

Bay Lake Property Owners Association

MINUTES

36th Annual General Meeting

Sunday, August 13, 2017

1. Opening Remarks (Steve Morris)

Steve welcomed everyone to the 36th Annual General Meeting of the Bay Lake Property Owners Association. He welcomed the Mayor and Councillor and thanked them for being with us. He also announced that only paid up members for the 2016/17 year may participate in voting or bring forward a motion. He asked anyone speaking or asking a question to state their name for recording purposes. Not being an expert on Robert's Rules, Steve asked that any procedural problems be pointed out.

There were 2 additions to the agenda – Fish Advisory Group (Bob Nimigeon) and General Information (Bill Paterson).

Because Councillor MacPhail had to leave early, Mayor Hofstetter requested to provide his update following the Opening Remarks. Steve invited the Mayor to the podium.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes (Steve Morris)

Motion to accept made by Bob Nimigeon, Second by Richard Froud .

All in favour. Minutes approved.

Following comments made by the Mayor, Steve put forth a Motion to ask the Township for upgrades to the boat launch area.

Motion made by Steve Morris, Seconded by Randy Webber. Motion was carried.

3. Treasurer's Report (Michelle Froud)

Michelle provided the Financial report, though she didn't go through everything in detail. She shared we are doing well and we have a healthy bank account balance due to the receipt of the final installment of the sale of the Clear Lake/Bay Lake Hall. Expenditures were high this year because of the water testing and signboard.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Michelle. Seconded by Randy Webber. All carried.

4. Membership Report (Pat Nimigeon)

Pat provided an update on her work with the Membership Committee. She has had the opportunity to meet many amazing people. We are now referencing past years progress; our membership has ranged from 65 to as high as 92. There are currently 82 paid members.

5. Environment and Water Quality (Judy Dunn)

Judy updated the group - Through the Lake Partner Program samples are collected from three deep locations from May to fall and testing is done for phosphorous, calcium and clarity (secchi disk). Testing is done at the Dorset Environmental Science Centre and there is no cost for this program.

Bill Paterson and Judy test for E.Coli four times per year from May to September at 12 sites. Once a year in August, testing is done for fecal strep, nitrate, nitrite, total nitrogen and microcystin at four locations.

After attending the Muskoka Stewardship Conference, "Fifty Shades of Green – All about Algae", Bill and Judy made some modifications to our testing procedures.

On July 30, we had our 9th Annual Benthic Bio-Monitoring. Many thanks to the home owners who accommodated us at short notice and to the 16 volunteers who collected 414 macroinvertebrates in record time. Results for all monitoring programs will be updated and posted on the website.

Judy brought to our attention 2 invasive aquatic species which have been identified in this area or in Muskoka. Please report any sighting of the rusty crayfish and spiny water flea. To help prevent the introduction of invasive species, don't dump bait into the lake, and empty all bilge water when moving from one lake to another.

There have also been sightings of 3 invasive plants nearby – giant hogweed, Japanese knotweed and Phragmites Australis (European common reed). The giant hogweed can cause severe burns and even blindness. These plants are very difficult to get rid of and out-compete native species and lead to habitat loss for species at risk. Please report any sighting to the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711.

Judy shared that what seemed to be an algae bloom appeared in the bay recently. Judy called MOECC. They came into the bay by boat, couldn't find anything so no samples were taken. Conclusion is that there was no danger.

6. Fish Advisory Committee (Bob Nimigeon)

This group was formed to stock the lake with pickerel. Hatcheries are controlled by the Ministry. We have a 3 year licence for stocking pickerel. They are reproducing in our lake and 8-9 inch fish are reportedly being caught. Bob will be stepping down this year. There has been discussion of starting a hatchery on our lake. However, this would involve a lot of work and many volunteers. Bob thanked the executive for their support.

7. Bill Paterson – Fireworks ByLaw

Bill is a Former president of Executive and is bringing his concerns regarding Bylaws prohibiting use of fireworks and people who ignore them. Bill used Fort McMurray as an example of tragedy involving forest fire. He pointed out that on North Bay Lake Rd people could get trapped in the case

of fire as there is only one way in and out. He urged everyone to speak to neighbours and let them know fireworks are illegal. He also talked about calling the bylaw officer.

