



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY JULY 13TH, 2025**

**1. Welcome/Verify quorum**

- Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.
- Attendees were welcomed by Heather Anderson and Danielle Parent.
- List of attendees (appendix 1) was verified with 45 present: 32 members; 1 non-member; 1 guest from Lac Sir John and 11 family of members. A quorum was reached.
- The current Board of Directors were introduced: Heather Anderson, Yann Claudio, Suzanne Guerin, Margaret Gurinskas, Danielle Parent, Remi St- Laurent, Etienne Viel (who was not present).

**2. LBCA AGM AGENDA 2025**

**RESOLUTION 20250713-05:** To approve the 2025 AGM agenda.

**WHEREAS** the agenda presented;

**THEREFORE, it is moved by Flaurie Storie, seconded by David Laffin, and RESOLVED as follows:**

1. **Welcome/Verify quorum**
2. **Adoption** of Agenda
3. **Adoption of Minutes** of 2024 LBCA Annual General Meeting
4. **Vote on updated LBCA Bylaws:** Danielle Parent
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Danielle Parent
6. **Boating & Safety Report:** Diane Drury, Remi St. Laurent (Boat Launch)
7. **Communication Report:** Lois Pohlod, Jamil Menaceur - new website – [www.arlb-lbca.ca](http://www.arlb-lbca.ca)
8. **Social:** Adrienne Hindle
9. **Environment:** Suzanne Guérin, Remi St. Laurent, Heather Anderson (water tests, streams, shoreline, septic, invasive species)
10. **Annual membership fee** (resolution)
11. **Presentation Unscented** : S.Ballit
12. **Varia**
13. **Questions**
14. **Election of Board Members**
15. **Final Remarks:** President



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**16. Adjournment**

**ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE**

**3. Minutes of 2024 AGM were adopted as presented to members:**

**RESOLUTION 20250713-06:** To approve the Minutes of the 2024 AGM;

**WHEREAS** the presentation of the minutes of the 2024 AGM;

**THEREFORE**, it is moved by Joseph Amiel, seconded by David Laffin, and **RESOLVED** as follows:

**THAT** the minutes of the 2024 AGM be adopted

**ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE**

**4. Additions/modifications to the 1962 Bylaws: D.Parent**

The proposed changes were circulated to all members/database of LBCA on June 4, 2025 for comment. Comments were accepted from June 4 to June 30. No requested changes received. The following are the highlights of the new bylaws :

- That the old By-Laws (1962) were only in English and needed updating
- That the address of LBCA clause was updated.
- That the *number of administrators was decreased to 7*
- New clause *that the AGM to be held no later than 6 months after end of fiscal year*
- That a clause was added on *who has the 'Right to Speak' at a meeting*
- That clause added that *any unplanned expenses over \$100 require approval by the Board*
- That a new clause regarding *Dissolution of the Association* was added

**RESOLUTION 20250713-07 VOTE ON UPDATED LBCA BYLAWS:**

**WHEREAS** the Barron Lake Residents Association is governed by Part III of the Companies Act (LCQ) as it is a non-profit organization (NPO) registered in the Quebec Enterprise Register;



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**WHEREAS** the by-laws date back to 1962 and require updating;  
**WHEREAS** a French translation of the English text is necessary;  
**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors has approved this proposal;

**THEREFORE, it is moved by Jamil Menaceur, seconded by Yves Tremblay, and  
RESOLVED as follows:**

- To repeal by-law one, by-law two, by-law three, by-law four, by-law five, by-law six, by-law seven, by-law eight, by-law nine, and by-law ten dated 1962, except for section 2 of by-law one and section 1 of by-law three, whose amendments were approved in a special assembly and which shall respectively become clauses 1.2 and 3.1 in the new regulations.
- To enact, forthwith, the following sections:
  1. general information
  2. membership
  3. board of directors and officers
  4. election of board members
  5. meetings of the board of directors
  6. general and special meetings
  7. finances
  8. amendments to the general by-laws
  9. other provisions
  10. dissolution of the lbca

**ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY** (at least two-thirds of the members present at this general meeting voted in favor of adoption)

- NOTE: These new By-Laws are in effect for this 2025 AGM.
- The board of directors will make an amendment next year as to which language will be the one that takes precedent.
- One vote per member household is allowed to answer a question from a member.
- A member thanked D.Parent and all others that contributed to these new updated bylaws.



