

Minutes  
Amis Du Lac AGM  
Thursday, July 15, 2021  
Google Meet format

**Introduction:**

Michael Hyde - welcome and agenda

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Financial:**

Balance as of december : **26 920\$**

**Paid:**

**February 2021: 200\$ DOA (loons)**

**April 2021: 1000\$ Projet Pirogue**

**5000\$ Jean-Louis**

**4802\$ balance to Anne Letourneau's project for 2020**

**July 2021: translation 486\$**

Current balance : **15 786\$ (plus outstanding amount from municipality of 3986.10\$)**

**Membership:**

Mary Campbell -

Change in membership fee is well founded. The fee has remained steady at \$30 for the past 15 years (since the inception of Friends of the Lake/Amis du Lac). Membership has stayed steady during the Pandemic. The new membership fee will be \$40 a year and we will no longer offer 3 year memberships in an effort to keep our cash flow steady every year. Those in the midst of a three year membership will continue until their three years is up and then begin with a new one year membership. Mary will keep members apprised of their status.

The new membership form will include suggestions of ongoing studies or projects that could use additional funding and a place where you can donate to the project of your choice. These donations will help keep our membership costs down and will enable us to move forward with new projects.

The link to the new membership form: [www.amisdulacdes16iles.org](http://www.amisdulacdes16iles.org).

Bank etransfer is the preferred method of payment, but if not possible, cheques will be accepted.

**Environment:**

Bill Clelland/David Kerr

\*David Kerr - Loon Count

We continue to watch the loon count. The loon survey is still going on. Email Cathy Wensley if/when you have any loon news. So far, three loon couples have been spotted on the lake, but no babies.

\*Jean-Louis Courteau

Biofilia study continues. We are watching the phosphorus levels/water quality issues. Last year the levels were good, but we need to know the levels on an ongoing basis. Municipality is sharing the funding.

The membership supplies lodging and a boat for Ann and Sylvain while they are here on the lake working on the lake health study. Plus seven youth volunteers are helping with the biofilia project this year.

\$5,000 of AmisduLac funds support Jean Louis and his multiple initiatives.

\$4,000 funds support the lake health studies.

We have also helped with funding for the dugout canoe project (more to come about that).

\*A good news report from JL. He has worked on Hammonds Bay and after spending a few weeks there this summer, he feels that he can eliminate the milfoil completely.

The removal process in Big Bay began 3 years ago. Initially, JL spent 3 weeks harvesting milfoil. He went back the following year and recorded about 5% return growth. This year (2021) the divers went back and took only a few hours to remove the milfoil. JL considers this a success and has determined that the shoal in Big Bay is finished for now. He will revisit the location in the next few years as a follow up.

\*\*Reminder about boat safety and watching for the diving buoys

\* Le CIEL- The museum in the municipal hall is open for business on the weekends. Again, it is the host location for multiple treasures/finds from diving expeditions and vast information about the lake and surrounding areas.

\*Prorogue Project - an undertaking that was initially to involve members of the public, but due to Covid restrictions has been continuing at a location at the village and will be unveiled at a ceremony in mid August. The project includes the building of a dugout canoe in the style of and using traditional, authentic methods of Indigenous people from thousands of years ago. The team includes a variety of specialists including Jean Louis and an expert archaeologist. The unveiling/launch coincides with Archeologist Month in August. The project required approximately \$100,000 to fund the costs incurred. There has been some funding from the MRC, and funding at both the provincial and federal levels. Amis du Lac has donated \$1,000 towards the project. Fortunately for us, the canoe will reside at Lac des Seize Iles after it completes a national tour. The launch date and time will be announced shortly.

\*JL has written a book called *Seize Iles* - it is a beautifully written book which delves into the relationships between people, fish, and places encountered during his diving. JL will have an official book launch possibly at the same time as the canoe launch.

\*As a side note, anyone interested in following JL on his facebook page should do so. There is a wealth of information and wonderful writing which would be of great interest to members of this committee and to all members of our lake community.

### **Calendars:**

Elise- Last year, with Covid restrictions numbers of families on the lake were down and so we printed only 200 calendars. We received the calendars on August 10 and they were sold out by Labour Day. The new online order form was a positive addition.

Profit for calendar sales was \$2,482.00

This year - we ordered 250 calendars. We are hoping most people will use the online order form. Members were given the opportunity for advance sales. Already 100 calendars have been sold. The calendars will be available to the general public as of Friday, July 16, 2021 (and announced in the Google Group).

