



## **Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, July 5, 2025, at 10 a.m.**

At Jean Côté, 374, Route 309, Val-des-Bois

**Present:**

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

**Absent:** Henry Patterson Director

**1. Opening of the meeting called at 10:01 a.m. by the Chair, Jean Côté**  
The President welcomed everyone.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

Moved by Denis Bénac, seconded by Jean-Frédéric Potvin

**3. Adoption of the minutes of the Board meeting of May 31, 2025.**  
Moved by Jean-Frédéric Potvin, seconded by Noël Cantin

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

- 1) Update in progress by Jean Côté of the "2025 Residents' Directory". For Cobali, he confirmed to us again that it is impossible for them to participate in the 2025 AGM but that he will try to follow up for next year.
- 2) Follow-up with Henry Patterson with the businesses to get a discount on presentation of the membership card, blog project and links to suppliers and sponsorship of soft drinks. To be continued due to the absence of the latter.
- 3) Jean-Frédéric will buy chips for the Poker Run after checking the inventories of beverages, water and soft drinks.
- 4) Finalization of Lucie Smith's personal project for the reduction of phosphates at Lac de l'Orignal.
- 5) Follow-up done regarding RSVL (Jean Côté and Noël Cantin) and Micro-B (Denis Bénac) water tests.

**5. Sale of the membership card.**

Jean Côté confirms that we have been selling membership cards since our Board meeting on May 3rd: 5 for Chemin Gagnon, 8 for Chemin du lac de l'Orignal, 5 for Route 309, 11 for Montée des Amis. A total of 29 residents paid by Interac, which represents 64% 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 confirms that he has sold almost all the membership cards. He visited the

Trinité centre on June 24 and gave them their key ring and the postcard because they will be paying by Interac. He also contacted a resident on the 309 because he joins every year but to date has not returned to his cottage. Lucie Smith confirms that she sold 3 membership cards at the BBQ. Noël Cantin, for his part, confirmed that he will make some sales between now and the next Board meeting. Jean Côté reminded us that we will no longer accept the sale of membership cards after the AGM.

## **6. Owner's card for launching at the campsite**

The plastic card is handed over as and when requests are made. Some residents went to pick her up at Jean Côté's. The card is given to an owner, whether or not he is a member of the LOHA. However, a request must be made by the owner of the cottage or residence located at Lac de l'Orignal.

## **7. Report of the June 21 BBQ**

The first activity of the season took place on Saturday, June 21. The 31 participants contributed to the success of this event despite a cloudy weekend. It's a great opportunity to welcome new residents. We had great discussions to get to know each other better and share good times with neighbors. Beautiful surprises awaited them! When purchasing their membership card, a key ring with the LOHA logo was given in addition to a postcard of their choice.

Lucie Smith confirms that she will prepare a photo montage of the event to publish on Facebook. Congratulations to Denis Charron, winner of the fabric bag with the LOHA logo. Thank you to Jacques Laviolette for offering us 2 beautiful napkins from La Cage and our congratulations to the winners Bernard Bourdeau and Philippe Poulin. Thank you to Hoa for her spring rolls and to Monique Laviolette for her little chocolate bites. What a delight! Thank you to the hosts Jean Côté and his wife Debbie as well as Bernard Bourdeau and his wife Alice.

## **8. LOHA's 2025 calendar of activities:**

### **a) *Poker Run (July 12)***

Denis Bénac has started distributing the kits and will finish distributing them within a week. Jean Côté posted on Facebook the invitation to the Poker Run. Jean-Frédéric Potvin confirms that he will take what we have in stock and will take care of the purchase of the potato chips. Lucie Smith made the recall at the Val-des-Bois Campground and with Carole Mimeaule this morning to make sure everything is ready for July 12.

### **b) *LOHA AGM (August 9)***

It will take place on August 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and then the BBQ (hot dogs) will take place. Lucie prepared the agenda and minutes for the August 3, 2024 AGM. She had confirmation from Lyne Prévost that she is accepting the position of Election Secretary and that Jean Bertrand has agreed to be our leader for the BBQ. Lucie confirms that she has prepared an attendance sheet and updated the election sheet. Jean-Frédéric Potvin has completed translating the file and the documents will be emailed to members in both languages around July 9. Call back with the owners of Camping Val-des-Bois because they offer us the room for the AGM and also to use their BBQ for free.

c) *Pontoon Parade – 4 to 6 (August 9)*

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 to the next day at noon (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.).

