

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION
December 15, 2020 – 6:00pm, Zoom Meeting**

Mission Statement: to advocate for change and co-ordinate action to improve the health of Lake Winnipeg.

Acknowledgement: the board of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation acknowledges that the Great Lake we are working to protect is part of the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dakota and Metis. It is a lake that has long been cared for by the people living on its shores.

Present: Florence Eastwood, Gene Degen, Selena Randall, David Horne, Amanda Karst, Bruce Maclean, Jodi Goerzen, Jonathan Paterson, Kathryn Dompierre, Greg McCullough, Becky Cook, Bryan Allison

Regrets: Les McEwan

Absent: Roger Ramsay, Ramona Bird.

Guests: Mike Stainton.

Quorum established: 12 directors present

1. Meeting opening. The meeting was opened by Kathryn Dompierre with a fun game of Lake Winnipeg trivia and a toast to a challenging and successful year at LWF.

2. Approval of agenda.

2020:12:M43 MS That the agenda for the December 2020 meeting be approved as amended and with quorum established. **Carried**

3. Approval of minutes

2020:12:M44 MS That the minutes from the October 2020 meeting of the board of directors be approved. **Carried**

4. Declaration of conflict of interest. No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Directors' Reports

5.1. Executive Director's Report. The board reviewed the Executive Director's report for December 2020, and discussed the release of the joint LWF-LWIC position paper "Five Things the Federal Government Must Do for Lake Winnipeg."

2020:12:M45 MS To approve the Executive Director’s report as presented. **Carried**

5.2. LWIC Director’s Report. The board reviewed the LWIC director’s report and discussed the success of LWIC’s recent webinars.

2020:12:M46 MS To approve the LWIC Director’s report as presented. **Carried**

6. Approval of Financial Statements. The board reviewed September and October financial statements, and discussed the financial impacts of COVID-19.

2020:12:M47 MS That the financial statements for September and October 2020 (attached) be approved as presented. **Carried**

7. Committee reports

7.1. Treaty Rights and Responsibilities Committee. The committee advised the board that they will be organizing a facilitated planning session to discuss objective 2 of the LWIC Incorporation and Independence Transition Plan: To adapt LWF’s strategy as an ally with Indigenous Peoples around the lake.

7.2. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee presented an updated process for recruitment of new directors. It is recommended that the current nominating and governance committees be combined into one committee.

2020:12:M48 MS That the Nominating and Governance Committees be combined to form the new Nominating and Governance Committee. **Carried**

8. New Business

8.1. A question was brought forward from a member, regarding the potential effects of zebra mussels on aquatic vegetation along the lake’s shoreline. The question was referred to the Science Advisory Council.

9. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on February 16, 2021, 6pm, by Zoom Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Chair

Secretary