There are some calendars going to the store at the village. To further build the support of and show appreciation for the work and environmental influence of Amis du Lac, the store has offered to sell calendars in the store without any additional fee.

Thanks once again to Tim Boswell for the time and effort putting together this wonderful collection of lake photos.

Discussion of a possible coffee table book from the collection of photos for the future.

Calendar pick up will be Thursday, July 22, 2021 - 815 West Side (Nan's cottage) 1:00-3:00. Shipping is available again this year. Shipping to Canada (\$5 per calendar) and the the US (\$13 per calendar).

### **To order your calendar**

Please go to the following link to order your calendars online: [2022 Online Calender Order Form @ Amis du Lac / Friends of the Lake \(amisdulacdes16iles.org\)](https://amisdulacdes16iles.org)

(click on the language tab at the top of the page for French or English version)

### **Lake Life:**

Michael -

#### Youth

Working on continuing to leverage the interest and education of the youth with several initiatives including: branding paraphernalia, photo contest with Kids on the Lake (winner receiving the coveted cover image, t-shirt, etc.), Lake life is... instagram postings, new clothes for Bob.

#### Store

Connection to the store at the village - eco signage for some of the approved environmental products (Biovert). The possibility of a refill station is being explored - with a cost of approximately \$2500.00. Amis du Lac is considering helping with this cost.

Jane McGee has agreed to paint a Laurentian themed painting for members of the public to bid on. It will be on display at the store and the \$ will go towards this refill station.

#### Buoys and Boat behaviour

After discussion with the executive committee about the lack of signage and buoys Michael wrote to the Director General and had a positive response. Within 12 hours buoys were installed.

The signage made for Hammond's Bay describing the environmentally sensitive area will be put up as soon as they are available.

The municipality has informed us that there is an intern working on the environmental file. Discussion followed concerning the need for new residents on the lake to be welcomed and introduced to the environmentally sensitive nature of the lake. Audrey L will meet with Michael with the goal of highlighting the role the municipality plays in monitoring boating concerns on the lake.

### **Municipal Affairs:**

Bill on behalf of Corina -

Parking passes discussed. Some residents have purchased vignettes for cars. There is an intention to provide 2 passes per household and guest passes, but that procedure has not been activated up to date.

Dam is not in good condition. The municipality sets aside \$5,000 every year (\$10,000.00 in the fund presently) for the dam, however, that is not enough money at this point to do any significant repair work.

Elections. A lot happened before July 1st. There was quite an active time when the municipality intended to remove mail in voting. An adhoc group of residents led by Andrew Lemieux and with the municipal support of some council members (many thanks to Corina Lupu) was turned around.

Reminder of the importance of voting. Every vote matters when there is such a slim margin.

### **Milfoil/Lake health presentation:**

Ann and Sylvain -

Ann led an extremely informative and thorough report of the health of the lake through the mini-biofilia study and the benefits and challenges surrounding it. (See attached slide deck for details).

We heard some interesting facts and learned some new terms (rock carpet, water transparency, bacterial profile - is excellent by the way!, stable phosphorus levels)

Conclusions:

#### Positive

\*No big change since 2011 \*Low total phosphorus at the surface \*Transparency appears stable  
\*Decrease in the thickness of periphyton \*Oligotrophic status \*Bacterial profile is considered excellent

#### Not So Positive

\*Less dissolved oxygen at depth in 2019 \*Increased microscopic algae with cyanobacteria (near the thermocline) \*Decrease of the occupancy in 2020 may have affected positively

#### List of Things to Continue to do

\*Sit back and relax! Avoid the burden of a manicured non-indigenous cultivated garden flower garden, flower pot and planters in your shoreline. Keep your waterfront as wild and natural as you can!

\*Minimize the amount of waves from your boat, especially in shallow areas.

\*Keep your compost heap at least 20 m away from streams and shoreline.

\*Do not use an exterior shower with any kind of soap.

\*Refrain from installing your firepit less than 20 m from the lakeshore. Or have it in a closed container which you can safely empty as far away from the shoreline as possible.

\*Share your knowledge with children and friends.

Remember: nothing should go into the lake that didn't come out of it!

Continuation of 2021 study

\*Transparence, phosphorus, COD, Chlorophyll a

\*Periphyton - it is year 2 of 3 (as per protocol)

\*Aquatic plant dispersion (Eurasian Milfoil)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nan Laurenzio