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"To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations"

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday, 27 June 2015**

**Perth Road United Church Hall**

### **1. Welcome**

President Mark Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:05 and welcomed everyone including Mayor Ron Vandewal, councilors: Ross Sutherland, Pat Barr, and John MacDougall. Mark introduced the board members who were present: vice president, Joanne Hopkins; treasurer, Greg Fisher; recording secretary; Terry Demers; directors at large, Maureen McLellan, Donna Neumann, Mary Kratzer Bumstead, Grayden McClurg. Regrets: Ross Beardall.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Attached**

**Moved by Donna Neumann, seconded by Maureen McLellan to accept the agenda. Carried**

### **3. Approval of 2014 AGM Minutes and any business arising there from.**

**Moved by Anna Fummerton, seconded by Kathy Wirsig to accept the minutes.**

**Carried**

### **4. President's remarks and announcements.**

Mark noted that activity on Buck Lake is increasing. The Board is concerned about safety on the lake and has increased the number of shoal markers. A new BLA sign was purchased and installed at the Perth Road Store to advertise upcoming events. The newsletter and website are very successful in connecting the BLA with the community. Mark thanked the Board of Directors, (all volunteers) for their hard work. Peter Dawe, past president is leaving the Board after completing his three terms. Regretfully Peter was not able to attend the meeting however Mark recognized and thanked Peter for his years of service and dedication to the BLA.

### **5. Remarks and Discussion with South Frontenac Council Members**

Ross Trudel noted that some of the councilors may have to leave so this time was made available for a report from Mayor Ron Vandewal and question period.

Mayor Vandewal noted there is pressure for development and solar energy. The Official Plan is waiting for Provincial approval. Two main items the township is fighting are the 120 metre setback for new development (increased from 30 metres) and private lane issues. All new development will need an environment impact study. Land already surveyed will probably fit

under old laws. **A meeting concerning the Official Plan will be held on 13 July at the township office. John McDougall mentioned another meeting dealing with lake issues contained in the official plan will be held on 20 August.**

Duncan Sinclair questioned Ron about new structures being constructed without building permits. The structure in question was reported to the township. Ron replied that the courts are making it difficult for the township and resources are not available to handle many of the issues.

Grayden McClurg asked about improvements at the public launch area. There is a major drop at the end of the ramp. The township is no longer allowed to dump sand. There is a product, Amour Tech that might be a solution. Ron was asked if the township might split the cost. Ron questioned who owned the boat ramp.

Ron mentioned there is a grant available for private road improvements. Donna Neumann noted the cutoff date was June 19. Ron suggested applying for next year.

Ron was asked about the culvert. No work is scheduled for the next 5 years. The culvert is inspected every year.

Mark thanked Mayor Vandewal and the councilors for attending the meeting.

#### **6 . Report of the Secretary Treasurer**

**(Attached)**

The Buck Lake Association has about 100 members and there are approximately 400 properties on the lake. Income is received from memberships, advertising, the calendars, and the picnic. Our insurance costs, purchased through FOCA, are up slightly. We purchased new markers and buoys.

**Motion made by Greg to accept the Secretary Treasurer's Report, seconded by Duncan Sinclair.**

**Carried**

#### **7. Report of the Social Committee: Lead Maureen McLellan**

Maureen thanked everyone for their support.

50 people attended last year's picnic in the pouring rain. This year the picnic will be on August 8 with dinner being served at 5:00.

About 60 people showed up for Winterfest.

The calendars were a big success last year – sold out at 150 copies.

Postcards of Buck Lake are available at the Perth Road Store. They include information about the BLA.

Fridge magnets with a picture of Buck Lake are now part of the welcome package for newcomers. Anna Fummerton suggested that we include "Member of the BLA" on the front of the magnet and change the image every year. We could make these available for sale. Donna would like the names of any new residents on the lake so the committee can welcome them. The social committee together with the Westport Legion is organizing a Murder Mystery, hosted by Partners in Crime on October 23. A silent auction will precede the event and proceeds will to the Boatilla Send a Kid to Camp.

**8. Report of the Friends of the Lake Committee: Presented by Liz Whelpdale  
(Attached)**

**9. Report of the Boatilla Committee: Crawford McIntyre**

Last year was the 10th anniversary of the Boatilla to support Easter Seals Send a Kid to Camp. It costs \$2,500 to send a kid to camp for 10 days and the Boatilla raised \$27,000. To date the Boatilla has raised over \$135,000. The committee does not set goals but every year donations have increased. Crawford thanked Liz and Ross Trudel for their hard work and dedication. He also thanked Montana from the Perth Road Store. Bruce Archibald handles the publicity and TV broadcasts. Crawford urged everyone to attend the open house at Camp Merrywood on Thursday 16 July. Lesley Fulton, a resident of Buck Lake wrote a wonderful article featured in the Reader's Digest "Our Canada" magazine which can be viewed at [ourcanada.ca](http://ourcanada.ca) June/July 2015 issue. Duncan reported that the Boatilla is the largest single contributor to Camp Merrywood.

