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AGM
July 6, 2025



2025 Annual General Meeting

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Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the County of Haliburton is located on Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory, and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which are Curve Lake, Rama, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Beausoleil and Georgina Island First Nations.

We acknowledge a shared presence of Indigenous nations throughout the area, and recognize its original, Indigenous inhabitants as the stewards of its lands and waters since time immemorial.



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DSLPOA Executive

President

Rick Wesselman

Past President

Barb Bohlin

First Vice-President

Dominique Binckly

Second Vice-President

Sheelagh Kemp

Secretary

Larry Olivo

Treasurer

Hunter Smith

Director, Lake Stewardship

Rob Norris

Director, DSLPOA Newsletter and Directory

Merla Russell

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Jennifer North

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Minutes of the 2024 AGM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DRAG AND SPRUCE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

JULY 7, 2024

1. Call to Order Rick Wesselman

Rick called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. We have a quorum with 36 members present. We invited 3 municipal officials and Murray Fearrey said he would be here after the official annual meeting, if he was still available. The session with Mr. Fearrey would not be recorded in the minutes.

2. Introductions Rick Wesselman

Rick introduced the current members of the DSLPOA Executive, noting open positions which will be dealt with later in the meeting.

3. Charitable Donations Barb Bohlin

Barb Bohlin was unfortunately unable to attend today's meeting. Rick Wesselman reported on the donation made to Haliburton 4Cs and Sirch Community Services. Members were encouraged to use services provided by these organizations (e.g. Lily Ann Thrift Store, Thrift Warehouse, Bistro and Bakery) as an impactful way to further support the work they do in the community.



Motion to Accept the Minutes of the 2024 AGM

MOVED, **Larry Olivo**, seconded, **Sheelagh Kemp**, that the Secretary's report of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2024 be accepted.



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Giving Back to the Community

\$500 to each of:

➤ Haliburton 4Cs

- Their purpose is "to help those who need help"
- Lily Ann Thrift Store, Food Banks



➤ SIRCH Community Services

- The main purpose of SIRCH is to create "thriving communities where everyone feels connected and supportive"
- Thrift Warehouse, Bistro and Bakery, Schools Cool (kindergarten readiness), CPAC (prenatal and early childhood nutritional guidance), Share The Warmth (winter gear), Repair Café, Community Kitchen





2024 Statement of Operations

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

	2024	2023
REVENUE		
Membership fees	\$10,230	\$9,310
Directory advertising	\$6,200	\$5,975
Grant	\$500	
Interest Income	\$322	\$442
TOTAL REVENUE	\$17,252	\$15,727
EXPENSES		
Newsletter and directory	\$7,439	\$5,294
Insurance	\$2,016	\$1,994
FOCA fees (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations)	\$1,556	\$1,217
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$0	\$68
Donations	\$1,000	\$1,000
Office supplies and postage	\$211	\$278
Bank and PayPal service charges	\$319	\$291
Annual general and executive meetings	\$496	\$281
Website	\$5,408	\$438
Memberships and subscriptions	\$115	\$110
Membership Property Signs	\$0	\$1,471
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,561	\$12,441
NET OPERATING SURPLUS	-\$1,309	\$3,285
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2024	\$29,715	\$26,430
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2024	\$28,406	\$29,715

LAKE STEWARDSHIP FUND

REVENUE		
Membership fees	\$3,410	\$3,130
Interest Income	\$263	\$259
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,673	\$3,389
EXPENSES		
Map Update	\$0	\$1,006
Ulinks	\$424	\$2,040
Coalition for equitable water flow membership fee	\$150	\$100
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$574	\$3,146
NET OPERATING SURPLUS	\$3,099	\$243
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2024	\$20,680	\$20,437
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2024	\$23,778	\$20,680

EWM FUND

REVENUE		
Donations	\$19,280	\$28,354
Grant	\$2,500	\$2,646
TOTAL REVENUE	\$21,780	\$31,000
EXPENSES		
Supplies	\$5,187	\$4,378
Diving	\$21,470	\$10,735
Donation To U-Links	\$0	\$0
Video Production Costs	\$0	\$2,616
Paypal	\$286	\$415
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$26,943	\$18,144
NET OPERATING SURPLUS	-\$5,163	\$12,856
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2024	\$26,664	\$13,808
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2024	\$21,501	\$26,664



