

Minutes

1. The President of the APLC (Ricky Victor) welcomed the members and proceeded to thank the directors of the APLC and many others who have contributed their time to the health and safety of our lakes. Special mentions included Wayne Marcus, Dominique Malo, and Lynn Wachman Inhaber.
2. Ricky presented the agenda for approval; it was seconded by Barry Rishikof. None opposed.
3. The President invited Michel Doré to speak to the members concerning a new initiative regarding first Responders on our lakes. The training and equipment are being funded by the Municipality of Lantier. The goal is to train and certify volunteer lake residents to respond to an emergency on our lakes as time is of the essence and 911 response times average 14 minutes in Lantier. If you have an interest in volunteering for this program, please contact city hall and speak with Roxanne (819-326-2674).
4. The president submitted the following slate of directors for 2025-2026.
Ricky Victor (President)
Claire Kilgallen (Secretary Treasurer)
Jeremy Becker (Communication)
Jack Weinstein (membership)
Barry Rishikof (Code of conduct-patrols)
Gerry Phillips (Divers)
Sammi Fabian (director at large)
Jacques Ferragne (director at large)
Phyllis Leibov (Past President)
No other nominations were presented.
The president asked for approval seconded by Helene Desjardins. None opposed.
5. Claire Kilgallen (Secretary Treasurer) presented the financial statement as of December 31, 2024. The bank balance showed \$22,696.95, representing an increase of over \$3000 from year ending 2023. Our revenues totaled over \$5,200 (representing roughly 180 members less bank charges). Our expenses of just under \$1900 related mainly to the APLC boat (accompanies the divers), lake water testing, and insurance. The fees will remain at \$30 per year for 2026.
6. Jack Weinstein reported that once again we will end the year with around 180 paid members which is similar to last year. This represents a major increase compared to 2016 when we had only 85 paid members.
7. Barry Rishikof reported that the lake patrollers have been on the lake every Saturday and Sunday during the summer months and have reported on their interventions. They have had over 100 interventions to date.

Approximately 50% of the stops relate to Transport Canada violations (e.g. kids sitting in front of seadoos, lifejackets missing on kayaks, paddle boards and boats, etc.). The other 50 % of the interventions relate to our code of conduct violations (e.g. Quiet time, creating a wake in the rivers, wake boats not in the wake zone, skiing and tubing too close to shore). Most of their interventions have been respectful and positive. They continue to experience some more difficult interventions with boaters that are reluctant to follow the code of conduct, but rather than accepting their position, the patrollers are committed to “keeping pressure on them” to try and force compliance. The goal is to make sure that every lake user understands that we are all part of one community.

At last year’s AGM, it was decided that a committee be struck to find acceptable solutions to Wake-Boat issues on our lakes. The committee included Wake-Boat owners, property owners in the wake-boat zone, and other concerned members. The committee met in June and made the following recommendations.

- The committee recommended that 2 buoys be set up at the mid-point between the two shorelines, elongating the existing wake zone, but encouraging the wake boats to stay in the centre between the two buoys. This "line" (between the two or more buoys) would delineate the ‘designated wake/surf’ route.
- The committee recommended that wake-boaters empty their ballasts as soon as the wakeboard activity is done, or as soon as the wake-boat leaves the wake zone. In other words, all travel with wake boats in the rivers or pleasure craft cruising, or pulling a tube or skier outside of the wake zone should be done with empty ballasts.

These recommendations were implemented this summer on a trial basis and the consensus was that these recommendations produced positive results.

Barry proposed that the new wake zone be changed permanently on our map and that the existing code of conduct be accepted and updated with the additional item of emptying of ballasts as soon as the wake-boat leaves the wake zone. It was seconded by Brian Wiseman and adopted unanimously.

8. Gerry Phillips presented the results of the divers (Eurasian Milfoil) from June through to August 18. The divers have removed 110 plants to date. These results are very positive compared to previous years. Last year at the same date we had removed 153 plants and in 2023 and 2022 we had 3000 plants at a similar date. Of the 110 plants removed to date, 96 were located in the old aerator zone (roped off area). Gerry brought samples and photos of Eurasian Milfoil which were displayed for members who were curious as

to identifying these invasive plants. Members were reminded that there are photos of Eurasian Milfoil on our website.

9. Ricky reported that lake water testing for fecal matter is scheduled for end of August or early September.

Results from the samples taken (15 locations) last year (September 2024) showed low or acceptable readings for fecal matter. Water quality was deemed to be very good to excellent in all locations. These results were similar to previous years.

As well, thanks to Wayne Marcus and Claire Kilgallen, we have been diligent in testing the lake water (June, July, August) under protocols as set out by the RSVL (Reseau de surveillance volontaire des lacs (Ministere de L'Environnement)). Lynn Wachman Inhaber (a Past APLC President) had agreed to study our results when published in the next few months and report back to the members.

10. Several questions were raised during question period,

- Those with sealed septic tanks have not been eligible for the APLC discounted price. It is more than likely due to the fact that the equipment (truck) is not the same and therefore the numbers do not warrant a volume discount. The APLC (Claire Kilgallen) will verify with ES360).
- We were asked about whether lake users should be concerned with the Amoeba Naegleria (a brain eating amoeba that thrives in warmer waters). A follow up internet verification has indicated that there has never been a documented case of this amoeba in Canada.
- There was a question of whether a shoreline verification by the municipality of Lantier was done this summer. Ricky has been in discussions with the city and is hoping to accompany the municipality for a September visit to our lake shorelines.
- We were asked whether the APLC can ask the City of Lantier for the status report on its project of verification of all septic systems in the municipality. We will make the request at our Fall meeting.
- A question was raised about fertilizer usage within the municipality. Thanks to Robin Cohen who provided the following link to the Lantier website and the appropriate bylaw. It confirms the discussion that fertilizing lawns and plants is controlled and limited within the municipality. <https://lantier.quebec/reglements-a-caractere-environnemental/>
- Lastly, we were asked by Murry Itscovitch, about the possibility of holding a lake member get-together e.g. a corn roast or something similar. The event would have to be organized by interested members of our association. Ricky indicated that the APLC would underwrite the costs of the event (providing that an itemized budget was submitted by the organizers and approved by the directors in advance of the event).

11. Ricky proposed that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Jacques Ferragne.