

SALERNO DEVL'S LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2007

Doug Rodger, President of the SDLCA, welcomed sixty-six members to the annual general meeting at St. John's Church, Irondale at 10:15 a.m.

Previous AGM minutes

The minutes of the AGM held August 5, 2006 were circulated. Barbara Gordon moved, Norm Wheeler seconded and all were in favour that the minutes be accepted.

Election of Executive

There were no new nominations to the executive. The present executive has agreed to continue their duties for another year. Bill Witham moved, Marianne Cassin seconded that the nomination be closed and all were in favour.

Membership – Susan Thompson

Membership for the 2006-2007 year was 111. As this only represents 50 percent of the cottages on the lake members, all members were encouraged to participate in our membership drive. Road stewards are encouraged to contact Susan for a list of current members.

Financial Report – Phil Woodard

The treasurer's financial report was distributed and reviewed. Kay Armatage moved, Judy Stephens seconded that the statement be accepted and all were in favour.

Environmental Report – Heather Maclauchlin

Environment report was delivered to all docks the first week in July. Cottagers were encouraged to participate in a survey that focuses on the products and chemicals used at the cottage. This survey will be ongoing to track behavioural changes in our lake population. Products identified as phosphate free or biodegradable are not necessarily so, as this industry is not well regulated. Recommended products were Shopper's "method line", Nature Clean, Enjo cloths, Health store products and Ivory soap as opposed to anti-bacterial soap. Laurie Bruce reported that the phosphorus (biannually) and secchi (3 times a year) test follows the norm. Clarity is 5-6 metres at the lodge and south bay. The prizes for the raffle were displayed and people were encouraged to buy a ticket for \$1. Heather did not encourage dye pack tests for septic systems, as they are carcinogenic. Again dishwashers were identified as having a negative impact on a septic system. When removing Eurasian millefoil make sure to get all the pieces, as they will reseed. Heather thanked her Environmental committee, encouraged all members to examine the products they used and asked for a volunteer for an "invasive species watch".

Canoe Race – Rob Stuart

The annual canoe race will include two additional categories of Senior Women and Women's kayak. For our fortieth anniversary, John Leonard has produced a special commemorative paddle for our top boat in each category. Participants will all receive a crest and medals will be presented to the top three boats in each category. After a 5½-hour river trip the path is clear although it will be a slow race as the river levels are extremely low. The games and BBQ will be at Furnace Falls at the end of the race. McDees (McDuff family) will again supply the food for the BBQ and the prices will be the same. Veggie burgers may also be available.

Special report on CEWF - Doug Rodger

One year ago a private members bill to review the Trent Severn Waterways and their feeder systems was passed in Parliament. This affects over 160 dams and five main watersheds. Our lake is part of

this system even though the White Lake dam is controlled by Parks Canada and the Salerno Lake dam is maintained by the MNR. A panel will address this issue with the next public forum at the Minden Community Centre on August 14, 2007 from 1-5 pm and 7-9 pm. The decisions made on this issue will affect future generations. A group of concerned citizens has formed the CEWF, Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, to lobby our position and is looking for our support. See environmenthaliburton.ca for a link to their website. **Heather Maclauchlin moved and Dave Spiro seconded that the SDLCA support the CEWF with a one-time donation of \$5 per member. All were in favour.**

Cottage Dreams – Laurie Bruce

Laurie encouraged the membership to consider loaning their cottage when unoccupied to Cottage Dreams, a charity for recent cancer patients that is based in Haliburton. Rental runs Sunday afternoon to Friday and the cottage is covered by insurance and will be cleaned afterwards. See website info@cottagedreams.org

Asphalt Plant – Doug Rodger

The Irondale River Protection Association has been monitoring the ongoing application by Royel for an asphalt plant. Highlands East council is supporting the application and the MNR has yet to make their decision. Members are encouraged to support the IRPA by writing a letter. The Bark Lake Quarry has 21 years left on the lease.

Special Thanks – Doug Rodger

Doug thanked Frank Bartley for the wonderful fireworks display on June 30th. It was appreciated that boaters were reminded to be careful when leaving the event. Frank through his connections at Victory Fireworks was able to get the fireworks for half price. Nichol's boat with the Canadian Flag led a parade of boats.

Miro Iskic was thanked for his donation to the environmental raffle and Scott Danshyn was thanked for his contribution to the BBQ.

Road Report – Norm Wheeler

Highlands East roads are in great shape and Minden Hills has yet to do the work. Norm was thanked for the road signs reminding people to reduce speed and noting blind corners.

Other Business

- The membership expressed concern with boat size, use of 2 stroke engines, stereos in boats and boats driving at high speeds within 100 M of shore.
- People are discouraged from feeding the wild foxes and bears.
- People are encouraged to drive slower to reduce the road dust. Concern was expressed regarding the ATV use on the roads.
- The Association received a letter from the owner of the amphitheatre addressing our concern about the music.
- Members are also concerned with a big screen theatre TV that is a noise issue.
- Doug would like volunteers to help with a market campaign for the association. A logo, web information and road signs would be developed.
- The Tory Hill dump will accept old refrigerators.
- There will be community forums held on August 18th noon to 2 pm in Gooderham and 3-5 pm. In Wilberforce.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ester Atkin, seconded by John Currie and all were in favour (12:10 pm)