



Big Bald Lake Cottagers' Association

**Annual General Meeting August 10, 2012
1377 Saunders Road, 10am – 2pm**

AGENDA

**10:17 1) CALL TO ORDER and Approval of 2011 AGM Minutes
APPROVED: Susan Lewin & Ray St. Onge**

10:27 3) Treasurer's Report and Approval **Glenn**
summary slide shown, full details available on web site

**QUESTION: stream and survey assessments to be discussed later
2013 -\$15029.01 85 members = \$2975, \$770 already paid, \$2205
need to increase membership and increase revenue in other ways to do the
QUESTION: need to quadruple the membership to cover expenses, hence the survey to figure
the direction of priorities
QUESTION: things we should cut because MNR isn't interested, OMB board hearing
Under advisement – political football
Issue with spending our money on things that won't matter
QUESTION: no 2013 budget, looking for feedback then will develop a budget, will be available
for membership to review and will move on from there**

APPROVED: Rob Saunders, Joe [REDACTED]

10:20 4) President's Report on 2011-2012 Activities **Colin**

**Change over of executive
Opposing sale of township land, boat launch and stream properties
-Waiting on staff report
Working with Kawartha Conservancy (Mike Hendren) to conserve undeveloped lands on the
lake
Working with Kawartha Conservancy and lake planning
- we have one, they were looking to create one, we are working together
Quarries
-Dave Fowler gone, position available
- meeting with Dan Solbodian and Stonescape
Lake quality monitoring and searching for external funds
Directory – Nancy Boyce was a huge help, available for pick up now, moving toward electronic
membership
Survey – please fill out for lunch: addresses some of the directions we want to be moving in

No Questions at this time

Lake stewardship
-Phosphorus, water clarity, *E. coli* levels,
- kawartha Lake Stewards, Lake partners program
-looking for funding- Great lakes fund**

QUESTIONS: algae bloom?

10:37 5) Election of Directors **Colin**
Bruce and Susan up for election,
APPROVED: Ray St. Onge, Lynn Millagain – all in favour - YES

- 10:39 6) Sign Report Kim
- Carver Creek signs – local company with permanent logo/ad on it, also available space for advertising, Able to advertise our events/messaging
 - Total saving \$1200, total sign costs \$5800+HST
 - QUESTION: durability of new signs?
 - QUESTION: could we do one sign a year to reduce costs
 - QUESTION: add a roof over the design – it might address some of the weathering
 - QUESTION: guarantee the sign
 - QUESTION: will look for advertising – permanent ads might help address the cost of this project
- 10:30 7) Lake Plan Report Susan
- formal presentation 2 years ago of lake plan, presented on steam survey deliverable last year
 - water quality, natural environment was id'd as key
 - lake plan document on website with action plan items
 - identify all public lands was last years goals - accomplished
 - 1&2 preserve habitat, therefore do stream survey, wetland survey second (this year) refresh from last year (stream survey) health of stream determine health of lake (Snider Environmental Services) 10 streams, most on north, 3 cold water (there was only one on record on township), MNR data was incorrect, 8 streams, 5 didn't exist.
 - Gave results to MNR, We've also used this data
 - Drove around looking for culverts, one warm water – which is not good for water quality
 - Photos of streams and also GPS'd them
 - Perched culverts also identified
 - COMMENT: Table 2 - incorrect info –owner is Ray St Onge
 - Provincially Sig. Wetland – Big Bald Lake East wetland
 - Looking for adding some areas to this as well
 - Wetland survey as well – id'ing habitat
 - Public plans – road allowances, Crown land – Jump Rock, Trent Waters Indian reserve accounts for may of the islands on the lake
 - Studies to be posted, make comments on them as well
 - Endangered species survey is the next step, if we are interested
 - COMMENT: Marie Windover –of species at risk – very knowledgeable
- 10:40 8) Area Rep. Report Bruce
- looking for road reps to gain more membership around the lake, need more volunteers to go and contact the neighbours and get more members!
 - 85 members of 285 on the lake, some areas of the lake are grossly underrepresented
- QUESTION: summary to distribute to cottage association info to?
- Directory is complete! Advertisers pay for the book – so please support them!
- Quarry – up to OMB, up to them now, out of our hands, waiting to hear
- Nature of the agreement – no crushing CBM does crushing, Stonescape ii, can't do any crushing for 25 years
- QUESTION: how does the water drain from the quarries into the lake?
- QUESTION: what about the other quarry? If quarry road is used (class3 road) the we might have an issue with using the Philrick for the Bile's Property
- QUESTION: what about dust control? And outside the limits, 1.5 miles from quarry
- Dan's is a closed system, without much dust distribution
- CHARLES HUNTER – dust expert
- 10:45 9) Discussion / Questions All
- 11:00 10) Guest Presentations
- 11:27 11) Kawartha Heritage Conservancy Mike Hendren

