

New status for calendar girls

They're official.

The Ladies of the Lake are now a conservation association with a board of directors and formal bylaws embodied by three key words: innovation, co-operation and constructive fun, co-founder Jane Meredith said.

"We've come a long way since that first trip up the river in the green slime by canoe four years ago," Mrs. Meredith told the first annual general meeting Saturday.

That led to the famous "cheeky not cheesy" calendar, the WAVE natural lawn care initiative and the influential Naked Truth Citizens Action plan in partnership with Hilary Van Welter, chairperson of the Windfall Ecology Centre.

Positions for board members are still to be determined, she said.

Members of that first board include co-founders Annabel Slaight and Mrs. Meredith, Pat Bell of Duclos Point, Judi

Bolton of Shanty Bay, Mary Jane Brinkos of Innisfil, Patti Dawson of Georgina, Goody Gerner of East Gwillimbury, Barbara Munro of Georgina, Ms Van Welter of Windfall Ecology Centre, Karon West of Oro-Medonte and Linda Willis of Holland Landing.

Subcommittees will be set up and more volunteers sought.

And yes, "Men can be Ladies, too," Mrs. Meredith told the laughing audience.