



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

**Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 10 a.m.**

At the home of Jean-Frédéric Potvin, 168 Gagnon Road, Val-des-Bois

The following were 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. Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by the Chair, Jean Côté**

The President welcomed 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 July 5, 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 contacted RSVL by phone regarding the delay in the delivery of our samples. He told them that we were dissatisfied with the GLS carrier in June because the package did not arrive. The latter have filed a complaint with GLS. RSVL suggests that we use Purolator. However, we will continue with the GLS provider chosen by RSVL.
- 2) Jean Côté followed up on the residents' directory for the AGM, an essential resource to keep all residents at Lac de l'Original up to date. Jean Côté provided an update. He will send an email to LOHA members with the directory in electronic PDF format. In 2013, when Jean Côté became a resident of the LOHA, it was an essential tool to have a portrait of all the residents and properties of the lake.
- 3) Jean Côté sent the invitation to the AGM on July 10 by email and Facebook. Members have been advised that we will not be printing any documents for the AGM for environmental reasons.
- 4) Lucie Smith confirms that she has finalized her personal project of products without phosphates. Some documents will be shared by Facebook after approval by the Board.
- 5) The RSVL (Jean Côté and Noël Cantin) and Micro-B (Denis Bénac) water tests have been done.

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

Jean Côté went around the table with all the directors to follow up on sales. Sales since our Board of Directors meeting on July 5th: one for Chemin Gagnon, one for Route 309 by Denis Bénac, Bernard Bourdeau confirms that he still has two for sale for Route 309 and one for

Montée des Amis by Noël Cantin. Denis Bénac confirms that he has sold all the membership cards. Noël Cantin, for his part, confirms that he will make some sales between now and the AGM. Jean Côté confirms that a total of thirty-one residents paid by Interac, which represents 69% of our members' subscriptions. Jean Côté reminded the board that we will no longer accept the sale of membership cards for 2025 after the AGM.

## **6. Report of the Poker Run on July 12**

We had a record participation of 63 participants on a sunny day. A grand total of \$575.00 was awarded in prizes with the following distribution: first prize: Justin Breuil (\$287.50), second prize: Karine Hughes (\$172.50) and third prize: Malcolm Cantin (\$115.00). We had a \$20.00 donation from the Mainville family. Lucie Smith sent an email thanks to Brigitte Prescott and Jean Maheux, owners of Camping Val-des-Bois, for offering us the thirteen free slushes for the children and the bags of ice to keep the drinks cold. To facilitate and avoid confusion when distributing the slush to children; a coupon with two stickers on it will be given to Station #4 starting next year. Therefore, only one station will give the coupon to each child to avoid confusion during distribution at the Campground. Jean Côté thanks the organization and organizers of the Poker Run for this activity that was well appreciated by all.

## **7. Follow-up and distribution of tasks for the future activities of the LOHA:**

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

It will be held on August 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and then the BBQ (hot dogs) will be held. 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 completed the translation of the file, and the documents were emailed to members in both languages around July 9. Denis Bénac confirms that he has sent a reminder by email with the owners of Camping Val-des-Bois because he is offering us the room for the AGM and to use their BBQ for free. However, since they no longer have a BBQ, Jean Côté confirms that he will bring his own.

For the AGM, Jean Côté shared the planning with us and asked us to meet at 9 a.m. to set up the room. At the beginning, he will talk about RSVL and water quality and where we appear in the rankings. Denis Bénac will give a summary for Micro B and remind us that he does not go into quicksand before the buoys, only in four places in the swimming areas. Lucie Smith and Denis Bénac will update the BBQ and Poker Run social activities. Our promotional materials have been sold out, and we are out of inventory. Denis Bénac raised the point that board members should have the opportunity to participate in the door prize draw. Jean Côté requested a show of hands on the motion and 5 out of 6 were unanimous that the members of the Board could not participate in the APLO draw. Lucie Smith confirmed again that we will have to proceed with the draw for a \$25.00 gift certificate from Babine at the AGM. For the purchase of food and supplies, Jean-Frédéric Potvin confirms that he will take care of the purchase of food and supplies according to the inventory. Lucie Smith will contact Jean Bertrand to find out what disposable dishes are left in our inventory and will follow up with Jean-Frédéric Potvin afterwards.

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

It will take place on August 9, the same day as the AGM. If 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 prepared an invitation to the members and Jean Côté published on July 28 on "L'Écho du lac de l'Original". Éric Côté's request to make a drone video was accepted on the condition that he would not be able to identify people.

c) *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 to the next day at noon from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**8. Water and transparency test for RSVL**

Noël Cantin confirms that the mid-July test has been received by RSVL and he has called to follow up with RSVL. He will take the third sample on August 17, and he will send it on August 18 to RSVL. The test of measuring transparency with a Secchi disc will be done in August by Jean Côté.

**9. Tests for bathing water (Micro B)**

Denis Bénac confirms that he did the 2nd test on July 6 (middle of the lake) that we received the results on July 11, and he indicated excellent bathing water, with an A rating indicating no measurable trace of E. coli of 0 units per 100 ml (south side). Jean Côté posted the results on Facebook to inform residents. The third test was done in the third week of July, on Wednesday, July 23 and the results of E. coli is zero units per 100 ml (south center side). Jean Côté published the results on July 28 on our Facebook group. The last test for the bathing water will be done in mid-August 2025.

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

Denis Bénac confirms that he has sold the last three vests for sale. 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 APLO bag (1 Interac payment, one at the "Potluck" and another at the AGM).

**11. Followed by the 2025 "Photo Contest" and Sponsorships (ends September 30, 2025)**

Lucie confirms that she has made a reminder for the photo contest on Facebook in the announcement of the pontoon parade. Jean Côté confirms that he will make a recall at the end of August or beginning of September on Facebook. Lucie Smith informs that we will have one hundred free postcards and that we cannot print in groups of twenty-five for the free 4 x 6 format. So, everyone is unanimous that only the photo of the first winner will be used for the postcard. Denis Bénac confirms that he and Lucie will return to Staples because they are the ones offering us the best price for the 16 x 20 canvas photo.

**12. Phosphate-free product project follow-up**

Lucie Smith confirmed that she had completed the project and reference documents. Before publishing it, she is waiting for the approval of her colleagues on the APLO's Board of Directors. The reference document will be published on our website. She will make small corrections to the table of eco-responsible and/or phosphate-free products to share it on the Facebook group before the AGM is held. Lucie suggests sending the table by Facebook and email to our members, the sheet of soaps and cleaning products and the recipes for homemade solutions

after having had the translation checked. Also, it 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.

**13. Date of next meeting:**

To be determined by the new Board of Directors 2025-2026.

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

- 1) Have a reminder of the photo contest in late August or early September.
- 2) Finalize and publish Lucie Smith's personal phosphate-free project. Some documents will be shared by Facebook after approval by the Board.
- 3) Continue the RSVL (Jean Côté and Noël Cantin) and Micro-B (Denis Bénac) water tests of August 2025.

**15. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m., August 2, 2025,**

Moved by Bernard Bourdeau, seconded by Noël Cantin

Lucie Smith, Secretary