

Minutes of the Board meeting 2021-01  
September 5, 2021 – Chalet de Jacques Cyr

Presence: André Patry, Jacques Cyr, Jacques Lafleur, Kevin Russell  
Absences: Bruno Paul, Jim Chevrier, Alain DeSève, Richard Ducharme, Nancy Madaire  
Secretary and Chairman of the meeting: André Patry

- 1) Approval of the agenda  
The following agenda was adopted:

Items

- 1) Approval of the agenda
- 2) Follow-up of the files reported in the minutes of September 13 2019:
  - a) RSVL
  - b) Annual water tests for fecal coliforms
  - c) Website
  - d) ROLRIV
  - e) Renewal of membership cards
  - f) Water level management / Dam project
  - g) Stocking
  - h) Boat washing (letter)
  - i) Phragmites control
  - j) Trail maintenance      k) Fireworks control by-law
  - l) Grand channel security on weekends
  - m) Office of the President
  - n) Grand Lac Rond watershed
  - o) Motion to add a category (e.g. Our lakes and rivers) on the agendas of the monthly meetings of the co municipal councils.
  - p) Control of navigation on the lake
  - q) Additional buoys
  - r) Watermilfoil inventory
  - s) Inspection of riparian strips
- 3) Approval of the minutes of September 13, 2019
- 4) Finances
- 5) New files –
  - a) Impact of the pandemic
  - b) Approval of secretarial expenses
- 6) Miscellaneous
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Next meeting
- 8) Closing of the meeting

- 2) Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting  
André Patry suggested adopting the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2019 without reading it, adding that the members will be able to read it and make changes to it at the next meeting if desired. Adopted unanimously.

3) Unresolved files from previous meetings

a) RSVL – Jacques Lafleur took over from Pierre Bergeron in this file. Jacques reported that he had met Pierre Bergeron before his departure and that he had been informed by him of the procedure to follow. Jacques mentioned that for the clarity tests he needed a new Secchi disk since it was broken. He offered to buy one through the RSVL Relay app. His proposal was seconded by André and accepted by the members present. He added that he was also going to take samples for biochemical analyzes at the two RSVL stations on the lake and send them to the ministry for analysis. Jacques Cyr mentioned that the cost paid for the RSVL in 2021 was \$239.96. Given the low amount, André Patry suggested not applying to the two municipalities for sharing this year. Unanimously accepted.

b) Annual bathing water tests – Jacques Lafleur mentioned that he had taken over from Pierre Bergeron in this file and that he was going to do the 22 tests and send them to the Microb laboratory in Gatineau for analysis. André suggested that the treasurer write him a check to pay for the tests. Seconded by Jacques Lafleur. Accepted.

c) Website

André reported that following a previous request on this subject, the website software did not allow easy restriction of access to certain components of the website. For the moment, access to the website is "universal". He added that he continues to post relevant information, especially the results of bathing water tests, RSVL, news and weekly water level analyzes done by Michael Lukyniuk.

d) ROLRIV (GLR Residents Database) – André reported that due to the pandemic, he did not take care of updating the membership database in 2020. For this reason, the update 2021 update required special handling. André Beauchemin, from the RPEVG (Regroupement pour la protection de l'eau de la Vallée de la Gatineau) had helped him enormously last spring to start the operation, unfortunately, Mr. Beauchemin died in the meantime. He mentioned that with his notes taken, he was still able to get the database back on track and he was now ready to launch a recruiting campaign. He added that he was going to contact the MRCVG to inform them of the importance of André Beauchemin's work for the lake associations and that it was essential to ensure the continuity of the ROLRIV system.

e) Renewal of membership cards – The proposal to launch the campaign had already been made and approved via email by the committee members. André concluded by saying that he had already started the process and that the campaign would be launched during the month of September. To be completed by André

f) Water level management and dam - André reported that Michaël continued to take readings and produce his level analyzes every week during the summer. All of its reports are posted on the website. In his reports Michael reported that building a dam was the solution to the water level management problem. André Patry reiterated his interest in setting up a committee in association with the municipalities, while mentioning that his previous requests to recruit volunteers had not borne fruit. Kevin Russell volunteered to join the committee. While thanking Kevin, André mentioned that he was going to send a request to the members whose email address he had in order to recruit a few more volunteers. To be continued by André

g) Seeding

Kevin Russell has volunteered to take charge of this dossier, replacing Pierre Bergeron and Pierre Parisien. His proposal was adopted unanimously. André mentioned that in 2019 the seed fund was around \$2000. A resolution at the AGM allowed the missing amount to be added to the Seeding fund in order to allow the purchase of pickerel. It was