**10. Buck Lake Needs Survey**

A survey was distributed at the meeting to solicit information about the needs of our residents and help increase membership. The Survey will be sent to residents by email and everyone is urged to participate. Every voice counts.

**11. Nominating Committee Report and Election of 2015/2016 Board of Directors.**

Mark reported that Peter Dawe is leaving after completing three terms on the Board. There is room for 4 new members.

**Donna nominated Cherrie Summers, seconded by Joanne. Carried**

Cherrie is a full time resident and lives on Pillar Lane.

**Mary nominated Vicki Gervais, seconded by Donna Neumann Carried**

Vicki is a part-time resident of Labelle Lake off Frye Lane.

**Liz made a motion that Mark, Terry and Grayden continue their terms of service, seconded by Duncan. Carried**

**12. Other Business and Open Question Period**

- a) Kathy Wirsig mentioned that there was a paved area available at Harris Park that could possibly be used for pickleball. We would need nets and a storage area. Anna Fummerton suggested BLA take responsibility for installation and maintenance of the nets. Duncan agreed to paint the lines. Ross Sutherland was asked if there was a rental fee for the hall and if the township would consider reimbursement for the supplies and paint. Ross said the hall would have to be booked but there would be no rental fees. The board will discuss this

further with the township and report back. The contact at the township is Tim Laprade and his email address is: [tlaprade@southfrontenac.net](mailto:tlaprade@southfrontenac.net).

- b) Roscoe Trudel voiced concerns about road safety during Cycle Fest when cyclists travel on Country Road 10 from Ottawa to Kingston. Some cyclists do not ride single file and cars cannot pass safely. Councilor Ross Sutherland suggested there may be a need for a 3 hour window for the cyclists to pass through our area when cars may take alternate routes if they are in a hurry. Ross also handed out pamphlets showing cycle routes through South Frontenac. If anyone has suggestions for cycle routes to report them to Peggy Pilgrim at the township office.
- c) Pat Hegarty asked about the \$1300 charge for insurance. Should we try to get a better price? Greg reported that our insurance covers general liability, members of the Board, Friends and BLA volunteers when they are performing tasks such as putting in shoal markers, activities at Winterfest and the Boatilla. FOCA offers the best price.
- d) Joanne presented a gift to Cheryl Savery in appreciation of her help and dedication to the BLA. As a volunteer some of the projects Cheryl assumes are the care of the website, the shoal marker program, organizing the games at Winterfest, helping with the Monday morning golf and many more. A big thank you from the Board and all Buck Lake residents.

### 13. Adjournment

Mark thanked everyone for coming and for their support at the BLA activities. He encouraged residents to spread the word about the BLA to neighbours and friends. He thanked residents for filling out the survey.

**Anna Fummerton moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Kathy Wirsig. Carried**

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**Recording Secretary, Terry Demers**

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**President, Mark Nicol**

Attachments: Annex A – Agenda

Annex B – 2014 Minutes of the AGM

Annex C – Treasurer's Report

Friends of the Lake Report  
Friends of the Lake Report AGM June 26, 2015

The Friends of the Lake Committee is a standing committee of the Buck Lake Association. It was formed to look into environmental issues on the lake. Currently there are about 10 members and new members are always welcome. We continue to sell maps of the lake, both at the LCBO in Inverary and at lake functions such as the AGM and the educational event in July each year. Tick removal keys, embossed with the BLA logo and the Friends of the Lake name, continue to be sold at the Perth Road store and at lake events. There are a few copies of the Lake Plan still available. Over the past year, 4 walks around the lake were held - one from Billy Green Road to Massassauga Road; two from Milk Lake to Clear Lake; and one at Dave Frid's property on the south branch. The next walk will be on August 15, rain date August 16, from Perth Road to the beginning of the Slide Lake Loop of the Rideau Trail. These walks are advertised on the BL website and Facebook page as well as on the Perth Road store sign. The walks are at a leisurely pace with stops to bird watch and check out trees and plants. They typically last 1-2 hours and offer an enjoyable way to learn about the lake and to socialize.