Statement of Financial Position

	2024	2023
Assets		
Cash in bank	\$73,965	\$77,059
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$0	\$0
Deferred membership fees	\$280	\$0
	\$280	\$0
Net Assets	\$73,685	\$77,059
Fund Balances		
General Operating Fund (Note 1)	\$28,406	\$29,715
Lake Stewardship Fund (Note 2)	\$23,778	\$20,680
EWM Operating Fund (Note 3)	\$21,501	\$26,664
	\$73,685	\$77,059
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Note:

1. The \$ 40 membership fee is allocated between the General Operating Fund (\$ 30) and the Lake Stewardship Fund (\$ 10)
2. The Lake Stewardship Fund has a reserve fund to use for future unanticipated developments to protect and preserve Drag and Spruce Lakes.
3. The EWM Operating Fund is funded through donations and is used to assist in the eradication of EWM locations on Drag and Spruce Lakes



Motion to Accept the 2024 Year End Financials

MOVED, Hunter Smith, seconded, Barb Bohlin, that the Treasurer's 2024 financial report be accepted.



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DSLPOA Membership Numbers

	July 2024		December 2024		July 2025	
	(as presented to the				(as presented to the	
	Totals	As a %	Totals	As a %	Totals	As a %
Total properties on the lakes (per municipality)	542		542		542	
Number of properties in the database currently	460	85%	462	85%	465	86%
Number of paid members for current year	270	50%	312	58%	269	50%
Number of paid members who paid in prior year but have not yet paid in current year	49	9%	28	5%	54	10%
Number of not paid in last 3 yrs	130	24%	n/a		114	21%
Number of members requesting a sign	196	73%	210	67%	250	93%



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DSLPOA Communications

Suzanne Montgomery

- Communications strategy and implementation plan

Martin Rist

- E-communications
- Website and Facebook administration



DSLPOA Website

dragandsprucelakes.ca

- New website developed and launched
- On budget/ on time
- New features coming

Your source of information

[Home](#)[DSLPOA Info](#) ▾[Lake Stewardship](#) ▾[Eurasian Watermilfoil](#) ▾[Archives](#) ▾[Website Sponsors](#) ▾[Contact](#)

Drag & Spruce Lakes

Property Owners Association



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Membership**



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EWM Battle**



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LATEST NEWS

DSLPOA AGM 2025

27 June 2025

Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of the members the Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners Association (DSLPOA) will be held on Sunday July 6 at the Legion located at 719 Mountain St, Haliburton.

Registration for the AGM starts at 9:00 AM, with the AGM itself starting at 10:00 AM.

All property owners are invited to attend the AGM, however, only members in good standing are permitted to vote. 2025 fees can be paid at the meeting.

Below you will find links to the agenda for the AGM, the draft minutes from the 2024 AGM, the 2024 Financial Statement as well as the motions that are expected to take place during the meeting

KEY LINKS

[Canoe FM](#)

[Coalition for Equitable Water Flow \(CEWF\)](#)

[Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations \(CHA\)](#)

[Cottage Life](#)

[The Highlander](#)

[Environment Haliburton](#)

[Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations](#)

[Municipality of Dysart](#)



DSLPOA Facebook Group

facebook.com/groups/dslpoa

- ‘Our Community of Drag and Spruce Lakes’
- DSLPOA member ‘bulletin board’
- Must be a member to post

Staying connected with your neighbours

Lost docks/ favorite sunsets/ animal sightings/ contractor recommendations/ etc/ etc



Our Community of Drag and Spruce Lakes

Public group · 1.2K members



+ Invite

Share

Discussion

Events

Media

People



Write something...



Feeling/activity



Check in

Featured ⓘ

Add

Members won't see this section when it's empty.

New posts ▾



Hunter Smith

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We just saw two look chicks this morning at the north end of the lake by the Domain. Please take care when boating in the area.

