

SDLCA Annual General Meeting – Saturday August 3, 2013 at the Irondale Community Centre

Doug Rodger welcomed 45 members to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous AGM on Aug. 4, 2012 were read and reviewed. Keith Cowan moved that the minutes be accepted as read, Ester Atkins seconded the motion. All were in favour. Carried.

Nomination and Election of Officers

Doug called for nominations for the election of officers. None were forthcoming.

Membership Report, Recruitment & Election of new Officers – Membership Secretary, Road Steward & President

Susan Thompson has decided to step down after 17 years (1996) as membership Secretary and Archivist. Doug thanked her for her years with the Lake Association and noted that she is also a member of the Irondale Historical Society contributing to the surrounding community as well. Duties would include tracking membership, issuing cards, communicating with FOCA, collecting dues and remitting to the Treasurer.

Rob and Keith worked on the Dock to Dock Brochure outlining the benefits of membership and all planned upcoming events and meetings including the Concert on the Lake, AGM, and the Annual Canoe Race. Membership stood at 65 but a number of new memberships were established from the Dock to Dock initiative and the Canoe Race was expected to generate more as it has done every year. Doug Roger has announced that this will be his last year as President.

Financial Report : Keith reported that we roughly broke even over the last year. Membership dues were augmented by shirt sales generating about \$1,000 and expenses such as the Shore Line Project costing \$ 600. The Association currently has about \$4,000 in assets.

Kay Armitage moved to Adopt the Financial Report and Barbara Gordon seconded it. All were in favour. Carried.

Report on Lake Plan Survey and Workshop held on July 27, 2013

Marg Clayton explained that the Lake Plan was meant to represent an expression of common values for the Salerno Lake community comprised of Minden Hills & Highlands East. The expression of one voice to the two local councils when they are balancing the needs and pressures from competing voices for Marinas, Mining interests, Logging etc. It starts by defining “what we have” and “Where we need to go”. Last Fall a Shoreline – Study Inventory was conducted through the U Links Project by a 4th year student D. Fowler. A baseline was established for the Lake’s watershed by photographing each property and giving it an assessment based on four criteria. A rating of 40 or high would be for natural shoreline down to a lower rating based on more development and fewer trees. Each lot was also tied into its’ 911 number for cross reference by Marg. Inquiries for each lot assessment are to be made to Marg and all results are intended to be confidential.

A survey was conducted to discover what the property owners of the Lake area valued and what they wanted their “cottage experience to be”, citing positives and negatives and what if anything might need to change to make it better. Currently the response Rate was 45 per cent with any newly completed surveys still welcomed.

The next step was accomplished at the Workshop held on July 27 with French Planning Services facilitating the Presentation of the Lake Plan Survey results to solicit ideas and feedback from local owners and cottagers to develop a Vision Statement and next steps.

Barb Gordon read the following vision statement developed at the Workshop.....

Salerno Lake Vision Statement

To sustain, Enhance and Promote Salerno Lake’s Natural Heritage for Generations through:

Preserving water quality, tranquility, natural environment and viewscape.

Sharing a balance between human activity and the environment with respect and dignity.

Water quality testing

Wendy Kidd (Environmental Officer) reported that the water quality was tested with good results and there was no evidence of invasive species in the Lake.

Special Presentation on Septic Issues relating to Lakes by Tom & Joan Kott including an Eco-Ethic Video with Rob Davis

An informative talk by Tom Kott on Septic issues and the Rob Davis video highlighted that sub standard Septic systems were the greatest determinant of poor water quality. That Septic systems need to be pumped and tested every 3 to 5 years . That what goes in -certain soaps and chemicals (Sodium Hypochlorite- chlorine) can kill the naturally occurring bacteria in the tank. The system then does not digest the contents effectively causing the tile bed to plug up and not function properly. One example of advanced pollution is the “Green algae” on the bottom of parts of Kashakawigamog Lake which has caused dead zones to develop. The Lake Simcoe watershed now has mandatory inspections on all septic systems and deficient ones are ordered to be replaced. This can be expected to apply to other jurisdictions in the future.

46th Annual Canoe Race Preparations Report & Barbeque

Rob Davis reported that the river is now passable for boating except for one spot where participants would have to slow down to safely pass through. Earlier flooding this year with river levels 8 to 10 feet above present levels caused massive erosion and left log and branch blockages throughout the course. The race course has been re-measured as 10.3 km long and entry fees for each boat will be \$20. The food for the Barbeque will be supplied by The “Perfect Bite” Catering. Raffle tickets can be bought from Wendy Kidd.

Report on Activities:

Concert on the Lake

Doug explained that the Concert on the Lake featuring Steve Payne broke even. It was well received by those attending with one comment from someone who had seen Steve Payne at Mariposa recently and

not aware of the concert thought at first, that it was someone's CD playing. Doug articulated that the on-going Concert on the Lake series is a unique experience with many Artists interested in playing. Attendance was limited to Lake -access cottagers and might be better attended by the local community if held at a more accessible location such as the Irondale Church.

Road Liability Workshop

Doug said he was working to provide Reports, Links and Information as promised at the workshop. Participants representing a wide range of Haliburton lakes as well our own attended. Roger Young a past President of the Little Glamour Lake Road Association and a retired Lawyer gave a talk on how the Roads around Little and Big Glamour Lakes came to be organized. Much discussion and questions touched on issues of Liability, Accidents, Collection of Road Dues and Maintenance, the Principle of Undue Enrichment, and Insurance Coverage. Many of the volunteers who do road maintenance on the roads around Salerno Lake have ceased work awaiting information on Insurance quotes and liability issues.

Change of date for the AGM

Discussion on changing the date and giving authority to the Executive to make that change ended when Susan Thompson read a section of the constitution that sets the date of the meeting every year. A motion on the floor was then tabled to look farther into the matter. Kay 1st, Keith Seconded the motion to table.

Reincorporating the Lake Association

New changes to Incorporation Law are still pending and we will wait before we move in this direction. FOCA Tool Kit information requested.

Permanent Lake Bulletin Board is in the early planning stages.

New Business

Doug expressed his thanks to Frank Bartley and his team for the fireworks display.

New recruits for the Executive and a larger membership base are needed to strengthen and invigorate the Association.

Update on Internet Service to be provided at a later date.

Photo Contest ongoing- organized by Rob Stimers for best local wildlife and Summer fun submissions on facebook and email.

Motion to adjourn proposed by Rob Stimers and seconded by Keith Cowan. All in favour.

Meeting ended at 12 PM.