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**5. TREASURER'S REPORT : D,Parent.**

The following can be seen from the graphs presented (Appendix 2):

- Revenues:
  - 64% of revenue comes from member dues
  - 26% of revenue comes from items sold by the ARLB
  - 9% of revenue comes from donations and bank interest
  
- Expenses
  - 37% of expenses are attributable to items purchased for sale.
  - 18% of expenses are attributable to costs associated with the preparation of tax returns and financial statements by a CPA.
  - 15% of expenses are attributable to costs associated with maintaining the website and the Campaign Monitor tool.
  - 15% of expenses are attributable to the organization of social activities.
  - 10% of expenses are attributable to memberships in organizations (CREL, RAPPEL, OBV Rivière-du-Nord).

Expenses are going up year after year but not the revenues.

**RESOLUTION 20250713-08 To adopt the Revenues/Expenses for 2024 as presented**

Danielle Parent presents the 2024 revenues/expenses.

**THEREFORE**, it is moved by Robert Kirkpatrick, seconded by Jamil Menaceur, and **RESOLVED** as follows:

**THAT** the 2024 revenues/expenses be approved as presented.

**ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE**

**6. BOATING & LAKE SAFETY: R. St-Laurent**

Rémi St-Laurent presented the following information:

- a) Boating permits and fines information:
  - Number of Gore annual permits given for Motorboats in 2024: 112; 2023: 124



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- Number of daily visits Gore Residents 2024: 12 (4 users); 2023:8 (4 by same boat)
  - Number of NON-Gore resident daily permits: 0
  - Number of fines issued for boats: 3
  - Number of SQ visits: 3
- b) Direction of travel on lake: according to Federal law, “A boat must always be navigated on the starboard side (right) of a river or channel.
- That people must pass someone on the left – federal law.
  - It has been reported that Personal Water Crafts (PWCs) (eg SeaDoos) are traveling in the wrong direction.
- c) Launch Boat (ch Scott):
- R.St-Laurent explained the history since the acquisition of that land by the municipality in 2016.
  - Thanks to the hard work of the boating safety committee, a municipal council resolution was passed in March to increase the cost of boat launch permits to hire a boat launch attendant. With this action, the municipality of Gore hopes to reinforce safety at the boat launch in 2025 as well as preventing the lake’s contamination by invasive plants/species.
  - R.St-Laurent explained the attendant duties:
    - Checking boats for cleanliness.
    - Washing is currently free and self-service at the municipal chalet.
    - Ensuring that boats have their annual stickers; no boat without a sticker will be admitted to the landing; the only place to obtain a sticker is directly at the Town Hall during office hours.

### 7. COMMUNICATIONS: L.Pohlod

- **Newsletters sent Fall 2024 & May 2025 and many E-Blasts** using the Campaign Monitor App which allows LBCA to easily send an appealing email to its database of over 310 members and residents.
- **New Website!** [www.arlb-lbca.ca](http://www.arlb-lbca.ca)
  - New host Quebec-owned company OVH Cloud
  - One website, bilingual - sites are the same in English and French
  - Cost is about 30% of old system through Weebly.



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- Thanks to J.Menaceur for his involvement.
- **Facebook** is monitored by L.Pohlod
- **Database maintenance:** LBCA has over 300 names on the database. Changes are updated as needed.
- **Volunteers needed:** to help the load of communications, LBCA is asking for people to work with L.Pohlod on the Communications committee.

