

Buck Lake Association Inc.
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Saturday, July 9, 2011
Perth Road Public School

1. Welcome

President Tricia Waldron welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly our guest speakers Mayor Davison, Deputy Fire Chief Veldman and OPP Marine Unit Constable Chadwick, along with Sherry Edmonds of the OPP Marine Unit and Allen McPhail and Ron Vendewal, local Councillors.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting

Nancy Daugulis noted that the Minutes have been posted on the Buck Lake Association (BLA) website for some time and indicated that hard copies were available at the rear of the auditorium. She asked whether anyone in attendance wished her to read the Minutes aloud. No one requested that she do so.

Moved by Cheryl Savery, **seconded** by Richard Linley that the Minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

3. President's Remarks

Tricia enumerated a number of successful events organized and/or publicized by the BLA over the past year: the annual early season potluck held each June, the annual Buck Lake picnic in August, the educational event organized by Friends of the Lake, spring clean-up along Perth Road, a benefit for fellow Buck Lakers who lost their home to a fire in December, the annual Buck Lake Boatilla for Easter Seals (which raised over \$15,500!) and the Rider Cup golf tournament. She also spoke about the BLA Newsletter, which is a very effective communication tool for the Buck Lake Community, and the valuable work being done by the Friends of the Lake as they put together a Lake Plan.

Tricia joined the BLA Board in 2005, not long after she built her house on the lake in 2004. She became Treasurer in 2007 and President in 2009, and has now served on the Board for 3 2-year terms, the maximum allowable under the Constitution. Tricia thanked all of the Directors with whom she has had the pleasure of serving over the years..

Tricia introduced and thanked retiring Directors Roy Mills, Ralph Wirsig, Cheryl Savery and Nancy Daugulis and continuing Directors Peter Dawe, Anna Fummerton, Wayne Myles, Sandra Rider, Maureen McClellan and Crawford MacIntyre.

4. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Cheryl Savery presented the Statement of Income and Expenses to December 31, 2010, the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2010, the proposed 2011 Budget and the Statement of Income and Expenses to June 30, 2011. She pointed out that the 2011 Budget includes a deliberate deficit of \$1750, to draw down the surplus that has been built up over several years.

Moved by Kathy Wirsig, **seconded** by Anna Fummerton that the Financial Statements and 2011 Budget be adopted as presented. Carried.

5. Report of the Membership Committee

Ralph Wirsig reported that 6 members had paid their dues immediately prior to the meeting, bringing the membership total to 107. He noted that as of 2005, the last time the Committee reviewed tax records at the municipal office, there were 457 property owners on the lake.

6. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Directors

The Nominating Committee Report was included in the most recent Buck Lake Newsletter. Crawford MacIntyre, Nominating Committee Chair, summarized the report for those in attendance.

Directors are elected for a 2-year term and can serve a maximum of 3 terms. By-Law 1 required that there be at least 9 and no more than 12 Directors on the Board. In 2010/11, the Board of Directors had 11 members, five of whom (Roy Mills, Ralph Wirsig, Cheryl Savery, Tricia Waldron and Nancy Daugulis) are retiring.

Crawford MacIntyre and Maureen McClellan have 1 year remaining in their current 2-year term.

Peter Dawe, Anna Fummerton, Wayne Myles and Sandra Ryder have agreed to stand for re-election.

The Nominating Committee proposes Terry Demers, Lynne Hendry, Jana Johnson and Grayden McClurg for election to their first 2-year term.

Moved by Pat Hegarty, **seconded** by Terry Leclair that the Report of the Nominating Committee be accepted as presented. Carried.

Crawford asked for nominations from the floor, noting that there are still two vacancies on the Board. None were forthcoming.

Moved by Richard Linley, **seconded** by Ross Beardall that Terry Demers, Lynne Hendry, Jana Johnson, Grayden McClurg, Peter Dawe, Anna Fummerton, Wayne Myles and Sandra Ryder be elected to 2-year terms as Directors of the BLA. Carried.

Crawford thanked Tricia Waldron for her dedicated service on the BLA Board of Directors.

7. Amendment to By-Law 1

Crawford MacIntyre spoke about the valuable work being done by the Friends of the Lake Committee on behalf of Buck Lake and its residents. The “Friends” is currently an ad hoc committee and the Board recommends that it should be a standing committee, which requires a change to the Constitution.

