

To: All Members
From: Caroline Woolrich, APLD President
Subject: Board of directors (information bulletin)

Hello everyone,

The APLD has three objectives;

- To safeguard the lake and its environment
- To protect the interests and quality of life of its owners
- To represent the members of the lake association in their relation to the different levels of government

The executive feel we have done a good job in this respect. I will now summarise some of the accomplishments of the executive for 2019-2020

COVID-19

As a result of COVID -19 people who enter the beach areas must now respect the provinces 2 meters social distancing regulations. With this in mind we have drafted 6 rules, see **COVID-19 Beach Regulations**, to guide you on how to safely access the beaches over the summer. The regulations are attached, are available on our web page and will be posted at all beaches shortly. We will continue to stay in contact with the various government bodies to get the most up to date information on this issue.

Auberge Lac Dore

Over the winter it was reported that the lake front building (# 1005) lost its hotel/auberge status. We will give you more information on this as the situation develops.

The Lake's water quality

Thanks to the membership and the diligent work of Roger Tessier we are happy to announce that **the lake water is rated as excellent**. For specific details on the lake's water quality please see the attached **Environmental report**.

- **Incidences of Blue-Algae**
In recent years we have had a few incidences of Blue-Algae blooms. As a result, Roger Tessier has come up with an informative document as well as an organised plan for reporting Algae Blooms to the membership. The document is attached to this newsletter.
- **Report of un-identified vegetation**
An un-identified vine growing along the bottom of the lake near Ste-Charles beach was observed last summer. A team will be out in mid-June to investigate this report. If you notice this or any other unidentified plant in the lake water, please inform the executive. Do not disturb the plant in any way.

Lock changes

This summer a new lock and key will be ordered for St. Charles Beach. We have reserved the Golden Lake Country Club on July 5th at 10:00 a.m. to distribute new keys. All members in good standing with the association are asked to come with proof of I.D. and their old key to be exchanged for a new key. If you are a new owner you will need proof of I.D., and a copy of your notarial deed for our files. **If, due to government regulations, we are forbidden to meet at the Country Club this summer we will postpone the changing of the lock until 2021.**

Beaches

There were some reported problems with the beach locks, the beach regulations, damaged fencing, and overgrown vegetation over the summer. Thanks to the hard work of Mario Verrier, Bill Thornley, Roger Tessier and many volunteers the following was accomplished.

- All reported broken locks were repaired as quickly as possible.
- The beach regulation signs have been up-dated to include; children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult of 18 years of age or more, no-smoking/vaping, and no fishing in the designated beach areas. The signs will be posted on the inside and outside of each beach fence this May.
- The damaged fencing was repaired on all beaches where the fence was accessible. A big thank you to “Clotures Paris” for their excellent work. In addition, the executive is compiling a list of possible problem spots that will need repair or replacement in future.
- All overgrown vegetation that was damaging the fencing or deemed a “safety hazard” was removed.
- Rules on shoreline and lake water access clarified - Over the summer a debate developed between some members over who owned specific parts of the lake or shoreline. Thanks to Roger Tessier we have posted a document to clarify which members have rights to specific parts of the lake or shoreline. The document is titled - “**A Qui Appartient Le Lac-Dore**”
- Child security on the beaches - We received several complaints from members that children were swimming at the beaches without adult supervision. Please be advised that government regulations stipulate that swimmers under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult of 18 years of age. We have posted a document by Roger Tessier to explain this regulation, see “**La sécurité sur les plages**”.

Over the winter it was reported that several fences were damaged and need repair. The work will be undertaken over the summer.

Finances

Thanks to the excellent work of Maryse Caron our financial data is up to date. The details are in her Financial Report which is provided in the attachment marked **“Finances 2019-2020”**. Basically, we collected \$8,895 in dues and our operating expenses for the year were \$10,624. Our cash at the end of the operating year was \$15, 970.

In accordance with our Charter the year end accounting was submitted for verification to Roger Morin CPA.

Explanation of Legal Fees

We have been using Manual St.-Aubin of St-Aubin Avocats to assist us on several legal matters that have arrived. With this work it has come to our attention that the APLD Charter needs to be up-dated. We have a committee of Lisa Hepburn, Maryse Caron, Judy Searle and Caroline Woolrich to work with St-Aubin Avocats on this issue. We hope to have this document ready for approval of the membership by the summer of 2021.

Our Web Page (associationlaccodre.org)

Lisa Hepburn is responsible for our web page. She has done a good job up-dating our web page and addressing membership questions sent to our association e-mail. It is our intention to work with a web-page designer over the year to try and streamline the web-page design.

Membership/User Fee Lists

Lisa Hepburn, Maryse Caron and Judy Searle have worked very hard to bring our “Membership/User-fee” lists up to date. As of Feb. 5th, the number of paying key holders fluctuates between 55% and 79% depending on the beach. The withholding of beach keys to members who are in arrears to the association has worked very well. It does mean the collection of owed fees is delayed by five years but it does ensure payment in the end. Beach representatives are being careful not to give out keys unless the requesting party is up to date on his/her payments. For details see **“Payment Statistics”**.

Membership/User Fee Forms for 2020

Please complete this form and mail it with a check to the address provided or you can send an electronic copy by email with an INTERAC transfer no later than June 25, 2020.

Secretarial Duties

No organization gets very far without a secretary to record the minutes. Lise Vallières takes the minutes of all meetings and sends them to our executive promptly. Thank you to Lise for taking responsibility for this important task.

Executive Changes

This year all of the executive has decided to stay on for one more year. This is good news for 20-21 however it indicates that we could be looking for members to step forward and replace at least half or the current executive for 21-22. If you don't have the time for an executive position this year volunteer to assist as a member at large. It doesn't take much work when everyone pitches in. The APLD is in good shape right now, we are organized and financially stable so this is an excellent time to volunteer.

Annual general meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27th at the Golden Lake Country Club, 1030 Chemin-de-la Rivière, (corner of Chemin de la Rivière and St-Charles). **If, due to government regulations, we are forbidden to meet in June we will postpone the meeting until a later date.**

Closing

I would like to thank the executive for all their hard work. To the membership I would like to express my thanks for giving me the opportunity to represent you.

Thank you to everyone for doing your part to keep Golden Lake a beautiful, clean and safe community. We hope to see you all soon but, in the meantime, stay safe (2 meters apart), be kind and don't forget to **wash your hands**.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

Caroline Woolrich
ALPD President