

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of
Buck Lake Association Inc
held at
Perth Road Public School
on
Saturday July 4, 2009

1. Welcome and Introduction of Directors

Duncan Sinclair, President, introduced himself, called the meeting to order at 09:06, and extended a warm welcome to approximately 65 members and guests who had turned out in spite the unseasonably cool, damp, Saturday morning.

Duncan indicated that Directors Nancy Daugulis and Lisa McAvoy were unable to attend. He then introduced the following 2008 - 2009 Directors: Anna Fummerton, Maxine Lemieux, Roy Mills, Wayne Myles, Crawford MacIntyre, Sandra Rider, Stephen Roughton, Tricia Waldron and Ralph Wirsig.

2. Remarks from South Frontenac Township Council

Councillors Ron Vandewal (Loughborough) and David Hahn (Bedford) were introduced by Duncan and invited to address the meeting. Regrets were received from Councillor Alan MacPhail (and later from Mayor Gary Davison who was called away by an emergency)

After bringing greetings from the Township and expressing pleasure at being in attendance, Ron said changes in garbage collection were under active consideration by Council and that decisions will be taken in the near future. He took particular pleasure in telling members that, effective, January 1, 2010, the several districts within the Township will be administered on an amalgamated basis leading to progressively efficient outcomes in terms of service and finance.

David likewise said he was pleased to be present. He went on to say BLA plays an important role in the Township. David announced the Township has been awarded two grants of \$1,000,000 which will assist in projects related to the Loughborough Lake bridge and road maintenance.

Duncan said he had forewarned the councilors they could expect some questions. They agreed to take them and two were put forward.

Q: High speed internet. When will it be available?

A: David responded saying Council had approved grants to assist in introducing high speed internet in the Township but, to date, no qualifying projects have been proposed. It was suggested Ralph was likely the person best able to comment on progress to date, or lack of same. Ralph indicated he was aware of a tower under

construction but expressed doubt its location would result in high speed being available to those of us on Buck Lake, particularly north of Narrows Lane.

Q: Murray Gill inquired whether there was any way to prevent vehicles with boat trailers parking at the Buck Lake culvert boat ramp area.

A: Duncan indicated that investigation revealed a Township by-law would be required to enforce NO PARKING at the site. David agreed to re-introduce at Council a proposal to pass such a by-law as a temporary measure pending the results of a larger study underway by the Works Manager to deal with all of the problems (parking, safety, depreciation of the structure) at the culvert.

Duncan thanked both councilors and, in doing so, expressed the BLA's pleasure with the advent of amalgamation of the districts into a single corporate entity.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2008 AGM and Business arising.

Prior to the presentation of the minutes Duncan indicated he believed any items arising from last year's minutes will be dealt with under today's agenda.

Stephen told attendees the 2008 AGM minutes had were posted on the BLA web site in August 2008 and copies are available at this AGM for any who wish them. No-one indicated the seven pages of the 2008 minutes should be read. Accordingly, Stephen moved, and Tricia seconded, a motion for approval of the minutes of the 2008 AGM as circulated. The motion was carried.

4. President's Remarks

Duncan began with his expression of thanks to the Directors, each of whom has contributed so much to the work of the Association over the last year (and more). Meetings of the Executive have been both productive and pleasurable. In the past year the BLA has:

- Designed, built and erected the well-used loading dock at the boat ramp. Special thanks go to our chief engineer and foreman, Ralph Wirsig, the construction crew of Roy Mills, Crawford MacIntyre and Gilles Lemieux, and to South Frontenac Township for providing the cost of the materials.
- Thanks to the hard, punctilious work of Stephen Roughton, our newly appointed Archivist and long-time Recording Secretary, the records of the Association have been sorted and are now located in the Queen's University Archives where they will remain safely available to all who need access to them. Previously their storage was in numerous cardboard boxes and bags, the safekeeping of which was haphazard at best.
- Thanks to Roy Mills, Nancy Daugulis and Ralph Wirsig and to the fact that the great majority of our members now use e-mail, the BLA has been able to distribute regular high-quality Newsletters to keep the membership informed. Previously the high costs of postage limited our capacity to communicate with everybody.