- Pigeon, Stoney, Sturgeon point
Governments and issues with levels
Independent with charitable status
“preserve environment”
all of kawarthas, 10 year record, preserve areas, through ownership, conservation easement agreement,
tax receipt for easements
ecological value, community of people to help. Fundraising effort to drive conservation of land
Our lake and their values:
Promote natural shorelines, preservation of existing fish and wildlife habitat

11:38 12) Peterborough County-City Health Unit on Algae

Tom Cathcart

Safe Water Program

Algae vs. blue green algae aka cynaobacteria

Cyanobacteria can contain toxins, harmful to people and other animals

Headache fever, nausea, fever, neurological and live problems with long terms consumption

Also potential for skin issues as well

MOE was over worked last summer responding to EVEYRTHING! Often too small, not of great risk to people

Cat1 algal bloom:

Water cloudy, particle density can vary through out the column, no health effects

Cat 2.

change in water colour, clusters, balls, flakes, Ingestion may result in health effects

Cat 3.

looks like a paint spill, dense, blown in on shoreline, residue on objects, likely health effects

As waterfront owners

Swimming

Some percent of people react to skin/eye contact (all types have the potential irritant)

How long, how dense, how often, which species

Don't swim in dense bloom – where you can't see through the water – wait til clean them swim

Use

Bathing and washing

Smell is often a great deterrent, not likely to have a reaction on skin/eyes

Can you treat for drinking?

UV light won't rid water of toxins, will kill algae, but this could increase the issue

Carbon, chlorination and filtering works in a commercial system, but a household system that removes cynaobactia toxins doesn't exist

DON'T USE WATER WITH DENSE ALGAE FOR CONSUMPTION – INCLUDING PETS

Avoid use for one week!

1.5ppb is the provincial limit , but what we don't know is how much is safe for intermittent for use

Spot a bloom: report to MOE: 1800-268-6060 report for frequency, research and better understanding

www.pcchu.ca

Not a new phenomenon, fear has resulted in over reporting of algae blooms

COMMENT: Magic chemical, used in the Muskoka area, acts as a coagulant for excess phosphorus?

QUESTION: What Is causing the algae? PHOSPHORUS! Septics, orgnic matter, solutions: shoreline restoration,

12:06 13) Peterborough County Environmental Services

Lily Hamill

County of PTBO – free programs, brochures available after meeting

two stream system

**recyclables plastic, glass, metal,
paper/cardboard**

Buckhorn: hazardous waste – to the depot: Wednesday and Sundays (limited hours)

cleaners, fertilizers, makeups, sunscreen, medications, electronics...

Composting: green bins – deep hole for organics that is safe from animals

Also traditional backyard composting also available, digester

Bins are available for purchase at the dump

My Waste App: electronic, download once and will stay available with no current internet connection

Janet Clarkson: Bensort site is filling up!

78% of garbage 120/ton to transport garbage \$1200-3600/bin 1/3 of your taxes goes to garbage need to really work to reduce garbage and therefore costs, they have the right to refuse our

garbage in ptbo if unacceptable

reduce garbage, reduce costs

QUESTION: provisions for more staff

QUESTION: styrofoam needs to be addressed

12:20 14) Voices of the Trent-Severn Waterway

Allan Heritage

Harvey Lakeland Estates

Work with government and non-government stakeholders to form voices of waterway, 125 years, rock the lock, free lockage, Sept 8th

MPs

Emergency Water management meeting, we are in drought, haliburtons are drained to give us navigation levels

Water levels affect algae, levels are endangered (Balsover Dam)

Capitol funding – water management must be maintained, costs need to be separated from costs to operate locks

MPs stakeholders input

Issues with capitol expenditures to repair failing infrastructure

Ways to fix waterway – more money through fees, target recreational boating (& tourism)

Systems to generate revenue from all parties that use the canals

May also be targeting businesses along the canals now too

Janice: biggest fight to keep the system! Speak out!

12:45 15) Trent-Severn Waterway Wildlife

Heathyr Francis and Laura Coles

12:00 16) LUNCH