

SALERNO DEVIL'S LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2009

PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES

The minutes of the AGM held August 2, 2008 were circulated. Heather Maclachlan moved, Marianne Cassin seconded and all were in favour that the minutes be accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Doug Rodger thanked Leonora Marriner for baking and Bette Witham for making tea and coffee for the meeting. He also thanked Frank Bartley and his family for the wonderful fireworks display on July 3rd 2009. Doug asked members to encourage canoe race entries. The barbecue and games will be held as usual at Furnace Falls after the canoe race. The MacDuffs will be doing the barbecue. We have a permit this year for the area at Furnace Falls. Minden Hills took out the old washrooms and replaced them with Portapotties. They also removed a Hornets nest from the area.

GUEST SPEAKER

David Cobblestone from Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters spoke to us in depth about Invasive Species. **Highlights of David's presentation.** Invasive species are non-indigenous species that are outside their natural range where they have no natural predators ie. Zebra mussels. The majority of invasive species are introduced from boat ballast water. Other sources of IS are: release of live bait which is illegal, ATV's, water gardens and aquarium releases (carp). They are the second largest threat to biodiversity. Greater than 180 invasive species have been established in the Great Lakes basin. We must all follow the invasive species guidelines and not bring non-native species into our lake.

NOMINATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Doug Rodgers thanked Heather Maclachlan and Phil Woodard for the work they have done for the SDLCA. Heather has left a legacy of research and education. Phil Woodard has acted as treasurer of the association for seven years. We will miss Phil on the lake. No one has come forward to replace Heather or Phil. Members were asked to spread the word that we need a treasurer and an environmental committee chair.

Rob Stimers has put forth his name to sit on the executive. It was moved by Esther Aikens and seconded by Sydney Clarke that Rob be an executive member. All were in favour.

FINANCIAL REPORT –PHIL WOODARD

The treasurer's financial report was distributed and reviewed. Rob Stuart moved, Sydney Clarke seconded that the statement be accepted and all were in favour.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT – HEATHER MACLACHLAN

Heather pointed out that we now have more green choices as products are more readily available. There will be Greenworks products available in the raffle. The booklet "A Shoreline Owner's Guide To Healthy Waterfronts" was distributed to all cottagers on the lake with the Environmental Newsletter. Heather reminded us that we are a community; what your neighbour does effects you. Rob Stuart suggested that neighbours get together and arrange to have several septic tanks pumped at the same time.

WRAFT UPDATE

Doug Rodgers reported that WRAFT hasn't been very successful in their advocacy for lake front owners in the discussions over the disproportionate taxes of lakefront property owners compared to other municipal property owners. They are looking at a long term plan linked with FOCA. Decreasing real estate values may have some effect. We pay \$100-\$200 dollars to maintain membership in the group.

CEWF UPDATE

Doug Rodgers reported that CEWF have been successful in raising the issue of drastically changing water levels in some of the lakes in the area.

COALITION OF HALIBURTON PROPERTY OWNERS – MARG CLAYTON

CHA was developed by lake associations who have similar issues. The group shares resources and information such as newsletter articles. There are greater than 20 associations in the group. They hope to have 80-90% of all Haliburton associations as members. The group was invited to send a member to council meetings. They are developing a "Lake Owners Manual" which contains things such as septic smarts, do's and don'ts. There will be a Lake Stewards meeting September 26, 2009 at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery to discuss and share issues and best practices. There will be a request in the future for a \$50 membership fee.

WEBSITE DIRECTION AND INITIATIVES

Eric Brown volunteered to host the SDLCA website. He has done a wonderful job. Rob Stimers will join Eric in guiding the website down a new path with Eric continuing to host the site.

Suggestions for the site:

- a membership marketing tool
- change from a static source to a community based site
- content owned by different groups ie. environmental committee
- an area where road groups can communicate things such as road and snow conditions
- involvement of the Facebook group

ROAD REPORT – NORM WHEELER

The roads were in good shape a week and a half ago but heavy rain and ATV's have caused several potholes.

HIGH SPEED HALIBURTON

The speaker scheduled did not attend.

CANOE RACE UPDATE – ROB STUART

The canoe race will start at 1:00 Sunday August 2 with registration beginning at 12:00. The plan is to start the games and barbecue between 2:00 and 2:30. We thank Scott Field, Bill Bayard and Rob Stuart for clearing the route for the racers and the Hoffners for loaning the guys a motor.

OTHER BUSINESS

The executive will send out information on marine products when they review it.

Norm Wheeler suggested that cottage owners remove fire hazards. He also questioned what we can do as an association in a fire emergency such as having a pumper. Norm also suggested that the police should be called if people have fires between the hours of 9:00 and 6:00 or if there are fire bans in place. He also suggested a sub committee if anyone has expertise.

Sydney Clarke moved that the meeting be adjourned and Barbara Gordon seconded the motion.