

# OTTER LAKE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting May 19, 2013

### APPROVED

#### PRESENT

David Amy, Todd Backman, Mario Buszynski, Sonja Cigler, Art Coles, Cathy Morrison, Chris Van Allen, Doug Whitman

Quorum determined by Chairperson, Art Coles. Meeting brought to order by Chairperson, Art Coles at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes of the March 3, 2013 meeting of directors unanimously approved by the directors.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial statements were presented for the fiscal period ending December 31, 2012. Total income for 2012 was \$5853.30. Total expenses were \$5649.42 which left a balance of \$203.88 in the Operating Fund. The Reserve Fund balance was \$31,149.14. The Environment Fund balance was \$12,981.78. The balance of all funds held by OLRA was \$52,152.83.

The financial statements were unanimously approved by the directors and the directors authorized the financial statements, as approved, to be presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Four new members have joined OLRA.

Five or six families that had previously been members have renewed their membership.

#### LAKE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Art reported that Council will proceed with the Lake Stewardship pilot program on Otter Lake. Property owners who meet the stewardship guideline standards as confirmed by an audit committee of representatives of OLRA and the Township will be presented with a pennant.

#### SAFE QUIET LAKES

Discussion about Muskoka Lakes Association care in boating program.

Need for boater education to ensure swimmer and loon safety.

New signage to be installed at both ends of narrows (10 km speed limit).

Similar signage re speed limit along shorelines is available to OLRA members at a cost of \$70 per sign; OLRA will determine if location for such signage is appropriate before making sign available to cottage owner.

#### NEW CORPORATION LEGISLATION

FOCA will make a template bylaw available to member ratepayer associations to assist in meeting the requirements under the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act when the new legislation is proclaimed in force.

## **ANNUAL BARBECUE**

Barbecue to be held at Otter Lake Marina on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Murray Orr will be a food sponsor at the event. We will provide some recognition in the next newsletter. Other sponsors are being sought. Sonja will contact Science North to determine if it can provide a display at the barbecue.

## **EARTH HOUR**

Cottagers are to be encouraged to turn off their lights on August 17<sup>th</sup> between 10 p.m. and midnight in support of the "Dark Skies" principles.

## **PHOTO COMPETITION**

The judges will be Jane Whitman, Todd Backman and Chris Van Allen. The last date for submission of entries is July 15<sup>th</sup>. Pre-judging to be done on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to determine the finalists.

## **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Sharon Link, a long term cottage resident at Otter Lake and former school teacher, has agreed to let her name stand as a candidate for director at the Annual General Meeting of the members. The position of Treasurer needs to be filled.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The draft agenda for the AGM was reviewed, amended and adopted by the board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The board agreed to authorize Sonja to have the fire pump checked to make sure that it is in proper working order.

It was agreed that, immediately following the AGM, the board would reconvene for the purpose of appointing the officers for the ensuing year.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

**See Post AGM Directors' Meeting Minutes on the next page.**

# **OTTER LAKE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **Post AGM Meeting of the Board of Directors May 19, 2013**

### **PRESENT**

David Amy, Todd Backman, Mario Buszynski, Art Coles, Cathy Morrison, Chris Van Allen, Sharon Link

Regrets: Sonja Cigler

Quorum determined by Chairperson, Art Coles.

Meeting brought to order by Chairperson, Art Coles at 12:15 p.m.

The board elected Art Coles as the President and Sonja Cigler as the Vice-President of the corporation for the ensuing year and appointed the following persons as the remaining officers of the corporation:

Treasurer: Cathy Morrison

Secretary: David Amy

Next Meeting of the Board: Saturday, September 21, 2013

Meeting Adjourned