

SALERNO DEVIL'S LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2002

Sydney Clark, president of the SDLCA, welcomed approximately seventy members to the general meeting held at St. John's Church starting at 10 a.m.

The minutes of the AGM held August 2, 2001 were circulated and a motion to approve was made by Lorne Buckingham, seconded by Roy Landry and all were in favour.

Nikki Wilson presented the financial report and it was moved by Esther Atkins to accept the report, seconded by Barbara Gordon and all were in favour.

Guest Speaker - Dave Johnston

David Johnston, 911 field supervisor for the County of Haliburton, spoke on the progress of the 911 system with an implementation date of July 2004. At present they have four crews of student summer employees that are mapping, identifying and obtaining the GPS of the County roads. There are approximately 1,600 roads to identify and 30,000 civic addresses to be posted. There are 38 Salerno Lake roads identified and several have yet to be named. This is because any road that branches or any driveway that services three or more dwellings must have different names. It was suggested that people concerned with this issue contact Susan Thompson, the association's 911 liaison. Later in the summer, road stewards will be needed to assist in field crews with identification along the road. Next year, the signage will begin, so please do not disturb these signs. It was suggested that the membership brush their roads being aware that a fire truck may need access. After answering numerous questions David was thanked and given a SDLCA hat in appreciation.

Road Steward's Report - Dan Pappas

Concern was expressed over excessive speed on the Salerno Lake Road and it was noted that even though the only speed sign is posted in Irondale the limit on the back road is 50 k. During the past week, a van rolled off and down an embankment west of Road 2. People were warned that the road is narrow but they should be concerned with the soft shoulders especially where the road has steep sides. This road is a 'forced road' and even though the County does maintain the road they do not own the land. The new part by the landing is in the process of being approved by Minden Hills Council. Marguerite Wheeler motioned that the road report be accepted, Flo Morris seconded and all were in favour.

Council Liaison's Report

Highland's East → Margaret Clayton

Highland East has hired Meridian Consultants to develop an Official Plan for the newly amalgamated Township, with an implementation date of June 2003. During the year, letters were sent to Highlands East Council, Minden Hills Council, Chris Hodgson, MPP, and the then Minister of Environment, Elizabeth Witmer expressing our concern with the process used for lake capacity studies in the past. It has been suggested that the Township adopt the following policies:

- a lake capacity study be commissioned by the Township with the expense being the responsibility of the developer
- when choosing the consultant the Township make the ultimate decision and that the developer have an arms length relationship with the consultant

Margaret has met with Jim Dymont of Meridian Consultants to suggest that these be included in the Official Plan. Unveiling of the second draft of the plan is set for November 2002 and upon completion must be approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and then the Council. FOCA is currently developing a suggested model for a lake capacity study as there are several in existence.

Minden Hills → Shari Akow

Minden Hills Council has posted a fire sign at the Irondale Store, which is monitored by the local fire department in conjunction with the owners of the Irondale Store. An effort is being made at the Township level to improve the crossover of fire services. The Irondale Store has applied for a retail LCBO license and is the current bottle return depot. The Council is accepting tenders for repairs/reconstruction of the iron bridge located on the Salerno Lake Road crossing the creek. This year, residents will receive one free

dump voucher allowing them to dump up to ¼ ton of solid non-hazardous waste at no charge. In 2003 two dump vouchers will be available, one in the Spring and the other in the Fall. Minden Hills news and Council meeting minutes are available on their website at www.minden.on.ca. Minden Hills has been slower at developing an Official Plan but that is in the future plan. Rob Stuart motioned and Phil Woodard seconded that the Council Reports be accepted and all were in favour.

Water Testing Report → Sydney Clark

Lake clarity is similar to that of previous years although it was noted that there is an increase in the lake snail population. Consensus was that these snails have come to us from White Lake.

Only one phosphorous test was done at the beginning of the year as FOCA feels this is enough to monitor the lake's health. Dorothy Clark motioned and Doug Rodger seconded that the Water testing report be accepted and all were in favour.

