



## MEETING MINUTES

### For the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Blue Sea Lake Watershed Association

Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 10:00am  
At the Municipal Hall in Blue Sea

#### Agenda

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Adoption of the Minutes to the 16<sup>th</sup> AGM
4. Report of the Treasurer
5. Report of the President
6. Proposition d'un plan stratégique pour l'Association
7. Water master plan
8. Open Discussion: Questions and Comments
9. Elections
10. Adjournment

#### 1. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting started at 10:15 am on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Municipal Hall in Blue Sea and the Chair of the board of directors, Francis Leblanc does the opening remarks:

- Welcomes the Mayor of Blue Sea
- Ron Cross, the Mayor of Messines is at another meeting and cannot be here with us. His message to us is that he supports us.
- Past chairs present: Marc Gregoire, Don Carn, Dick Ryan - they always supported us past their mandate.
- Presentation of 2024-2025 board members.
- Meeting will be in both languages but mainly in French – never hesitate to ask questions in the language of your choice.
- Latest Newsletter was distributed, and it is available on a hard copy here at the entrance.
- Hopefully, we will have corrected all our issues relating to our website with our new system. Marc Fitzgerald is now actively working on rectifying the situation.
- Joanne Lefebvre will be taking notes of this meeting.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Adoption of the agenda proposed by Louis Gregoire, supported by Marc Gregoire.

**Agenda adopted**

#### 3. Adoption of the Minutes to the 16<sup>th</sup> AGM

- Adoption of the minutes to the 16<sup>th</sup> AGM proposed by Joe Lafontaine, supported by Judy McConnery.

**Meeting minutes adopted**

#### 4. Report of the Treasurer

- Treasurer's report presented by Marc Nadeau (in replacement of Jean-Serge Rochon).
  - Presented the income statement, as of December 31, 2024.
  - Highlights include:
    - Income statement – Memberships increased. Moneys received from the municipalities: grants received from both Messines and Blue Sea to the amount of \$5,000.00 each.
    - Rappel was paid for their work done on the final report.
    - We have a light revenue over expenditures as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
  - Presented the balance sheet, as of December 31, 2024.
- Motion to adopt the financial statements for 2024 proposed by Pierre Morin, supported by Claire Gregoire.

**Financial statements (for 2024) adopted**

#### 5. Report of the President

- President's report presented by Francis Leblanc – highlights include:
  - Thank you's and recognition to the community and the association's members, the board members and the municipalities.
  - Overview of ongoing programs, including the yellow buoy program.
  - Thank you to Melissa Laniel of Rappel for her exceptional work on the watershed report and plan.
  - Remy Knoer will take on the watermilfoil program – the milfoil is everywhere in the Blue Sea Lake.
  - See Presidents' written report for other details.

#### 6. Proposed strategic plan

- Francis proposes a strategic plan because it is important to have a five year plan for our association.
- We need four axis :
  - Governance – to manage the association as such.
  - Environment – programs that we undertake & execute.
  - Communication – communicate and raise awareness for the protection of the watershed.
  - Engagement – getting people involved in the work of the association.

#### 7. Water master plan

The report was presented on July 4th by Melissa Laniel. Details and action plan are revealed in the report. Overall, the lake is healthy BUT there are risks...

#### 8. Open discussion

- Many concerns were brought forward by many attendees:
  - The speed of boats on the lake
  - Washing of the boats
  - Updates of septic systems, what are the incentives to upgrade older septic systems? Asks that the incentives be added on the website of the municipalities and the association (There are tax incentives granted by the municipalities). The municipalities inspect the septic systems on a regular basis - even those on the islands.
  - Certain municipalities charge a fee to users of the lake – they charge a fee for every access and the money goes towards lake protection initiatives – we should do the same with our lake.
  - Installing a gate at the public dock like Messines did is expensive. Where does the money from fines collected from lake users go? We should ask Blue Sea to install a gate at the public dock like Messines did. Our 600 waterfront property owners' voice is a big voice. Creating a pressure campaign...

It is proposed to gather information and see how we can address the concerns brought forward during the AGM.

**9. Election of Board Members**

- The process for the election of board members is led by Don Karn, Judy McConnery will be secretary.
  - There is one vacancy on the board.
  - Through the election process the vacancy has been filled.
  - Francis will be stepping down from the board.
- Certificates of appreciation are presented by Francis Leblanc to five individuals Melissa Laniel, Sylvain Mainville, Jim Smith, Sophie Thonnard Karn.

**10. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjournment proposed by Gilles Michaud at 12:02 pm, supported by Don Karn.

**AGM adjourned**