

SDLCA Annual General Meeting – Saturday August 4, 2018 at the Irondale Community Centre

Margaret Clayton welcomed approximately 50 members to the meeting.

Margaret Clayton asked if everyone had read the minutes of the 2017 AGM meeting and as there was some question as to whether a notice to read and review the minutes on the web page had been sent out, she deferred the ratification to the next year.

SDLCA Update

Margaret explained that the SDLCA was looking for new people to join the executive as this was her last year on the board. Currently we are looking for someone to fill the Membership Secretary's role having just filled the Treasurers position this year. If we lost two or more members of the Executive we might be in a position of not being able to run the SDLCA and possibly have to scale back or close it down for several years until interest revived. For those interested in joining there are only four executive and one AGM meeting to attend each year.

Nomination and Election of Officers

Margaret called for nominations for the election of officers.

* Margaret Clayton	Vice-President & SDLCA's CHA representative (also the CHA Secretary), Lake Plan Study & CHA Shoreline Re-Naturalization Initiative.
* Bill Holding	Secretary
* Rob Brown	Lake Steward and Environmental Director
* Jacqueline Proud	Membership Secretary
* Rob Stimers	Web and Technology Chair
* Rob Stuart	Canoe Race & BBQ
* Kay Armatage	Communications
*Bob Collins	Treasurer
* Doug Rodger	Past President
* Sydney Clark	Past President

Marianne Cassion made a motion to accept the current slate of officers for election seconded by Doug Rodger. All were in favour.....carried.

Financial Report Update

Bob Collins started off by saying that in his first year as Treasurer that the SDLCA is one of the most functional groups he has belonged to. You can take on as little or as much responsibility as you wish to and he has learned more in this year than the previous fourteen in various volunteer organizations. He stated that we had a small surplus of \$441 last year and were on track for another good year. The largest expense was the Insurance at \$1,390 and a note-worthy purchase was the PA System at \$285. Other costs were new signage for SDLCA events at \$865 and membership dues for FOCA, CHPOA and CEWF of \$732 which he felt was an investment in organizations that looked after our interests at a higher level.

Motion to accept the Financial Report made by Doug Rodger and seconded by Esther Atkins. All were in favour.....carried.

Membership Report and Website

Jacqueline Proud said the membership level has been maintained and is trending up over the years. With 87% renewing online it has made her job a lot easier than when she first started. With 220 lots on the Lake we have 58% as members based on 2017 numbers and felt that the dock package was a major reason for the success. Currently we have 104 paid members and if all renew the number would be 143. She asked those present to talk to their neighbours to join if they had not done so already. The web site experienced a downturn in activity last year but is up this year at 120 hits per month. 61% have been opening their e-mails which are a 12% improvement. There are 313 e-mail addresses we communicate with about workshops and what is going on. There are now 14 paying advertisers on the web site and the feedback from them has been good.

Environmental Report

Rob Brown noted that he joined the SDLCA Executive in his current role just one year ago. He said the four yearly meetings were quick and concise and that the Lakes interests were being looked after by good people. He has been conducting water tests every two weeks at both ends of the lake submitting the data to the Ministry with it being available to the public on the web page. He has been on the lake for 32 years and feels the lake has good numbers and with a limestone base we do not have to worry too much about acid rain. This year there were 8 loons on the lake and one young moose that appeared to be an orphan. Moose generally live and travel within a one square mile area their entire lives. There was also an abundance of leopard frog eggs this spring attached to weeds which is a good sign. There were some algae blooms which are a normal occurrence. Should we be concerned? Yes, property values would drop so properly functioning septic systems are important. Things to watch for are smell and soft wet areas on the septic bed. Why wouldn't a sensible person just get it done (repaired)? He saw four people using shampoo in the lake this year and approached them in an educational way and was not confrontational.

Brent Devolin, one of a number of local politicians attending, said that Kinnesis & Little Kinnesis lake had a 40% failure rate for raised bed systems on the Canadian Shield verses a limestone base (rarity). Cec. Ryall said level 2 inspections would be part of the legal process and building permits would not be approved unless the septic system was certified. Rental properties would also need to be inspected to see if they comply. A civil Engineer would assess where a tank was placed and the level of risk for the

system. And if not compliant the system would need to be upgraded or the owner would lose access to his property. Minden Hills might recognize receipts of pumping in the last few years if done by reputable companies.