Moved by Crawford MacIntyre, **seconded** by Wayne Myles, that Article 10a of By-Law 1 of the Buck Lake Association Inc. be amended to add The Friends of the Lake Committee as a standing committee, so that Article 10a will henceforth read as follows:

10. Standing Committees

a. The following standing committees of the board shall be formed in accordance with their terms of reference as noted in Appendix A. One member of the board will serve on each standing committee and shall report on that standing committee’s activities to the board. The board representative may or may not serve as the committee’s chair

- Nominating Committee*
- Communications Committee*
- Membership Services Committee*
- Community Outreach/Social Committee*
- Friends of the Lake Committee*

Carried.

8. Report of the Friends of the Lake Committee

Wayne Myles introduced the members of the Committee – Liz Whelpdale, Barbara Rose Perry, Ron Dickey, Michael Gemill, Kathy Wirsig, Peter Dawe and Grayden McClurg – and invited new members to come on board.

The Committee continues to work on a number of initiatives. The Buck Lake map, which has sold 225 copies to date, is available for sale after the

meeting. This year's annual educational event, focusing on Species on and around Buck Lake, will be held on July 21st.

The long term goal is to create a Lake Plan, which is intended to raise awareness of the state of the lake, inform everyone about best practices and influence Township Council as they make long term planning decisions. Over the past few years the Committee has collected a great deal of information and data – a lake trout study and survey of residents in 2008/09, water quality study in 2009, fish study in 2010, and ongoing oxygen and temperature readings which are an important indicator of lake trout and general lake health. Still to come are a shore fish study, wildlife studies including marsh life, watershed survey and a social history.

Anthony Horrick, a summer student hired by the Committee, reported on his work to date. He has discussed with Lindsay Mills, the South Frontenac planner, how the Lake Plan might fit with the Township Plan. He has also gained some insight into area history and mentioned a few historical highlights, such as the appearance of a mill on the Massassauga Creek in 1826 and the Tett Mill at Bedford Mills in 1829. By 1878 there were several land claims around Buck Lake, including the Green family. Later activity included logging and mining for phosphorous and mica.

Ralph Wirsig spoke about taking oxygen and temperature readings. He explained the use of a secchi disc to measure water clarity and demonstrated his water-sampling techniques.

9. **Guest Speakers**

Roy Mills introduced the Guest Speakers.

Mayor Gary Davison expressed his thanks for the invitation to address the meeting. He professed excitement about the forthcoming Lake Plan, which he feels will be very helpful for long range planning. He addressed the importance of maintaining lanes so that emergency vehicles, particularly fire trucks, have access to all residential properties on the lake. Mayor Davison spoke at length about the Broadband initiative for Eastern Ontario which, with contributions from all levels of government as well as the supplier, Bell Xplornet, should be fully in place by 2014.

Unfortunately, the initiative does not resolve the gaps cell phone coverage and although discussions regarding this issue are ongoing, no solution is in sight at this time. Crawford MacIntyre expressed thanks to the Mayor and Council for supporting initiatives such as the public dock at the culvert, "No Parking" signs and additional parking areas that have made the public access ramp on County Road 10 much safer and more convenient.

Deputy Fire Chief Tom Veldman and Assistant Deputy Chief Carl Young informed the audience that there are 145 volunteers at 9 stations in South Frontenac, all of whom are certified as emergency responders. There are currently 36 recruits in training. In order to accommodate large emergency vehicles, lanes require a 15' X 15' clearance and a surface that will sustain a 35,000 lb vehicle. All residents should visually check electrical lines along roads and lanes and report any irregularities. Homeowners should regularly inspect all wood-burning stoves/furnaces, propane appliances, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. Fire extinguishers are recommended as the last line of defence. In response to a question about having fire pumps available for the approximately 50 island cottages on Buck Lake Tom and Carl suggested that prevention was the better option for island residents.

OPP Marine Constables Buff Chadwick and Sherry Edmonds noted that the Marine Unit has responsibility for a large geographic area including Lake Ontario. They have visited Buck Lake once so far this season, in aid of an island resident having boat problems. There is an ongoing effort to enforce the requirement for all boaters to be certified. Buff suggested that boaters should consider carrying a photocopy of their "licence" with them as it is very difficult to obtain a replacement for a lost original. The OPP can suspend the driver's licence of an impaired boater. It was noted that a call for service takes priority over a regular patrol, though it may take some time for the Marine Unit to respond. Of the 35 recent break and enters along Perth Road, 18 have been cleared. The importance of neighbours keeping an eye on one another's property was stressed. The identification unit is dispatched to every break and enter for finger-printing, so it is important for residents to disturb the scene as little as possible.

10. Other Business

No additional items of business were brought forward.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Roy Mills, **seconded** by Richard Linley that the meeting be adjourned.