

OTTER LAKE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2015

Location: Home of Art Cole and Jamie Lapointe

Present: David Amy, Tony Buszynski, Art Coles, Sharon Link, Daryle Moffatt, Kerry Mueller and Brian Nelson.

Regrets: Todd Backman and Sonja Cigler

Quorum determined and confirmed by Chairperson, Art Coles

Meeting brought to order by Chairperson, Art Coles

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members held on May 17, 2015 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the Directors.

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW AND UPDATE

Brian advised that one family membership had been recorded as being two membership giving rise to a \$35 discrepancy. There was also discussion that the website is not in sync with the bank deposits as the website is "live" and the bank balance may not be current as at the date the website reflects a deposit. It was recommended that deposits at the beginning of the month should be made after the prior month is reconciled. Daryle and Brian undertook to review and recommend a process to coordinate deposits and e-transfers.

Brian advised that there are 180 paid Family Memberships and 341 paid Individual Memberships. Upon review and update, the number of paid Family Memberships was increased to 183 and the number of paid Individual Memberships was increased to 351.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND UPDATE

Daryle advised that as of August 31, 2015 the balance in the Chequing Account was \$10,594.09, the balance in the Reserve Fund was \$38,683.28 and the balance in the

Environmental Fund was \$14,483.18. Income from the Barbecue was \$1,402.78 and the expenses related to the Barbecue were \$6,285.24. As a result, the Association subsidized the Barbecue by the amount of \$4882.46.

BARBECUE REVIEW

The Board reviewed the barbecue event and the following comments were made:

- Comments from those in attendance were very positive;
- No gratuities were charged by Tappattoo;
- 274 people attended the event;
- The barbecue did not result in any significant increase in the number of paid Members for the Association;
- It was suggested that the tickets for the barbecue in 2016 be sold in advance and one venue for such advance sales would be the May AGM;
- In 2016 tickets will not include alcoholic beverages;
- The meals should be served in two two hour seatings rather than one single seating;
- The barbecue for 2016 should be scheduled for the weekend following the long weekend in August.

The Committee for the barbecue was established and it consists of Todd, Brian, Kerry, Daryle and Sharon.

HENVEY INLET TRANSMISSION LINE/SWITCHING STATION UPDATE

The environmental assessment has been completed and the transmission line will come in at Rankin Lake Road south of the existing transmission station. It is expected it will be far enough from both Otter Lake and Foley Matheson Park so as not to be intrusive or cause a problem to the property owners in the area. It will not be visible from Otter Lake if the recommendation proposed by Mario Buszynski is followed. Daryle recommended that the Association should do a letter to Seguin Township for clarification as to the exact location of the station and send a copy of the letter to the Henvey Inlet Wind Office.

FALL NEWSLETTER

Kerry advised that the Fall Newsletter is to be issued the end of October. Included in the Newsletter will be the date of the 2016 barbecue, an update by Daryle as to the status of the Henvey Inlet transmission line, a summary of the 2015 water levels by Tony Buszynski, the photo contest results and an article on the benefits of being a Member of the Association.

LAKE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The Water Testing results for 2015 indicated there were no anomalies from previous year's results. The last sample was taken on September 15, 2015. While more extensive water testing could be undertaken, it was decided that the level of testing undertaken by Bruce Gibbon should continue. The Board discussed the possibility of recommending more extensive testing in the future. It was recommended that Doug Whitman be asked if he would recommend more extensive testing and, if so, what specific tests he would suggest. Presently, only tests for phosphorus are undertaken.

SAFE QUIET LAKES

The Safe Quiet Lakes organization requested financial support from the Association. The Board approved a contribution of \$200.

BLUNT MINOR VARIANCE RE FENCE

Art advise that the request for a minor variance for a fence between the Marina and the property owned by the Blunt family was approved. The fence will be a chain link fence.

LOON UPDATE

Kerry advised that 2015 was a difficult year for the loon breeding pairs on Otter Lake. Only one egg for each of the two breeding pairs hatched and survived to the end of August. One breeding platform was relocated to minimize exposure to boat traffic and waves. Kerry also advised that the number of loons nesting on the lake has reduced in number.

WEBSITE UPDATE

The Board had a general discussion concerning the website and the best way in which to share information with the membership. The Board also considered including a notice in the Newsletter advising all Otter Lake residents that, unless they are Members of the Association, they will no longer be receiving a copy of the Newsletter. A final decision on this issue was postponed.

RECREATIONAL CARRYING CAPACITY

The Township is holding a meeting on October 5, 2015 to discuss possible changes to the Official Plan for Otter Lake. Of particular concern is the impact any changes to the Official Plan may have on the recreational carrying capacity of the lake. Art and Brian will be in attendance at that meeting.

PHOTO CONTEST

There was a total of 50 photos submitted for the photo contest of which 35 were in the adult category and 15 in the children category. Mike posted the entries on the website. It was recommended that in displaying the photo entries at the AGM, the lighting be improved to allow for better viewing by those judging the entries. It was also suggested that rather than having three separate categories for children, there should be only one children's category.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The directors appointed the following individuals as officers:

- President: Art Cole
- Vice- President: Sonja Cigler
- Secretary: David Amy
- Treasurer: Daryle Moffatt

Daryle advised that he would do the necessary federal and provincial filings to give notice of the changes in officers and directors.

REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION

Deferred to a later date

NEW BUSINESS

The time and location of the February Board meeting would be determined at a later date.

Meeting Adjourned.

Thanks to Art and Jamie for hosting the meeting in their home and for everyone's contribution to a wonderful meal. A fun time was had by all.