Lucie has prepared an invitation to the members and Jean Côté will publish it by email to the members and send it to "L'Écho du lac de l'Orignal".

d) *Potluck Dinner (August 16)*

The activity will take place on August 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. In the event of rain, it will be postponed until the next day at noon.

e) *Photo Contest 2025*

Lucie and Denis presented the photo on canvas on June 14, 2025 to the winner Patrick Mainville of first place in the 2024 contest. He was happy with his 16 x 20 canvas photo and the 4 postcards. We encourage residents during our walks on the lake and some have already taken pictures of beautiful photos. On June 1, Jean Côté posted on Facebook the invitation to participate in the contest from June 1 to September 30, 2025. A reminder will be made again.

## **9. Water and Transparency Testing for RSVL**

Noël Cantin confirms that he took the first test on June 15. However, it was rejected by RSVL because the insulation blocks and samples were non-compliant due to the inadequate temperature as the carrier was delayed in delivery by more than 6 hours. So, resumed on July 1st to replace the rejected June test. For July and August, these two tests will remain. The collection of tests will take place on July 20 and August 17. At the same time, he and Jean Côté will do the transparency measurement test with a Secchi disc. As the delivery company did not ensure delivery within the recommended time. Jean Côté will contact the delivery company GLS to get explanations and express our dissatisfaction because these are losses of results but also monetary.

## **10. Swimming water tests (Micro B)**

Denis Bénac confirms that he did the 1st test on June 17 and that we received the results and he indicated excellent bathing water, with an A rating indicating a measurable trace of E. coli of 1 unit per 100 ml (side of the campsite). Jean Côté posted the results on Facebook to inform residents. The next bathing water tests will be done in early July (middle of the lake), the 3rd week of July and mid-August 2025.

## **11. Sale of promotional tools in stock (mugs and T-shirts)**

Denis Bénac confirms that he sold 4 out of the 7 he had 3 left to sell. He suggested that we sell the rest of the key rings at the AGM at a cost of \$2.00. We are maintaining the draw of one LOHA bag (1 Interac payment, 1 at the "Potluck" and another at the AGM).

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

Lucie and Denis gave the photo on canvas to Patrick Mainville's spouse at her request and he agreed to send us a photo afterwards to publish it on Facebook. A short text and his photo was published on June 26, 2025. For the 2025 photo contest, Jean Côté confirms that to date he has not received any photos.

### **13. Presentation of the project for phosphate-free products**

Lucie has worked to improve and simplify the reference document. She shared it with her colleagues on the Board to get their views and see if they have any suggestions. She will await comments and suggestions from her colleagues before sharing it with our members through a publication on the LOHA website. Lucie proposes to send the table by Facebook and email to our members, the sheet of soaps and cleaning products and also the recipes for homemade solutions. Also, she is committed to replicating the assembly of a table to answer members' questions with examples of supporting products that were appreciated at the 2024 AGM.

### **14. Varia :**

#### **14.1. Fishing season calendar**

In response to a suggestion from an LOHA member, Lucie Smith commits each spring to sharing the fishing calendar starting April 1st available on <https://peche.faune.gouv.qc.ca/regpec/fr/info/reglements>

#### **14.2. Publication of events**

One member suggested that we post on Facebook in the "Events" section. We have agreed to maintain Facebook and email posts as they do now because it works well. Our mailing list is updated regularly when membership cards are sold and as needed.

#### **14.3. Publication de Cobali**

Lucie Smith informed her colleagues on the Board that she is committed to continuing to share COBALI's publications in order to raise awareness and be on the lookout for educational information and video clips that can help our residents keep our lake healthy.

### **15. Date of next meeting**

Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 10 a.m., at Jean-Frédéric Potvin's.

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

- 1) Call and follow-up to the RSVL regarding the delay in the delivery of our samples. (Jean Côté)
- 2) Follow-up of the directory of residents and Cobali for the AGM. (Jean Côté)
- 3) AGM by email and Facebook. We will not be printing for the AGM for environmental reasons and members will be notified (Jean Côté)
- 4) Purchase of chips for the Poker Run. (Jean-Frédéric Potvin)
- 5) Finalize and publish the personal project without phosphates (Lucie Smith). Some documents will be shared by Facebook after approval by the Board of Directors.
- 6) RSVL Water Testing (Jean Côté et Noël Cantin) and Micro-B (Denis Bénac)

### **17. Adjournment at 11:15 a.m. on July 5, 2025,**

Moved by Denis Bénac, seconded by Noël Cantin

Lucie Smith, Secretary