

## GONL Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 9, 2026, 6pm

### Virtual Meeting

1. **Attendance:** John, Dawne, Julie, Dan, Brent, Doug, Lisa

**Welcome** to Julie Pollard, New Board Member

**Call to Order:** John - 6.04 pm

**Approval of Agenda** – AIF

2. **AGM Debrief** – All

Approval of AGM Minutes – Draft minutes have been circulated. There are still some outstanding issues with wording. The draft minutes will be revised and approved by email within the next week.

Board Members felt that the AGM went smoothly and were happy with the organization and attendance. They were happy with the amount of information provided to members and with the pace of the meeting. They felt feedback was positive and that members appreciate what we are doing and have confidence in the path we are taking. We have received 55 new memberships in the last few weeks.

**Designation of Board Positions for 2026/27:** After some discussion it was decided that the board would continue with the same officers as for 2025/26:

President – John Arnold

Vice President – Dawne Tomlinson

Treasurer – Brent Pascall

Secretary – Lisa Schlagintweit

3. **Newsletter** – Dawne has circulated a draft of the Summer Newsletter. Board members have had the opportunity to comment on the draft.

**Motion: To send the newsletter as drafted by Dawne to Membership. Lisa, Dan, AIF.**

4. **Testing Results Discussion** – As of July, Testing Results will be posted to the QR Page and sent to members. Testing Results will no longer be posted to Facebook pages. July has started with unusual weather, and a cool lake. The loss of the Ducks Unlimited Waterfowl Wetlands following the sale of the Guichon Ranch was discussed. This was a large, shallow alkali pond that was described as the jewel of the Kamloops Ducks Unlimited Wetlands. Board members are in discussion with Ducks Unlimited to understand if the change in use of the land might have had any impact on the water quality of Nicola Lake.

5. **Satellite Project** – Dawne has been contacted by a Senior Scientist with the Centre for Disease Control who is working with WLRS to correlate satellite images with water quality data. They are applying for a grant to formalize the testing process (if the grant is successful our water sampling volunteers will be paid for their gas expenses for their boats and their cars when dropping off samples in Merritt). This is part of the Watershed Management plan and will help to identify potential nutrient change practices in B.C.
6. **Cows in the Lake** – Dawne. If members see cows that are in the lake, they are encouraged to take pictures and submit pictures with the date and time of the picture to the RAPP (Report all Poachers and Polluters) hotline 1 877 952 7277 (1 877 952 RAPP)
7. **Lake Water Levels** – John. This year the lake reached 50 cm short of the full lake supply limit. As of July 15, the lake was 65 cm below the full lake supply limit. This might cause trouble for putting out and taking in docks in the Fall. John will contact Tiffany Cobb, the WLRS Flood Safety Engineer, responsible for the dam control to discuss the implications of continued reduction in the water level.
8. **Making Contact with the BC Cattleman's Society's Environmental Committee** – Doug and Lisa will make contact with the head of the environmental committee to discuss the purpose of goals of the committee.
9. **Lakeshore Garage Sale Fundraiser** – Vicky Strom has kindly offered to organize a Garage Sale at the Yurt of Lakeshore Estates on July 25 from 9 am to 2pm. All proceeds will be donated to the Guardians of Nicola Lake.
10. **Membership** – Dawne. We presently have approximately 130 members (this number is changing daily through new memberships. There have recently been 55 new members. Since May we have received \$5065 in donations.
11. **Water Licenses** – John. Water licenses are public information. John will pursue finding the link to this water license information and monitor if there have been any significant changes over time.
12. **Legal Enforcement and Education** – John. John will pursue the legal enforcement capabilities of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans with reference to cattle in streams and waterbodies. Dawne to contact the BC Conservation Service to also discuss cattle in streams and waterbodies.
13. **Motion to Adjourn:** Dan, Dawne, AIF. 7.35pm