

## BAY LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Sunday, August 9, 2015

Attendance: **35**

### **Opening Remarks**

By Sarah Adams, President

Sarah welcomed everyone and suggested that each person introduce him/herself to a new friend and shake hands.

She went on to introduce the speaker.

### **Guest Speaker**

Rebecca Willison from the Muskoka Watershed Council is a Watershed technician who gives a series of talks supporting the philosophy that a healthy shore means a healthy lake. She advises people how to both create and maintain a healthy shoreline, so important to the ecology of the area as well as areas that are influenced further downstream. The challenges to healthy lakes and shorelines are many, including development, increasing numbers of permanent homes, lengthening stays of seasonal people and increase usage on the water and shoreline. It is critical to maintain a good buffer zone on the shore, to monitor septic systems, and to prevent run-off that can carry contaminants into the lakes. There are 3 zones that should be monitored by lakefront owners; the upland, that includes the cottage, the riparian, which is between the cottage and the shore, and the littoral which is the shoreline itself. Each of these areas has a function that will contribute to lake health, if used properly. It takes at least 4 years to develop a good shoreline.

### **Announcements**

Sarah announced the passing of Trish Lambert and Harold Keaton, both long time residents on Bay lake and very active members of the Association. There will be a Memorial for Trish to be held at the hall on September 27, from 1 to 4 PM. The memorial to Harold was held the day before this meeting in Kearney. Both will be sadly missed.

Also Sarah spoke about the possible future closing of the Huntsville Hospital. There is a petition that can be signed by concerned people at the end of the meeting.

### **Minutes of AGM, 2014**

A motion to accept the minutes of last year's meeting was made by Randy Webber and seconded by David Adams. The motion to accept was carried.

### **Business arising From the Minutes**

There was none.

### **Treasurer's Report**

David Adams presented the report. Copies of the financial report were made available to the members.

The balance is higher than usual due to the donation from the hall and the grant from the Township of Perry. The Pancake Breakfast was also very successful as was the Silent Auction. Our income still is mostly generated by the membership dues. Expenses reflect the slight increase of the rental unit, located near Arrowhead park (from \$40 to \$57). A motion was made by Steve Morris and seconded by Pat Nimigeon to accept the report. It was carried.

### **Membership Report**

Bob Nimigeon presented the report on behalf of Pat Nimigeon. The membership for the year 2014/15 is 84 and as of Aug. 9, 2015, there are 64 paid members. Every cottage owner has a vested interest to be a member in order to maintain the health of the lake.

### **Environmental Report**

Bill Paterson presented an overview of the procedures that he and Judy Dunn follow in order to monitor the health of the lake. Unfortunately, the benthic test results were not available at the time of the meeting. Bill will pass those along when he receives them. The report of blue-green algae on Clear lake has resulted in increase vigilance on our part on behalf of our lake.

The water tests all have come back with results well under the levels of concern as stated by the MNR.

### **Lake Steward**

Bob Nimigeon posed the question about how to use the Fish Fund. Since we will be losing the Lake Trout designation, perhaps stocking the lake with pickerel would be a good thing to do as it is a species that is currently doing well as attested by those who have landed good-sized fish. The Township has taken over the maintenance of the water level and have built a road to the lake for easier access to do that particular job. They have also posted a sign indicating that the Township alone has the auspices to remove or add the necessary sandbags.

### **Executive for 2016**

Randy Webber stated the importance of being on the Executive and asked that people be willing to allow their name to stand if nominated.

The executive will be: Richard and Michelle Froud, John Meyers, Steve Morris, Pat Nimigeon, Bob Nimigeon, Rick and Karen Olfield, Don Pestill, Glen Vey, and Victoria Darling Widdell.

Sarah and David Adams and Lee Davidson will not be returning.

### **New Business**

1. New Expenditures:
  - a. that a map at the Boat Ramp reflecting the depths, having the BLPOA logo and that of the Township be installed.

Bill Paterson and Cheryl Stamper made the motion and it was passed
  - b, that a bench be installed at the launch. After some discussion the motion made by Steve Morris and Lee Davidson was defeated due to uncertainty of the cost and necessity of having a bench.
2. The Bay Lake sign. A motion made by Janice Paterson and Sherry Vey was made stating that a vote be taken in principal to replace the old sign, which is showing cracks and in need of repair , and allow the new executive to decide the appropriate action to be taken and the

results to be given to the membership to decide. Richard Froud offered to install the new sign at cost price. The motion was carried with 2 opposed.

### **Door Prize**

A copy of Cottage Country was won by Karen Oldfield

A motion by Bill Paterson and Randy Webber was made to adjourn the meeting

Following the meeting, the Mayor, Norm Hofstetter presented an overview of what the Township was doing and answered questions pertinent to Bay Lake.