

SALERNO DEVIL'S LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2012 AT IRONDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Doug Rodger welcomed 35 members to the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous AGM on July 30, 2011 were reviewed. **Barbara Gordon , seconded by Ester Atkins moved that the minutes be accepted. All were in favour.**

Officers: Doug called for nominations for the election of officers. None were forthcoming. Suggestion by Frank Bartley that members of the executive do a dock to dock campaign on a weekend . Doug said we do do that kind of thing. Doug said membership needs to talk it up.

Financial and Membership: Kevin says revenues were down by \$600.00 93 paid members versus 105 fewer people in race. 2 new expenses website, concert by lake . -\$190.00.

Kay Armitage moved to adopt financial report. Keith Cowan seconded it. All were in favour. Passed.

Rob Stuart asked how many people would be willing to have a sign on their dock just as a member. Majority said yes.

Lifetime Membership Award and In Memoriam: Vivian Lapp spoke about Leo McCarthy who died this past year. Leo loved the lake and was always helpful to new people. 3 of his kids have assumed ownership of the cottage.

Rob Stuart presented 3 special "Pyro-techie" tee shirts for Frank Bartley and his team to thank them for their dedication to the Canada Day fireworks display.

Environmental report: Wendy Kidd presented her report.

1. Loons nest constructed by Doug and her. No loon nested yet this year. Maybe next year.
2. Water quality: Keep the toxins out of the lake. Check septic every 5 years. No phosphates in cleaners. No antibacterial products should be used. Keep your shore line natural. More vegetation and trees needed. Keep wakes down when near shoreline. Margaret and Brad have a permit to stabilize their shoreline with coco matting and river rock. She described the application process. MNR is very helpful.
3. Hot tubs and the draining of them. MNR will publish a pamphlet on how to drain hot tubs. In the meantime let water sit for 2 weeks without adding any new chemicals and then drain.
4. There is a sheet with info about damage caused by fireworks. She mentioned that the concern is more about the random fireworks that occur throughout the summer. Lots of flyers available on invasive species etc. Frank Bartley mentioned that the new fireworks being used in the States in fact have caused many major fires unlike the kind that Frank and his team use.

5. Fishing: Rob Stuart talked about the policing by OPP and conservation officers. They will stop everyone. They will check fishing licence, creel count, boating licence, and can fine for anything. They answer a complaint as quickly as they can.

Species in lake are as follow: Pickerel (wall-eye), small and large mouthed bass and muskie

Rob mentioned the seasons for each species. Winter fishing can cause depletion of fish population. There are big pickerel still being caught. Rob itemized how many of each species can be kept. See the fishing guide published by the MNR (available at LCBO) We are in District 15.

Doug drew our attention to incident report forms produced by Koshlung Lake that can be used to report incidents of environmental abuses.

Motion to adopt Environmental report: Frank Bartley moved seconded by Rob Stuart to adopt report. All in favour.

Fire Ban and related issues: Lorne Buckingham outlined an incident where someone had a fire this past week and Lorne told them there was a fire ban. They told him it was none of his business. People who are in contravention of the ban will be fined for the cost of a visit from the fire department. It will be on your tax bill. Lorne suggested that people phone the local fire dept. Cec Ryall reiterated that the ban is county wide. Call 911 when you see the smoke. Highlands East has a free renters package available on their website for info for renters.

Formation of a Lake Plan Committee: Marg Clayton described what a lake plan is. Each lake identifies what is important to the lake community. It is more than the association. Includes all property owners ex. backlots, Irondale Community, etc. Create a vision. Marg talked about Paudash Lake's vision and read it as an example. Identify principles ex. Protect your lake character. Identify specific targets ex. Water quality, historical cultural and natural character, how to protect and restore where appropriate. A lake plan does not give the right to tell someone what to do or impose. A lake plan will allow for more credence and leverage when approaching municipal councils. Best way to start is with a survey. Marg shared an example of a survey from Point au Baril Lake

Kay Armitage moved to strike a steering committee to set up a lake plan. Seconded by Vivian Lapp. Discussion followed. Cec Ryall says that Highlands East fully supports lake plans from all lake communities. Volunteers gratefully accepted. **Motion passed.**

Canoe race and bar-b-que: Rob Stuart reported that there is lots of water in the river. They took out major blockages and it is safe for the race. 12 pm registration. 1 pm start. \$15.00 per boat. Volunteer hours for high school community service will be available. Jennifer Legge will run the games. MacDuffs will run the BBQ again.

Open Forum: Joan Kott brought up the ATV accident that occurred on Kennesis Lake. A number of issues have been brought up with regard to liability issues. She would like to see clear direction from municipalities about signage, gates, chains etc. She raised the issue about the clearance requirements from the fire dept.

Joan Kott volunteered to do the research and prepare a report for the Association.

Cec Ryall was asked whether the council has signage that we can purchase for road associations around the lake. Cec Ryall cannot say categorically that council will provide signage but he says that he thinks that council will be willing to help with that.

Marg Clayton suggested hosting a workshop for info on roads and their regulations.

Can the “bailie bridge” be repaired?

Motion put forward by Keith Cowan to Norm Orschel that the SDLCA write a letter to council re safety of Baillie Bridge. Motion passed.

Ester Atkins moved to adjourn meeting. Flo Morris seconded. All in favour!

Meeting ended at 12 pm.