

SALERNO DEVIL'S LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2008

Doug Rodger, President of the SDLCA, welcomed 50 members to the annual general meeting at St. John's Church, Irondale at 10:10 a.m.

Previous AGM minutes

The minutes of the AGM held August 6, 2007 were circulated. Ester Atkins moved, Marianne Cassin seconded and all were in favour that the minutes be accepted.

Election of Executive

All executive members agree to serve on the executive for the upcoming year. Barbara Gordon, seconded by Bette Witham, nominated Chris Whittemore to the executive and all were in favour. The executive was accepted in a motion by Dave Spiro, seconded by Frank Bartley and carried.

Financial Report – Phil Woodard

The treasurer's financial report was distributed and reviewed. It was noted the increase in revenue was due to the Canoe Race participation and T-shirt sales. Sydney Clark moved, Dave Spiro seconded, that the statement be accepted and all were in favour.

Environmental Report – Heather Maclachlan

Heather thanked her committee and the individuals who distributed the environmental newsletters. This is the second year promoting E friendly products and they are now easier to find in many grocery stores. Suggested brands of dish wash detergent were Nature Clean, Meluka and Violight (shoppers brand). The executive was encouraged to talk to Theresa Bartley, as she knows a company that promotes E products for new mothers which gives royalties to organizations. Concern was expressed about the island erosion due to boat traffic. It was suggested the association come up with a plan to deal with this problem. i.e. sign to not play, turtle spawning ground so possible floating boom. The water level is high as the dam is not in good repair. It is rumoured that White Lake has a committee that runs their dam. This year the environmental giveaway is organic wildflower. The following people/businesses have donated items to our raffle: Walstens – tube; Austins – \$50; Wendy Kidd - stained glass; Miro Iskic – shelf; Sydney Clark – napkins; Judy Stephens - bowl, FOCA - water bottles. This year, winners do not have to be present at the draw to receive their prize. Heather was thanked for her commitment. Barbara Gordon moved and Marianne Cassin seconded that the Environmental report be accepted. Carried.

Canoe Race – Rob Stuart

Rob reported that the river water level is low due to high water levels in Kawartha Lakes system. The river has been cleared and there are now passable jams at K2 (if light in the canoe) and K8. Eric Orschell and Scott Field were thanked for helping Rob with this five-hour clearing trip. Registration for the race will be from noon – 1 pm; the race will start at 1pm. There will be the same categories as last year and Juniors (15 & under) participants are encouraged to participate. McDees will have two large BBQs to reduce wait time for food. Barbara Gordon, Robyn Katuras and Sydney Clark will lead the games. Thanks to Rob for his report.

Special report - Doug Rodger

The panel of the future of the Trent Severn Waterway reported to the Minister of the Environment this spring. The panel emphasized the need for "integrated water management" through an independent water management agency that would include some shoreline residents. It was recognized the governance and jurisdiction is an issue as the TSW is a federal asset but the owner is the Province. Both levels of government should bear the cost and the Minister of Environment Canada has announced some funding. However the Coalition for Equitable Waterways Flow felt that the panel focused mainly on the canals and locks and neglected the restoration of dams and the preservation of our lake system. Also the panel did not address the CEWF position that the drawdown of the

reservoir lakes should be based on individual lake ecology and not equal percentage. The full report can be found on our website.

Salerno Lake doesn't fall into the "places to look" for uranium mining but our watershed does, with Gooderham and Tory Hill areas being most affected. The outdated Mining Act is of concern and Kay Armatage will research buying mineral rights and report on her results. Rob Stimer moved, Sydney Clark seconded that the special report be accepted and all were in favour.

Special speaker – Vivian Lapp

Vivian recounted her life on June 5, 2005. While swimming in the lake with relatives, she had the classic symptoms of a heart attack. The 911 call was made and shortly after the paramedic/ambulance arrived. She was quickly transported to the Haliburton hospital and air ambulated to St Michael's Hospital Toronto (40 minute by air). Vivian credits her survival on know how to swim; swimming close to shore (not in middle); recognizing symptoms; emergency response call (911) and the health care system. Vivian was thanked for her interesting story.

Special Thanks – Doug Rodger

Doug thanked Frank Bartley, his son and son-in-law for their spectacular fireworks display on the Canada Day weekend. The members who donated prizes to the environmental raffle were also thanked.

Road Report – Norm Wheeler

Norm reported that Highlands East Township has filled the potholes but not put binder on the road. Minden Hills has put binder on the road but has not filled the potholes. Norm will follow up with Minden Hills, as more gravel is also required. Concern was raised re the road edge near the Russell's property where a tree is the guardrail for the lake embankment. Frank Bartley's sign to encourage slower speeds has been removed. Dave Spiro moved and Frank Bartley seconded that the road report be accepted. Carried.

Fisheries Enhancement Committee Formation – Doug Rodger

A new executive subcommittee is being formed to promote fish enhancement. People are encouraged to join Phil Woodard, Doug Rodger and Miro Iskic, as greater support could lead to funding or assistance from the government. A brief history of the lake i.e. SDLCA perch derby in the 1970s and the introduction of muskie was offered by various members.

Website – Doug Rodger

Members are encouraged to visit the SDLCA website. It is hoped that it will be used for more effective communication and advertising. In the past potential cottage owners have contacted the executive for lake information pertinent to their purchase. The code for accessing the member's part of the site is given in our newsletter. Members who wish to receive their newsletter via email should contact the executive.

Other Business – Doug Rodger

- Asphalt plant continues to be an issue as there has not been a ruling but the application is still active
- New property assessments this year.
- Margaret Clayton is our representative with the Coalition of Haliburton Association developing a lake plan template.
- Ester Atkins expressed the members thanks to the executive
- Doug would like to recognize Bob Hayes passing in the upcoming newsletter. Anyone with stories please contact Doug.
- Thanks to the Withams for providing the refreshments.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ester Atkins, seconded by Bill Witham and all were in favour (11:48 am)