**8. SOCIAL COMMITTEE: L.Pohlod**

- 2024 East-West Crossing was a success. Thank you to Hindles & McQuats
- Merchandise sales have gone well. Sale on for the remaining shirts starting after AGM meeting.
- Unable to hold the Crossing event this summer as hosts are not available.
- Looking for another place to hold an event in 2026

**9. ENVIRONMENT: H.Anderson, S.Guerin**

Thank you to Suzanne, Flaurie and Heather for all the work they have done.

**1. Water Quality : S.Guerin**

- The level is staying stable – it is hard to improve to a ‘good’ level. The lake is at a level oligo-mesothopic.
- The phosphorus norm is good/satisfactory if below 30 microgram/L. Even though all the places where testing took place are below that norm, we can observe a trend that it is increasing except for the numbers in 2024 where they are lower than the previous years.

**2. Shoreline ByLaws:**

- 59% of shorelines are conforming to the bylaws. Many lands do not have enough bushes and trees – report by Gore.

**3. 3 things that change the water quality of the Lake:**

- Septic tanks, shoreline mowing – nutrients going into the lake;
- Use of soaps and cleaners that damage the lake.
- Shorelines are disappearing from damage of the waves from the boats



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If we don't want things to get worse, we must stay vigilant.

**PLANT SURVEY: H.Anderson**

- Each year a group of volunteers go on a plant survey of the lake together with Heather McCullough from Lake Hughes
- The volunteers kayak around the lake and look for invasive plants such as Eurasian Milfoil that can kill the lake, making it not swimmable nor boatable.
- This year the survey will be tomorrow, July 14. If you want to volunteer contact Heather Anderson.

**SEPTIC SYSTEMS: R.St. Laurent**

R. St-Laurent presents data comparing 2023 and 2024. It can be seen that the municipality has work to do to reduce the number of septic tanks that have not been emptied for more than two years, but it should be noted that some of these properties are not inhabited year-round, so emptying is only required every four years. Follow-up work must be done with the municipality.

**INVASIVE PLANTS: H.Anderson**

- a) Phragmites – if you see this plant – they need to be removed and bagged and garbage. Most common on highways and around the lake – they crowd out native plants.
- b) Chinese mystery snails:
  - The LBCA has a permit: to study and retrieve snails from the lake. -Volunteers can snorkel or walk on the shore to pick them.
  - If we need scuba divers to remove the snails – this costs money!
  - We can try and control the numbers but hard to eliminate.
  - Now is the time to act as they are only in one end of the lake – a yearly project to remove them.
  - Is it worth the money to remove them yearly – in risky areas such as the beach?
  - Terry from Lac Sir John – he has been doing research and helpful in advising us.
  - Impact: replacement of native life; water filtration allowing more plants to grow, clogged pipes, broken shells, parasites, feces altering nitrogen/phosphorus ratios.

Some lake associations set aside money to combat future invasions, such as spiked water milfoil, which is very common in the Laurentian lakes but has not yet been identified in Barron Lake.



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**10. RESOLUTION FOR INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FEE: D. Parent**

Discussion about the need to raise the Membership Fee. It has not been raised in over 30 years. Costs are going up for communications tools, for maintenance and replacement of the buoys that are on the lake for safety reasons. For example:

- Cost to replace one large buoy is \$1000 with light and anchors, etc.
- It is important to build up reserves so that we can combat invasive species in the lake, enabling us to respond more quickly

Several discussions on the appropriate amount to be determined.

**RESOLUTION 20250713-09 AMOUNT OF THE 2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE**

**WHEREAS** the annual membership fee has not been increased for more than 30 years;

**WHEREAS** that our expenses are increasing faster than our revenues;

**WHEREAS** that it is important to create a reserve to deal with the challenges posed by invasive plants and species;

**WHEREAS** that replacing a buoy costs approximately \$1,000;

**THEREFORE** it is proposed by Yves Tremblay, seconded by Michel Leduc, and **RESOLVED** as follows:

**THAT** the 2026 membership fee be set at \$40 (from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026)

**ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE**

**11. UNSCENTED COMPANY PRESENTATION – S.Ballit**

Mr. Ballit gave a presentation on the product range offered by his company, The Unscented Company. Their company offers a complete range of natural products for the home and body that are exclusively fragrance-free, effective, and designed to reduce our consumption of plastic and water through refills and solid options.