About

"It is the desire of all who know and love Drag Lake that its character and beauty remain unchanged for future generations." Our COTTAGERS CODE:... [See more](#)



Public

Anyone can see who's in the group and what they post.



Visible

Anyone can find this group.



Haliburton, Ontario

[Learn more](#)



DSLPOA Communications Strategy

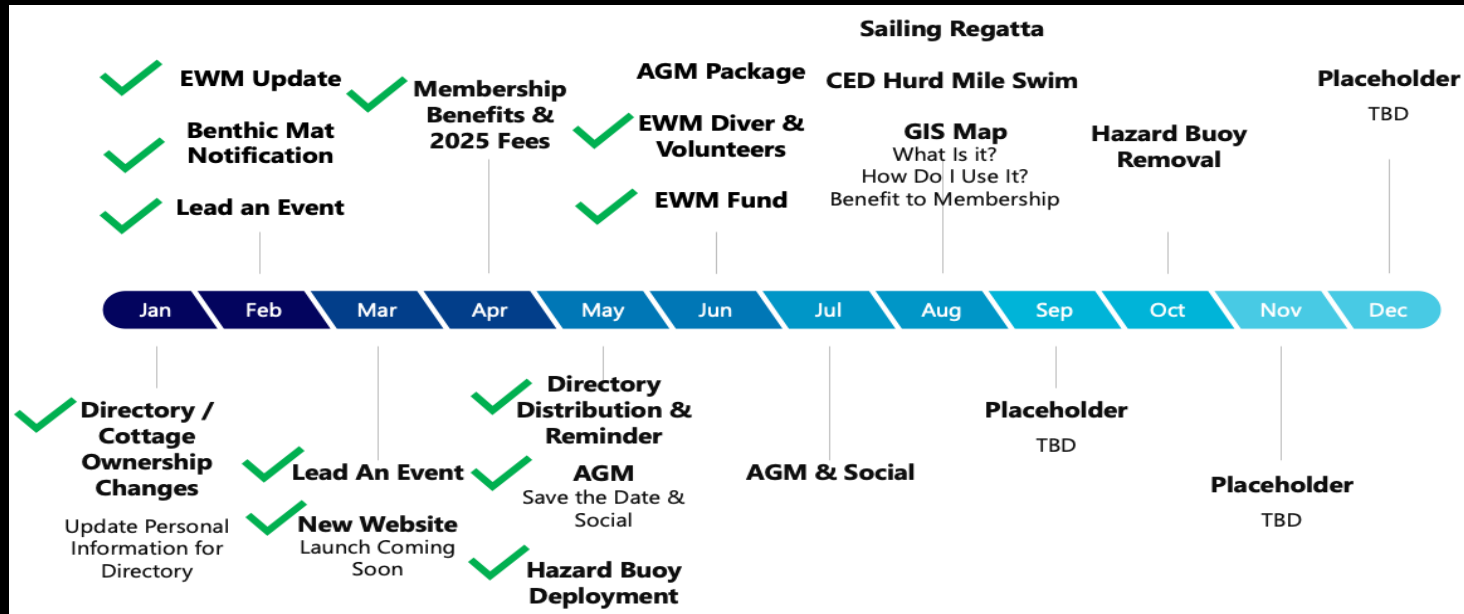
Objectives:

1. Brand communications with DSLPOA logo for easy recognition by Membership
2. Standardize planned and unplanned communications to eliminate sharing of back-end details
 - Membership feedback indicated we trust you are doing your job, tell us what you require from us
3. Showcase the work underway and upcoming by the Executive team and Volunteers
4. Utilize a mix of our various channels to ensure maximum coverage and awareness
 - Channels: Website, Facebook, Directory and Email Blast

Note: Automated emails are generated per Website post which can cause some Members to received 2 emails (Automated & Blast)



DSLPOA Communications 2025 Roadmap





Road Signage



Drag and Spruce Lakes

*Property Owners
Association*
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**DSLPOA Event updates
available on our website**

www.dragandsprucelakes.ca



- New signs to replace the current ones that are old and damaged
- Installed at each of the major entrances to the lakes



Website: dragandsprucelakes.ca
Facebook: facebook.com/groups/dslpoa

- Forward all comments and suggestions to:
 - dragandsprucelakes@gmail.com
- Be sure to sign up for automated email website updates

