

**SALERNO DEVIL'S LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JULY 31, 2010**

Doug Rodger, Present of the SDLCA welcomed 67 members to the annual general meeting at St John's Church Irondale at 10 AM.

Previous AGM minutes

The minutes of the AGM held August 1st 2009 were circulated. Marianne Casson moved, Norm Wheeler seconded and all were in favour that the minutes be accepted.

Election of Executive

All executive members agreed to serve on the executive for the coming year. Leonora Marriner, seconded by Kathy Mansfield nominated Kevin Mansfield to the position of treasurer. All were in favour. Sydney Clarke, seconded by Bette Witham nominated Kirsten Conner to the executive as the environmental coordinator. All were in favour. Doug Rodger welcomed Kevin and Kirsten to the executive stressing the importance of having someone to carry in an environmental capacity. (Sue Thompson has been asked by OFAH to do repeat water testing for zebra mussels and spiny water flea in the fall.)

Financial Report

Kevin Mansfield delivered the financial report. He explained that the decrease in revenue was due to a decrease in membership. The increase in the picnic revenue was due to a change in recording. Esther Atkins moved and Robin Macdonald seconded that the financial report be accepted. All were in favour.

Road Report

Norm wheeler has expressed concern to Minden Hills regarding the narrow section of Salerno Lake Road by the boat launch. He reported that new gravel has been placed at the south end of Salerno Lake Road. Doug Rodgers pointed out that most of Irondale road was recently resurfaced.

Membership

Membership is down. There are 100 member cottages. It was suggested that we all encourage non members to join the association.

SDLCA Logo

The executive is working on a new logo for the association that could be used on crests, T shirts etc.

Executive dock signage

John Currie moved and Tom Kott seconded that the docks of executive members be made recognizable by having signage. The executive will discuss this motion.

Boating Safety

Marg Clayton thanked Kim Fields for developing and distributing a safe boating pamphlet around the lake. Kim's initiative came after a boat/plane accident on the lake three weeks ago. Two young men were injured after their small aluminum boat collided with a plane attempting to take off. Thirty five minutes after the accident an OPP boat was on the lake. Charges have been recommended as a result of the incident. Apparently the OPP have been on the lake this week. It was pointed out that as of this fall you will have to take a course to obtain a boat operators license. Murray Simmons encouraged us all to speak to other boaters when we witness unsafe practices such as a three year old spotter. Joan Kott suggested we explore a "Lake Watch" program. Rob Stuart suggested recording the registration number of boats being operated dangerously and reporting the number to the OPP. Rob pointed out that the OPP will come onto the lake if a verbal report is made. Several concerns were raised; size of wakes, safety, property damage, ecological issues. It was suggested that a notation be on the SDLCA website that our lake is too small for wakeboard boats. It was also suggested that the real estate agents in the area be asked to communicate the size of boats appropriate for the lake.

Kay Armitage pointed out that the sign at the narrows by the island isn't legible. Marg Clayton moved seconded by Kay Armitage that we explore avenues and feasibility of forming a Lake Watch organization. All were in favour.

County Voice

Liz Danielson from the County Voice attended the meeting. Doug Rodger complimented the County Voice on their local coverage.

Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners

Marg Clayton described the best practices manual that the coalition is developing.

Irondale Church

George Simmons informed the association that Irondale's St John's Church will be closing as of August 29th. An attempt is being made to designate the church as a historical site. Joan Kott asked how the association could help in the process. Murray suggested we call Rick Ratcliffe at Minden Hills to express our support. Esther Atkin suggested a petition. Doug Rodger will develop a petition that will be available at the canoe race.

Canoe Race

Registration for the race will start at 12:00. The race will start at 1:00. Bill Bayard, Scott Fields and Rob Stuart cleared the river. There are no portages. Kilometer signs were placed (10 km). Thanks to Chris Whittemore for the loan of a motor. The games will start at 2:30.

Municipal Elections

The candidates for the municipal elections were invited to present their platforms. Present were; Barbara Reid, Beverly MacDuff, Jim Mackey, Jack Bartholemew, Cecil Ryan, Jim McMahon, Chuck Viner , Donna Graham and Larry Clark. Doug Rodger read a message from Dave Burton.

Damage to trees on Irondale Road

Marg Clayton thanked Doug Rodger for contacting the municipality when a bush hog was used on the trees on Irondale Road causing significant damage to the trees. She also thanked Liz Danielson for the article in the County Voice highlighting the issue.

Esther Atkin moved and Sydney Clarke seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned.