



BIG BALD LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

• 2012-2013 Financials

More money was spent in this period than was brought in; therefore we must put effort into increasing membership.

Expenditures, deposits, reviewed and approved at meetings, available to be reviewed

Finance 2014 YTD September versus 2013 YTD September

It was decided to cut spending until revenue increases. We are working on five year plan, aiming for financial sustainability with spending and fixed costs and balancing all aspects of budget to align plan with membership.

Additional Issues discussed:

Facebook, website, twitter, email

What do you want to see?

Where do you want your money spent?

Possibilities:

- Environment issues
- Social Events/functions, golf tournament with dinner?
- AGM

When should events occur: spring, summer, fall or winter?

Our board is very involved in the community

Financial Report - MOTION TO ACCEPT: Joe Sargent and Nancy Boyce

• Marketing and Communications

- Family Day Winter Festival: great time, volunteers cleared ice, curled with Cornish hens and hams, chili contest
- New members, lots of people, well received by all that attended
- need members on south side, and east side
- need volunteers
- FB & twitter
- Updated directory – needs to pay for itself, advertisement
- Nancy has cleaned up the membership and list of lake members, please direct changes to Nancy via email

• President's Report by Colin Hoag

Decided to join activities with Pigeon Lake Ratepayers, and the Quarry there, which has been approved sharing with each other good communication.

- Funding applications for environmental work,
- MOE, MNR, Wetland Study for species at risk including: Resort May Bay wetland
- Water Quality Monitoring: Phosphorus and E-coli
- Lower profile –needed to scale back to save money, have more members next year
- Timing of AGM and timing for election discussed
- Road signs discussed
- front of association, needs a facelift, not interested in spending money, so low cost repairs
- Feedback – survey
- focus on core activities
- **QUESTIONS: Keith Gardner** - All candidates, suggest price of admission= membership
- Nancy: lead on water quality testing, more volunteers can help out, not have to be a director
- Vacancy on board of directors, and looking for volunteers

President's Report - MOTION TO ACCEPT: Kim Letto and Mike Brown

• Membership

- More social events = more members and fun time!
- Membership is currently concentrated around north side,
- need more representation from other areas
- **COMMENT: Bruce Barnes** (road rep coordinator): talk to your neighbours! Are you a member, why not?
- need road reps, Nancy has done a membership bike weekends in the summer
- Know what needs to be done, thanks to Susan Lewin's lake plan work, but need volunteers to do the work!
- New homes, new home owners – welcome them to the area and the lake association
- Could we advertise on the BBC sign?
- Membership for 56
- Water quality, quarry
- Approach for these specifically, \$35 for water quality, \$ more for membership

DISCUSSION:

- use water quality terminology vs. environmental
- map and where water quality is tested
- is algae bloom testing something we need to be prepared for?
- testing? monitoring? messaging members?
- spring meeting and algae blooms, and water quality – action plan for summer

• Lake Water Quality Report

- shifting trend in phosphorus
- Clarity – zebra mussels
- Algae blooms would show up in this
- E-coli
- Time and money
- This year, low significant on single test and rain fall
- need more vegetation to prevent runoff
- Lower than provincial limits

Water Quality Testing Sites - Map

Long term trends for some areas – standards but can change areas, move to where our membership wants/supports

Phosphorus Results

Less fertilizer, shore line naturalization = less phosphorus

E-Coli Results 2001-2013

May Bay – next area to be tested

Need to know about 100, notify by 50

What happens – test – high result

Posted signs, put on website

Natural shorelines prevent e-coli? Yes but some e-coli is natural

Spray grape juice on grass – deters geese

E-Coli Results 2012-2013

elevated levels 2013 in July – rain events that wash e-coli into the lake

Mississauga River Restoration

Potential benefits:

- More water helps with refresh rate (which is low)
- Low nutrient = fewer weeds? Less algae (solution to pollution is dilution)
- push more water to Little Bald Lake, which has greater issues with aquatic vegetation
- Fish habitat, riparian

Impacts:

- regulated by Scotts' Dam, Trent-Severn Waterway, surrounded by private/provincial park property
- While looks to be in crossable shape, water pressure from regulating for even flow, might put additional stress on it
- Culvert under hwy 36 installed
- Archeological and Aboriginal considerations

• **Kawartha Lake Stewards Association**

- Fall AGM – Public Welcome Sat. Oct 5th 10-12
- Lakehurst Community Hall
- Water quality and management of Kawartha Lakes

Their Agenda:

- Dr. D. Lean h2o quality and the Trent-Severn Waterway
- Lake management plan for Sturgeon
- Trent-Severn Waterway water management advisory committee recommendations to the Trent-Severn Waterway
- Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (reservoir lakes)
- Captain from the Kawartha Voyager & his observations

• **Big Bald Lake Plan**

The Vision

2008 focus groups reports available on line, we are here because it's beautiful and natural and we wish to preserve those qualities

Map 2a - Land Use in Big Bald Lake's Watershed

Why no golf course – started building – not approved, stopped (run out of money?)

Hope to never see the area south of lake, agricultural lands, developed

Action Plan

10 streams mapped, submitted, inform development

Stream fed, net outflow, limited pollution, unless stream disturbed

Stream developed on Philrick

Wetland survey – more than the provincially significant

Wetlands are important to the lake

Species at risk survey – indicates on impact

Presentations naturalized shorelines (more in newsletters?)

Quarry committee

Jurisdiction with conservation authority didn't happen, not interested in this (very few areas that don't fall under CA) more regulations, more funds, more pull

Municipal work – a relationship that needs work

Communications and strength

• Closing of Meeting

Limited funds, some funds available, money always going out (more money going out) and little money coming in

There is some money to spend e.g. \$3000 for Species at Risk

Nancy: endangered species, invasive species – need external funds

Member on council

Susan Lewin (Lake Plan) is resigning from board, looking for a director

Lake planning and fish and MNR work

What have they been doing? What results?

Can we help share this?

5 more years of fish testing and ice fishing? sustainable fishing? lake health?

did you know sheet – anti bacterial

How do we get to non-members? – Road reps? Road associations

Fringe vegetation, lights, sound, water, fireworks,

Hire a student?

Post big flier

Email – send to 2 friends