- A number of very successful social events including a pig roast in Harris Park last August and a spring dinner hosted by Margaret Fisher were mounted to reinforce the sociability of our community. Special thanks go to the Maxine Lemieux, Anna Flummerton, and Sandra Rider, our Social Committee. The Association's collaboration with the Buck Lake Community Watch's Boatilla, raising money to send disabled children to Camp Merriwood (the 5th annual to be held later in the afternoon) is also an important and very successful community event.
- The Association has met with Mark Segsworth, Township Works Manager, to discuss the problems of safety at the boat ramp, deterioration of the causeway and sinking culvert under the road, and the need for parking there for islanders and visitors to the lake.
- We participated actively in providing input to the review of the Township's Official Plan. Councillor Vandewall told us that the revised plan is now with the Province; when it is returned with suggestions for change it will be considered once again by Council and put forward at a public meeting.
- The Friends of the Lake Committee, led by Wayne Myles and Liz Whelpdale, with the help of Barbra Rose Perry, Mike Gemmell, and Ron Dickey, have distributed a lake-wide questionnaire, set up two public information meetings, and have engaged Reg Genge, a well-known expert on water quality, to do an analysis of Buck Lake's water-quality records (reported on later in the meeting), all elements of Lake Planning, a process that is well underway.
- The Association's membership year has been changed to coincide with the calendar year to avoid the long-standing confusion about when memberships had to be renewed.
- Ralph Wirsig has taken the lead for the Association in trying to get us access to high-speed internet service on the lake.
- Finally, the BLA commissioned Ron Matter to construct a Buck Lake Hamlet sign to be erected opposite the original site of the Buck Lake hamlet's store (just south of Roost Lane).

Duncan concluded his remarks by inviting Ron Matthey to come forward. Duncan joined him in front of the podium where the custom-designed, hand-cared and painted Buck Lake Hamlet sign was on display. A round of applause indicated the universal pleasure of those present with Ron's work. Duncan will make contact with the Township's Public Works Manager to have the sign erected (probably later this summer).

5. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Before presenting her report Tricia took a few minutes to thank Duncan Sinclair, on behalf of her board colleagues, and all member of the BLA, for his leadership during his presidency. She said his leadership has led the association to the many successes it has had in recent years. Her expression of gratitude was greeted by a warm round of applause. Tricia then presented Duncan with a Buck Lake cap and a T shirt adorned with a map of the North and South Branches of the lake. He donned the cap and expressed thanks for the commemorative gifts.

Tricia presented 3 reports both via PowerPoint and told attendees hard copies were available for those wishing them.

(1) Statement of Income & Expenses for the period ending Dec. 31, 2008

This document displayed:	Budget	Actual	Variance	figures:
Income	\$6,500.00	\$6,350.99	- \$ 149.01	
Expenses	\$7,700.00	\$4,756.58	\$2,943.42	
Excess of Revenue over Expenses:	-\$1,200.00	\$1,594.41	-\$2,794.41	

(2) Statement of Income & Expenses for the period ending June 30, 2009

This document displayed	Budget	Actual	Variance	figures:
Income	\$10,100.00	\$3,571.03	- \$6,528.97	
Expenses	\$11,800.00	\$2,717.78	\$9,082.22	
Excess of Revenue over Expenses;	-\$ 1,700.00	\$ 853.25	-\$2,553.25	

(3) Balance Sheet as at June 30, 2009

Total Assets:	\$10,673.56
Total Liabilities	650.00
Members' Equity	\$10,023.56

On a motion by Tricia, seconded by Amy Rossworm, a motion to approve the 3 elements of the Treasurer's Report was approved.

The above reports have been filed with the original minutes of this AGM. Each contains detail in support of the above summaries.

6. Membership Report

In presenting his report, Ralph said this year's objective is to equal/exceed the 147 membership total achieved in 2008. To date 7 new members have joined the Association.

Ralph's Report, dated July 3, 2009, indicates BLA membership was 147 on December 31, 2009. Of those, 75 have paid their membership fee to December 31

2009 and a further 28 have prepaid their 2010 fees. To date 54 memberships were not renewed but Ralph indicated that a number of those 54 had renewed their membership at this 2009 AGM where an unexpected number lined up to tender their \$25 for 2009 and/or 2010.