Keeping DSLPOA members engaged, informed and connected



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Overview

- Drag and Spruce Lakes water quality is good
- Much of the shoreline remains undeveloped with the upstream watershed is largely intact
- Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) is a problem



Challenges

- Challenges are:
 - Invading Species (e.g., Eurasian Watermilfoil)
 - Potential shoreline degradation
 - Septic tank maintenance
 - 2023 inspection – 26 high risk, 13 medium, 19 low
 - Dysart is focusing on metal tanks this year
 - Should be pumped every 4-5 years
 - Possible Blue-Green algae blooms
 - Caused by lake eutrophication from malfunctioning septics, shoreline clearing, lawn fertilizer, etc.



Invading Species

- Invading Species now in Drag and Spruce:
 - Eurasian Watermilfoil – active control program
 - Phragmites
 - Colonizes wetlands and crowds out native species
 - One site identified - there may be others
- Invading Species that we should be watch for:
 - Chinese Mystery Snails



U-Links

- U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research
 - www.ulinks.ca
 - Collaborates with community partners, academic faculty and student researchers to deliver research and service learning initiatives
 - Takes questions/program suggestions from the community and matches them with University and College students for term projects
 - Accepting suggestions for 2025-26 until end August
 - Jack Scott is here to answer your questions
 - Matches University and College students with community projects



U-Links Projects

- Monitoring - over time provide indications of lake health
 - Benthic
 - Sample bottom sediment and students take a census of 'critters'
 - Scheduled for September. Need volunteers and boats
 - Water quality monitoring
 - Two sites on Drag and one on Spruce
 - Temperature and O2 values taken at one meter intervals
 - Water samples taken to test for micro-plastics and nutrients
- Interactive GIS Map
 - Multi-layer map of Drag and Spruce



Invading Species Awareness

- Ontario Invading Species Awareness Program
 - Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
 - Educate boaters on ways to stop the transfer of invading species between waterways
 - Clean-Drain Dry demonstration and Invading Species seminar at the Sandy Cove boat launch on the second week end in Aug.



Eurasian Watermilfoil Update

- Known EWM outbreaks: 20 on Drag, 0 on Spruce
- Funds available for control activities: \$29,765
- Waterfront drone photography will occur during July
- Our new work platform needs a name
- Scheduled diver assistance: July 29 - August 1





Eurasian Watermilfoil Update (cont'd)

- Planned research: Review of independent research regarding use of two approved aquatic herbicides
- Optional research: Degree of natural control by microbial organisms possible on Drag Lake
- Working Group needs help with fundraising and grant applications



Motion to Continue with U-Links Environmental Research Projects

MOVED, Rob Norris, seconded, Rick Wesselman, that DSLPOA continues to consider up to 3 community based environmental research projects offered by U-Links in the next 12 months, and to donate up to \$1,000 to U-Links on completion of each project.

Funds will be drawn from the Stewardship Fund.



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DSLPOA Executive Elections

		<u>Year Elected</u>
President	Rick Wesselman	2022
Past President	Barb Bohlin	N/A
First Vice-President	Dominique Binckly	2024
Second Vice-President	Sheelagh Kemp	2022
Secretary	Larry Olivo	2022
Treasurer	Hunter Smith	2023
Director, Lake Stewardship	Rob Norris	2023
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Advertising Co-Ordinator	Merla Russell	2022
Officer at Large	Suzanne Montgomery	
Officer at Large	Jim Miners	2023
Director, Event Co-ordination		open
Director, Area Representatives	Barb Bohlin	2022



Executive Position Motions

Open positions where incumbents have agreed to stand for re-election:

- President: **Rick Wesselman**
- Second Vice-President: **Sheelagh Kemp**
- Secretary: **Larry Olivo**
- Director, E-Communications: **Martin Rist**
- Advertising Co-Ordinator: **Merla Russell**
- Director, Area Representatives: **Barb Bohlin**

Open positions currently without nominations:

- Director, Event Co-ordination: *open*
- Officer at Large: *open*

Nominations will be accepted from the floor for all open Executive positions



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