Our educational event last July with Dr. Barry Gilbert, was on the topic of the bobolink population with some recent information about bees. This year's event on Thursday July 23 at 7 pm at Perth Road Church hall, will feature Dr. Stephen Lougheed, director of the Queen's University Biological Station, speaking about invasive species. More information about this event will be posted through the website and via posters around the lake. A link to the Friends of the Lake now appears on the BLA website where you can learn about future activities and projects and read articles that members have written. Descriptions of environmentally friendly products such as a poison ivy spray, a tick prevention spray plus an article about the new generation of boat motors have appeared over the past year in the BL newsletter. Councilor Ross Sutherland is very interested in this latter topic and is encouraging our committee to do further research. The Bathymetry project to create a new depth map of both branches is in the works. Last year Alistair Mathers got started on this and will continue this summer. Grayden McClurg has offered to round up volunteers and boats if they are needed. A final word: There are many, many friends of Buck Lake whether or not they serve on this committee. So many people over the years have contributed to the well being of our beautiful lake and they continue to do so. Cheryl Savery, for example, just contributed a wonderfully clear article about lake quality and phosphorous readings in the latest newsletter. Let us all do what we can to keep our lake clean, healthy and beautiful for all creatures, both human and wild. If you wish to become a part of the Friends' committee, email Liz Whelpdale at [liz@whelpdale.ca](mailto:liz@whelpdale.ca) or Wayne Myles at [wayneamyles@gmail.com](mailto:wayneamyles@gmail.com). All are welcome to attend a meeting to see if you might be interested.

Liz Whelpdale



## Agenda

- Welcome, call to order. and introduction of Board members
- Welcome to, and remarks from, South Frontenac Council members
- Approval of 2014 AGM minutes and any business arising there from
- President's remarks and announcements
- Report of the Secretary Treasurer
- Report of the Social/Outreach Committee
- Report of the Friends of the Lake Committee
- Report of the Boatilla Committee
- Buck Lake Needs Survey
- Nominating Committee report and election of 2015/2016 Board of Directors
- Other business and open question period
- President's closing remarks

**Buck Lake Association**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Year 2015**  
31-Dec-15

	2015	2014
<b>Assets</b>		
General Bank Account	\$5,284.18	\$5,719.94
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$5,284.18</b>	<b>\$5,719.94</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Deferred Revenue 2015		\$900.00
Deferred Revenue 2016	\$750.00	\$275.00
Deferred Revenue 2017	\$100.00	\$25.00
Deferred Revenue 2018 and Beyond	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>
<b>Members' Equity</b>	<b>\$4,384.18</b>	<b>\$4,469.94</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Members Equity</b>	<b>\$5,284.18</b>	<b>\$5,719.94</b>

**Buck Lake Association Income Statement  
31-Dec-15**

	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Variance</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Membership Revenue	\$4,000.00	\$2,875.00	\$1,125.00	\$2,425.00
Deferred Revenue Prepaid Members		\$550.00	-\$550.00	\$1,250.00
Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$680.00	\$320.00	\$785.00
Lake Planning	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$260.00
Map Sales	\$200.00	\$215.00	-\$15.00	\$245.00
Social & Outreach	\$1,800.00	\$255.00	\$1,545.00	\$1,510.45
Tic Keys	\$0.00	\$129.00	-\$129.00	\$0.00
Calendars	\$0.00	\$1,184.37	-\$1,184.37	\$0.00
Courses / Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Other	\$100.00	\$119.50	-\$19.50	751.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,400.00</b>	<b>\$6,007.87</b>	<b>\$1,392.13</b>	<b>\$7,227.04</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Insurance	\$1,300.00	\$1,314.36	-\$14.36	\$1,276.56
Affiliate Memberships	\$500.00	\$440.25	\$59.75	\$463.00
Publications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administration Fees	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$283.16
Calendar Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,352.42	-\$1,352.42	\$0.00
Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	\$12.50	-\$12.50	\$0.00
Conference & Seminars	\$250.00	\$64.07	\$185.93	0
Courses / Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Social & Outreach	\$2,200.00	\$829.86	\$1,370.14	\$2,490.76
Buck Lake Heritage Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Community Project	\$200.00	\$391.26	-\$191.26	\$1,532.18
Lake Plan Activities	\$1,000.00	\$1,138.91	-\$138.91	\$462.47
Other		\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,650.00</b>	<b>\$5,543.63</b>	<b>\$106.37</b>	<b>\$6,558.13</b>
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,750.00</b>	<b>\$464.24</b>	<b>\$1,285.76</b>	<b>\$668.91</b>

**Members Equity**

Equity beginning of year	\$4,469.94
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$464.24
Deferred Revenue included in income	(\$550.00)
Equity end of period	\$4,384.18

Membership Revenue: includes \$550 for 2016 & 2017 (and beyond) memberships paid in 2015