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**12. VARIA**

No items were added to the agenda.

**13. QUESTIONS**

Several questions were raised by participants, but some of them require individuals to contact the municipality directly (dam on Sherritt Lake). With regard to questions about septic tanks, the ARLB follows up annually with the municipality, but it is not possible to obtain specific information about properties that are in violation—legally, this information is confidential.

**14. ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Six people have expressed interest in joining the Board of Directors. There are seven positions available. The six people are:

- Heather Anderson
- Yann Claudio
- Suzanne Guerin
- Margaret Gurinskas
- Danielle Parent
- Remi St. Laurent

There were no other nominations from the assembly. Therefore, no elections were necessary. At the next board meeting, those elected by acclamation will decide on the term (1 year or 2 years) of their mandate.

**15. CLOSING REMARKS**

As the time allocated for the agenda had been exceeded, the chair, H. Anderson, quickly thanked the members for their participation before adjourning the meeting.

**16. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

At 12:40 p.m., Jacklin Turcotte moved, seconded by Jamil Menaceur, to adjourn the meeting.

**ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE**



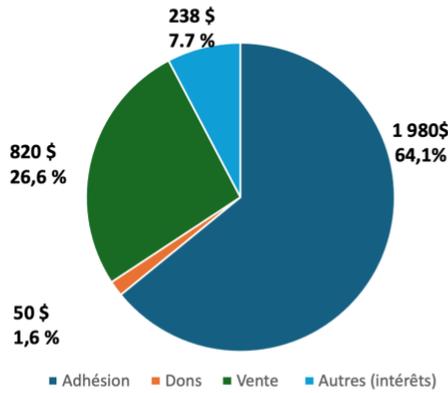
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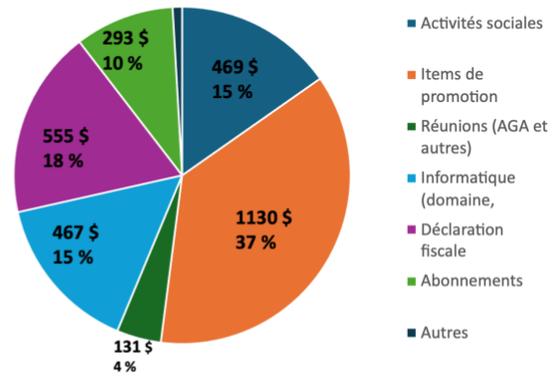
**APPENDIX 2**

**Revenus/Dépenses 2024 – Revenues/Expenses 2024**

**Revenus Annuels/Annual Revenues**



**Dépenses Annuelles/Annual Expenses**



	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>BANK /BANQUE</b>								
<b>AS AT DECEMBER 31/AU 31 DÉCEMBRE</b>								
<b>ASSET/ACTIF</b>								
BANK BALANCE/SOLDE BANCAIRE	6 252,33 \$	6 371,83 \$	5 198,52 \$	7 103,75 \$	6 292,14 \$	6 419,72 \$	7 748,30 \$	7 296,01 \$
RECEIVABLE FROM GORE/ À RECEVOIR DE GORE		- \$	- \$	686,17 \$				
PETTY CASH/PETITE CAISSE	96,80 \$	96,80 \$	96,80 \$	96,80 \$	96,80 \$	121,81 \$	92,01 \$	81,76 \$
	6 349,13 \$	6 468,63 \$	5 295,32 \$	7 886,72 \$	6 388,94 \$	6 541,53 \$	7 840,31 \$	7 377,77 \$
<b>LIABILITIES/PASSIF</b>								
	335,19 \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$
<b>EQUITY/CAPITAUX PROPRES</b>								
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