Mayor Norm Hoffstetter agreed that Bill was right. Other areas are following suit and banning fireworks. Now we have a new bylaw officer who responds until 11 p.m. You should even report illegal firework activity the next day.

8. Accomplishments and Acknowledgement of Past Executive (Steve Morris)

Accomplishments

- Water testing continues to be successful due to the efforts of Judy Dunn and Bill Paterson
- Thanks to the township for the \$1,000 grant towards water testing, and thank you to Judy Dunn for doing the paperwork
- Thanks to the Site Sponsors for covering the cost of testing at one site. We would like to make this more like an "endowment fund" where we don't stop collecting site sponsorships after the 12 sites are covered. The more sponsors we have covering the cost of one site, the more viable the testing becomes.
- Thanks to Wayne and Kathy Cook for the use of their property for our great Corn Roast last September
- In late fall, 78 pickerel were placed in the lake through our fish stocking program
- With every new membership, a free fridge magnet was given out with some gentle reminders of ways to protect our lake environment. Our goal is to have one on every fridge on Bay Lake, whether a paid member or not. Hopefully, this will get the message out that the Association is doing good things to promote the health of the lake
- Clean-up day was held in the spring. It was the 50th anniversary of Pitch-In Day in Canada. Thanks to Bill Paterson for once again organizing this event.
- In May our Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction was a great success once again. Thanks to our amazing volunteers!
- Our new signboard looks beautiful and welcoming as you approach the lake.
- The township accepted our request to place a portable toilet at the boat ramp
- Ongoing work continues on our Welcome Package to address many concerns raised at last years AGM
- In May, the Association received a final distribution of \$5,800 from the sale of the Clear Lake/Bay Lake Hall. The total of \$8,000 is a true legacy to the founders of the hall, who were members and executive of our Association, along with those of Clear Lake.

Acknowledgement

Steve Morris thanked the 2016/17 Executive for all their hard work and contributions to the Association. Special thanks to Sherry Vey for her contributions as President this past year. Sherry has been a long time member of the association, on and off the executive. Even when off the executive she contributed so much. She is a great organizer, and a terrific solicitor of items for the silent auction. Her people skills make her fun to be around and hard to say "no" to. After a year with no president, she took on the role and did a great job. Sherry will be missed!

9. Election of New Executive (Randy Webber)

Randy Webber officiated the election of new executive. Nine of the existing members will remain on the association as follows:

Richard Froud, Gaynor Moore, Steve Morris, John Meyer, Michelle Froud, Judy Dunn, Victoria Darling-Wadel, Pat Nimigeon, Paul Turner

In addition, Ron Morris was nominated by Michelle Froud and Neil Chezepock was nominated by Judy Dunn. While not present, both Ron and Neil had indicated their acceptance prior to the meeting. This makes a total of 11 members on the Executive.

10. New Business (Steve Morris)

There was no new business. Steve opened the floor to Questions and Answers as follows:

Maria Santalla - Looking at eBay Lake online. Not much activity. Can we advertise?

John Meyer – acts as go between. John is more than happy to advertise eBay in a newsletter in future. Any other content for the site, send to John Meyers (admin) and he will respond.

Bob Nimigeon– concern about signboard and non association members using signboard. Paid for by association.

Bill Paterson – does anyone control it?

Judy Dunn – longstanding policy not to promote business and good policy to continue with. Should be a member and have approval. No business advertising. Lost and found etc.

There was concern regarding the number of real estate adverts on the board. One or two could become 20. Not for this board.

John – same for website. Not a free for all.

Judy –suggested we could appoint someone.

Joe – don't know who is a member or not. Executive should let know who is not a member.

Steve pointed out that every paid member should have a plaque posted on their property, indicating a paid member.

Pat runs the Membership Committee and knows most of members. When we deliver magnets we will find more information

Richard – shared that at every executive we talk about numbers, how to attract new members and get more people involved in the Association and the Committee!

Steve – our membership numbers are more than comparable to others other lake associations.

Bill – average membership is 20 to 25% so we have been proud of our membership which is almost up to 50%!

Steve – please know that we always want to hear from you, either through the website or in person.

There was a favourable comment about the magnets, wanting to know if we had more. We have enough for all of the lake properties.

Draw for Door Prizes (Steve Morris)

There was a draw for 2 door prizes and winners were Willy and Marcie.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Richard Froud and seconded by Randy Webber.

All in favour

Adjournment 10:30 am