done in 2019 and Pierre Parisien made the purchase and seeded \$3000 of walleye in the lake. Since there was no recruitment campaign in 2020 nor in 2021 (this 2021 campaign is for the year 2022) as of today, the Seeding fund is empty. Kevin will do fundraising by contacting the usual suppliers. André mentioned that Camping Paul agreed to give an amount. Kevin will contact them. He concluded by mentioning that the recruiting campaign would probably raise a good amount. To be continued by Kevin

h) Boat washing

In the absence of Richard Ducharme, responsible for this file, André mentioned that this file seems to have been put on hold for a while by Councilor Arianne Matteau from Bouchette. However, during a Bouchette council meeting in 2020, he was assured that this project was still on their agenda. No news since. To follow with the council of Bouchette.

André reported that in 2019 he had installed 3 of the 4 "Don't drag your bugs" signs according to the resolution adopted at the last committee meeting. The installations were made at the following locations:

- Sign #1 - At the boat landing located at 10 chemin Patry Est (Note: the new owners of the place removed the sign and gave it to André, mentioning that this sign had no place because their landing stage was not a public place) André mentioned that he had the sign at his place and that he was going to install it further up Patry East.
- Sign #2 - Corner chemin Charbonneau/Lesage,
- Sign #3 - Corner Chemin Richard/Riv. Gatineau North to Ste-Therese.
- Sign #4 - Corner of Gorman Road/Paul Road, (not installed because the sign was lost)

He mentioned that the sign previously installed at the Camping Paul boat dock needed to be straightened and cleaned.

i) Request for help with phragmites – nothing new to report

j) Trail maintenance – Check with Jim on the condition of the trail and the lookout and see if he will take care of installing the docks for the in winter to prevent them from being broken by the ice

k) Control of fireworks – The request had been sent to the municipality of Bouchette in 2016 with a reminder in 2019. No news. André suggests sending the request back and raising it at the municipal council meeting of the two municipalities. Waiting for Bouchette and Ste-Thérèse.

l) Main channel security on weekends –

Jacques Cyr will call security to ask for a patrol next year. To be followed by Jacques

m) Position as President. – no one has shown interest in this position. It remains vacant!

n) Grand Lac Rond watershed – not of interest for this file. It is suggested to close it.

o) Motion to add a category (ex. Our lakes and waterways) to the agendas of the monthly meetings of the municipal councils. – André reported that he had made this proposal at a Council Assembly and that it had not been retained.

p) Control of navigation on the lake

Nancy Madaire's file to follow. To be done by Nancy

q) Additional buoys at strategic locations

André Patry mentioned that he had made the buoys according to the resolution adopted in 2019 and that he installed them on the lake in 2019 and 2020. In 2021, he did not only installed the buoys in the channel for lack of time. He removed the buoys in the fall and keeps them on his property during the winter. He will reinstall them in the spring.

r) Monitoring of the Eurasian watermilfoil inventory

André reported that he had contacted the biologist who had promised to send the report soon. To be continued by André

s) Inspection of riparian strips

Jacques Lafleur mentioned that the municipality of Ste-Thérèse had hired a student to do an inventory of riparian strips. According to him, this initiative indicates the will of the municipality to “take care” of the riparian strips of the lake.

André reported that on the Bouchette side it seemed less positive since visually we could see several violations of the regulations that persisted. He had left a voice message for the municipal inspector of Bouchette asking him to inform him about the inspection work that had been done in recent years. He hadn't had a return call. To be continued by André

4) Financial statements

Jacques Cyr filed the financial statement. The balance as of June 30 is \$5058.86. The bank balance is 5298.81 – an outstanding check for \$239.96. Jacques Lafleur moved to accept the financial statements. Seconded by André Patry. Accepted by members. See copy at the end of this report.

5) New files

a) Impact of the pandemic – n/a

b) Approval of secretarial expenses - André requested that he be reimbursed for the purchase of an ink cartridge and the purchase of Microsoft Office software, necessary for his secretarial work

i) Jacques Cyr proposed that his expenses be reimbursed when he submits the receipts at the next meeting. Adopted unanimously

6) Varia

n/a

7) Date of the next meeting

a) May 22, 2022 – it was also proposed to hold the annual meeting of members on July 3, 2022

8) Closing of the meeting

Proposed by Jacques Lafleur 1:30 p.m.