On a motion by Ralph, seconded by Margaret Fisher, the above Membership Report was approved.

This report has been filed with the original minutes of this AGM

7. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Directors for 2009/2010

Stephen indicated the Nominating Committee Report had been included in the June 2009 Buck Lake Newsletter. He then read the report, asking first time nominees Peter Dawe and Cheryl Savery to rise to be recognized by attendees.

On a motion by Ralph, seconded by Crawford, it was moved that nominations be closed. Carried.

On a motion by Stephen, seconded by Crawford, the Report of the Nominating Committee was approved.

Stephen concluded by thanking his Nominating Committee colleagues Crawford MacIntrye, Duncan Sinclair and Tricia Waldron for their assistance.

This report has been filed with the original minutes of this AGM

8. Report of Friends of the Lake Committee and introduction of Guest Speaker.

Wayne commenced this portion of the meeting by introducing Committee members. He indicated the Committee met monthly. A high priority was placed on the opportunity such meetings afforded members to get to know one another better and to discover those issues of particular interest to each. Developing the BLA lake plan has been the Committee's prime focus with the June 28th questionnaire distribution to all North and South Branch docks being the most recent outcome. Wayne expressed appreciation to those who volunteered to provide boats for the distribution task and for the time they spent in making the delivery a big success. He said 75 responses have been received to date via the internet and via hard copy and he went on to express satisfaction at the rate at which they have been arriving.

Wayne next commented on the map devised by the Friends Committee and brought into being through the time consuming efforts of Barbra Rose Perry, Richard Linley and Ralph Wirsig. He heaped praise on each for producing a splendid map containing a great deal of information of interest and beautiful photographs over and above the map itself. The map is priced at \$15. Many were sold at the AGM and are bound to be conversation pieces wherever they are on display.

In conclusion. Wayne invited AGM attendees to reserve the evening of Thursday, July 16th for the Friends education seminar entitled " turtles, snakes and scorpions, to be held at Perth Road United Church Hall from 7 to 9 pm. The guest presenter will be Matt Ellerbeck....and he will be accompanied by his friends: turtle, snakes and scorpions.

9. Guest Speaker

Friends Committee member Liz Whelpdale introduced guest speaker Reg Genge of Ontario Lake Assessments who has been contracted to produce a lake water report for the BLA. Reg, a former MNR employee, has conducted similar surveys for other lake associations, including Bobs and Crow to name one of many. He left no doubt in anyone's mind that he knew his subject! His presentation included a series of PowerPoint slides which displayed a variety graphs pertaining to the water quality, components, depths etc of each of the North and South Branches of Buck Lake. His full report, due at the end of August, will provide the Friends of the Lake Committee with a massive amount of interesting and important detail for use in formulating future Friends strategies and undertakings..

10. Boat Operators Course

Roy invited interested members to sign up for the Boat Operators Course to be held between 6 and 9 in the evenings of Monday, July 20 and 17 August. The registration fee is \$50 of which \$10 will be directed to the BLA to cover costs. The Boat Operator's License becomes mandatory in September 2009.

11. Other Business

Between agenda items 7 and 8, Duncan invited Anne Roberson and Bud Row to make a presentation on behalf of the Land Conservancy for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington. Their presentation, augmented by a display booth set up in the AGM meeting hall, was interesting and gave rise to the following inquiries:

Q: Crawford asked who pays the taxes on properties dedicated to the Conservancy.
A: Property owners pay the taxes and pay for insurance.

Q: Is the dedication of land to the Conservancy a definite "for ever" arrangement.
A: Bud said "hopefully, yes" but said courts will have to make final determinations.
A copy of the Conservancy's pamphlet is appended to the minutes of this AGM.

12. Adjournment

Duncan adjourned the 2009 AGM at 11:23 with a reminder of the Boatilla to take place in the afternoon.

The minutes of the 2008 BLA AGM were approved 2010-07- on motions by

Stephen Roughton
Recording Secretary and Archivist