Margaret Clayton said Minden Hills is in the process of new legislation that would give it an expanded role in what happens on the first 100 foot section from the shoreline allowing for more natural growth. She has been part of the CHA for 10 years from when she first raised her hand for a question and was 'voluntold' she was the secretary. The CHA's focus is on shorelines and septic system health stressing the value of natural buffers on shore to reduce runoff and improve water quality. They consider at least 75% natural shoreline on a lake as the requirement of a healthy lake, our lake is just under that. Recent initiatives include the Realtors Pledge whereby the Realtor educates new buyers on property protection. The CHA currently has a contest with a weekly prize worth \$300 and details are in the local papers. Doug Rodger talked about the Eurasian Milfoil an invasive weed in many lakes. Pieces broken off and floating can increase the spread the weeds. Some new processes for treating the weed include putting down a covering mat to kill it. If you do pull it out or rake it remove it from the lake.

Concert on the Lake

Doug said this year's concert went very well and was a lot of fun having his sister Claire Rodger performing. He felt we had turned a corner last year with Kiyomi Valentine performing and showing a profit. Doug thanked Rob & Rosalie Brown for hosting the event, assisting and providing the floating sign.

Youth Lake Race

Rob Stimers said last year's youth race starting from Wendy's dock and ending at the Island took 9 minutes for the winner to complete. This year's race would start at Wendy's dock go around the island and end up back at Wendy's dock. Registration would start at 10:30 am with the race at 11 am. Prizes for the winners would be mini paddles with stencilling for each of the 6 categories for boys and girls for those under 6, 7 to 9 and ages 10-12.

51st Annual Canoe Race & Barbeque

Rob Stuart announced the Race would again be held on the Lake for the 4th year. The River was still considered unsafe for young racers and kayakers. Many miss the river's scenery and wildlife while the lake is 6 miles of 'all out paddling'. The lake's advantage is the safety, dock spectators and their cheering. Prizes will again be crests, ribbons and the paddles that John Leonard paints. It takes him 3 weekends to complete the painting of the paddles and he turned 75 this year. Registration starts at 12pm and the Race starts at 1pm with the entrance fee being \$20 per craft. Racers will be sent off in groups of threes one minute apart with a goal of finishing one to one hour and 25 minutes later. Kay Armatage said she also turned 75 this year and this was her 26th time in the race and she welcomed other senior women to compete in the race. He noted that the Community Hall was convenient for the BBQ but if it was held at Furnas Falls you had to lug the food and BBQ's there. Also, the OPP would patrol the park and warn about charging people with open beer etc.

BBQ/ Games – Sunday

The Games would start at 3pm with the adult games at the end such as shoe toss. The event will be licenced and it will be illegal to bring your own liquor.

The Raffle will be a 50/50 draw with tickets being \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The winner will have the choice of taking one of the cash, \$250 value Tow Package, \$100 Austin Lumber prizes, Oil Painting or Soapworx gift basket. The donated oil painting was a late addition from Judy Stephens painted by her mother.

Open Discussion

The SDLCA held a 'Shock on the Dock' workshop which included a review of First Aid principles and a demonstration of an AED or defibrillator. The Fireman who conducted the workshop brought a manikin for the demonstration. There were about 12 to 14 participants and lasted 3 hours. Rob Brown explained that speed of response was crucial and if you had to go looking for an AED it would be too late as best use would be within 15 minutes of the critical event. The cost can range from \$500 and up to buy and can be found at arenas and also at the Irondale Community Centre.

The Salerno Lake municipal road has been in rough condition at times over the last few years and local residents need to call Minden Hills when this occurs. Brent Devolin said Minden Hills is developing a 10 year plan for its roads.

A Kashakawigamog lake resident/politician commented on private fireworks on her lake scaring a loon away from its nest. You can't stop it so there lake association does a professionally done fireworks display to discourage private ones.

Kevin Pepper said there were 8 loons on the lake this year with their activities followed on the web page. One loon had several eggs but only one baby was born. The lake was also good habitat for Blue Herons and Mergansers with boaters generally respecting the bird's space.

The recent Fire Ban during the summer in Haliburton County sparked conversation on communicating when a ban is in effect and when it is lifted. Such information is posted on Township web pages but not everyone has computer access. High speed internet has been brought to Municipal Offices and Libraries but not yet to the general public. Cell phone reception is considered to be very poor in much of the area and needs to be improved. The CRTC is being lobbied to reduce costs to rural and remote customers.

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Motion to adjourn at 12 noon by Rob Stimers and seconded by Bill Holding.