Clothing Report → Emily Rayburn

SDLCA hats and children's T-shirts are still available at a cost of \$20. All adult T-shirts, golf shirts (\$35.) and navy or yellow vests (\$55.) must be ordered with payment up front.

Canoe Race → Rob Stuart

Rob and his team spent three hours clearing the river of debris yesterday and the worst jam can be viewed from the bridge. It was decided that the canoes would be launched as they have in the past and would be assisted through this jam. Registration is from noon to 1 p.m. and the cost will be \$5. per person, with non-members paying \$10. The categories are Juniors, Seniors, Womens, Mens and Open with first place receiving paddles and medals for second and third place finishes. All participants will receive a crest.

BBQ → Sydney Clark

The BBQ will take place at Furnace Falls beginning at 2 p.m. Hot dogs, hamburgers, pop and water will be available. Unfortunately no one volunteered to transport Dorothy Clark and Kay Armatage's BBQ to the Falls.

Games → Susan Thompson

The games material was assembled and Barbara Gordon volunteered to facilitate.

Dance → Sydney Clark

The annual dance will be held at the Galway Hall on Saturday August 24 from 8 p.m. until midnight. It is a family affair serving a light buffet and all are encouraged to attend. Tickets are available now or at the door.

President's Report → Sydney Clark

Sydney thanked the executive and members for their support over the previous year. Septic re-inspections is still a high priority and Highland East will hopefully begin a program with priority to lake front property in the spring of 2003. Minden Hills has yet to announce their intentions and is again trailing behind Highland East. The past year has seen the executive concentrate their effort to encourage the Townships to develop a fair lake capacity study. We have also developed a relationship with the White Lake Cottagers' Association but have yet to contact anyone on Fortescue or Salmon Lakes. The Association has been in contact with the board of the Irondale Community Centre and will be advertising their upcoming fundraisers to support their building fund. In July, the ICC had a successful giant garage sale and 3 pitch tournament and on August 24th they will have a family fun day with artist David Risk. Cottagers are invited to attend the horseshoe tournament and BBQ on September 14th or to play horseshoes at the Community Centre every Thursday at 6 p.m. The newsletter, our means to communicate, continues to be an effective method to educate our members and relevant articles are always appreciated. The constitution will be reviewed during the year and will hopefully be tabled at the next AGM. Remember keeping the natural shoreline, not growing lawns or using fertilizers as well as boating away from the shoreline will help keep our lake for future generations.

Highland East Official Plan → Sydney Clark

Sydney reviewed the current draft of the official plan with the membership. The input given will be shared with the consultants at the next meeting.

Executive 2002-2003

Nikki Wilson has resigned as treasurer but will stay as a director. Susan Thompson would like the position of membership secretary while someone else does minutes and correspondences. Norm Wheeler volunteered to join the executive and Flo Morris moved to close the nominations, Nikki Wilson seconded and all were in favour. The members of the current executive have agreed to continue and were accepted. Lorne Buckingham moved, Marianne Cassin seconded and all were in favour.

Any Other Business

- Andrea Weatherell is available again this year to administer the boating tests on your time at the cottage. This year all operators driving a boat under 14 feet will require a licence.
- St. John's Irondale is compiling a church directory and any cottagers wishing family photos are invited to contact Bette Witham.
- Youths wishing to become more familiar with rifles are invited to a safety course with the Haliburton Gun Club on September 1st. For more information see Shari Akow.
- Gord Robson, our Snowdon dump attendant has requested that people not dump garbage outside the gates after hours. Please take the time to recycle.
- Disruption in hydro can be made shorter if people take the time to report where the break has occurred. Call 1-800-434-1235 and remember that your hydro bill number will also expedite the process.
- It was recommended that the next newsletter encourage cottage owners to place reflectors on rafts or perhaps the association consider placing construction cones on the rafts.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ester Atkins, seconded by Norm Wheeler and ALL WERE IN FAVOUR.
(12:15 p.m.)