 of them, so he still has 7 to sell. Jean Côté indicated that we will pause the purchase of T-shirts or mugs. He suggested that we sell the rest of the key rings at the BBQ and AGM at a cost of \$2.00. We are maintaining the draw for an LOHA bag (1 Interac payment, 1 at the BBQ, 1 at the Potluck and another at the AGM).

11. Follow-up to the 2025 "Photo Contest" and sponsorships (ends September 30, 2025)

Lucie and Denis met with the usual sponsors and they agreed to offer us great sponsorships: a \$40.00 gift card (Matériaux Lajeunesse) and two 25.00 gift certificates (Babine). Lucie has prepared the invitations for this contest and has redone the simplified layout that will be published on June 1st. Lucie Smith suggested to her colleagues that Babine's 2nd gift certificate of \$25.00 be kept to have him drawn at the AGM. All are unanimous in this suggestion.

12. Presentation of the project for phosphate-free products

The full reference material will be available on the APLO website after finalization. Lucie will

make corrections because there are still computer details for the presentation to the members. Lucie has worked to improve and simplify the reference document.

13. Varia

13.1. Swimmers' safety

Jean-Frédéric Potvin shares with us the request of a resident who is concerned about the safety of swimmers, scuba divers and people who practice snorkeling. She mentioned the importance of using a buoy or inflatable lifejacket to make yourself visible to boats. Lucie Smith confirms that she has clearly identified this requirement in the APLO's "Code of Ethics for Water Activities on our Lake".

13.2. Participation of Jean-Frédéric Potvin

He tells us that he will be leaving the lake because of a project to buy a residence in another municipality. However, as long as he is at the lake, he will continue to carry out his duties as director and also as the translation of documents.

13.3. Application to fish

A resident shares with us that members of his family would like to come and fish at the lake with their rowboat. Everyone is unanimous that he will have to wash his boat at the washing station or according to the washing procedures.

13.4. Blog or newspaper article

Henry Patterson proposes to create a "blog" to share his experiences such as the list of suppliers on the Facebook group "L'Écho du lac" or on the website. As a priority, he undertakes to make a list of local suppliers. All the members of the Board are unanimous that each article will have to be validated before publication.

14. Date of next meeting

Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 10 a.m., at Jean Côté's.

15. List of follow-ups or actions to be taken for the next meeting:

- 1) Follow-up of the directory of residents and Cobali (Jean Côté)
- 2) Follow-up with businesses to get a discount upon presentation of membership card, blog project and supplier links and soft drink sponsorship (Henry Patterson).
- 3) Purchase of food for the BBQ and Poker Run after checking the inventories. (Jean-Frédéric Potvin)
- 4) Complete the personal project without phosphates (Lucie Smith)
- 5) RSVL (Jean Côté and Noël Cantin) and Micro-B (Denis Bénac) water tests)

16. The sitting adjourned at 11:26 a.m. on May 31, 2025,

Moved by Noël Cantin, seconded by Denis Bénac

Lucie Smith, secretary