

BATTERSEA LOUGHBOROUGH LAKE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30 P.M. August 5, 2015
At the Holiday Manor in Battersea

1. President Barbara Canton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:15. She introduced 2 guests, Ross Sutherland and Ron Sleeth both Councilors in South Frontenac. A count of the members in attendance was 60 – a record number in many years of annual general meetings.
In attendance were the following members of the 2015/2015 Board of Directors.

Officers: Barbara Canton – President
Brian Ward – Vice-President
Bob Fugler – Treasurer
Philippa Fugler – Secretary

Directors: Nada Beamish, Sherry Corneil, John Lyon, Joanne McDonnell, Joe Pater and Susan Sutherland.

Regrets: Sharron Lawson

2. Adoption of the Agenda with no errors or omissions was moved by Bob Fugler and seconded by John Lyon.
3. Approval of the 2014 AGM Minutes – the audience was asked to review the minutes, no errors or omissions were found. Joe Pater moved that they be adopted and seconded by Joanne McDonnell. Carried.
 - Treasurer's Report- Bob Fugler reported that income for the year totaled \$3,172. This was made up of \$1,905 in membership fees, \$1,175 from advertising, donations of \$70 and interest on GIC's of \$22.49. Expenses were \$4,216.27 for a shortfall of \$1,043.78 for the year. Expenditures included \$1,873.80 for Directors and Officers insurance and liability insurance, \$467.70 for Family Day and \$661.25 for FOCA membership. Other expenses for last year's AGM, Website management, bank charges and newsletters made up the balance of the expenditures. The association has a bank balance of \$11,265.43 for August 5, 2015. Sherry Corneil moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Dave Wood and carried.

4. Committee Reports –
 - Membership Report – We have a total of 161 members, comprised of 54 life members, 74 three year members and 33 one year members.
 - Social Report- Susan Sutherland reported that 75 people attended the June Family Picnic at the Holiday Park on the West Basin. Adults and children enjoyed the games, a band, a BBQ and meeting other lake association members. Prior to this year’s AGM we had a social hour with 3 lake based artists displaying and selling their work. Future social events could include a golf tournament or a flotilla on the lake; suggestions are welcomed from the membership.
 - Website report- Bob Fugler continues to maintain the website until a volunteer can be found to be the webmaster. The number of times the site is accessed is not being reliably reported so there are no numbers to report.

5. Proposed changes to the membership fee structure – Bob Fugler provided a history of the fee structure stating the fees have been unchanged since 1990. Joining FOCA and paying for liability insurance has necessitated doubling our annual rate from \$10 to \$20 as these two services will add \$7.40 per member.
 - Motion – Bob proposed that the Association increase the annual rate to \$20, seconded by Karl Montgomery.
 - Discussion – membership fees will now be based on the calendar year, starting January 2016 and will fund the increased costs of FOCA and insurance. Beginning June 1, 2015 only annual memberships were offered.
 - Vote – supported unanimously by the membership at the AGM.

6. Presentations-
 - Alison Vandervelde and Anne Marie Young spoke about the upcoming celebration of the County of Frontenac’s 150th Anniversary on August 28-30 to be held at Centennial Park, Harrowsmith. There will be a parade, live music, family activities, a plowing match, food and a heritage ball. Everyone is invited and admission is free. Ms. Young as the Manager of Economic Development talked about how important sustainability is to the County. The 4 pillars of sustainability are cultural, social, environmental and economic. Ms. Young noted that there are two community events held yearly to guide sustainability interventions, a spring breakfast and a fall workshop.
 - Marlene MacDonald, one of the owners of the Holiday Manor gave us an interesting talk on the history of the Manor previously known as Van Luven House. It was built in 1840 by some of the stone masons who built the Rideau Canal. Sir John A. Macdonald attended court in the room we were presently meeting in.

7. Nominations of Board of Directors-

- Nominations of existing Board Members- Judy Ward conducted the nomination process. All existing members have agreed to continue in their positions with the exception of Kyle Gordon who has resigned.
- Nominations from the floor – Philippa Fugler advised the membership that Evonne Potts has volunteered to join the Board of Directors.
- Dave Wood moved that the slate of directors be accepted, seconded by Joanne McDonnell. A vote was taken and unanimously supported by the membership.

8. Information Items-

- Trout Stocking – Nada Beamish reported on the BLLA involvement with the MNRF to stock lake trout in the West Basin. In May, 8 volunteers and six boats helped to distribute the trout to designated areas of the deeper areas of the lake using small nets. The hope is that the trout will have better opportunities to survive if placed in deeper water. 4,000 lake trout were stocked that day. The local MNRF office received approval for netting projects on Loughborough Lake for the summers of 2015-2016. This will help them monitor our lake trout population.
- Natural Edge Shoreline Restoration Project – Brian Ward spoke about the 2013 Love Your Lake project and advised the membership a summary of their findings is available on our website. He also reported on the shoreline naturalization offer by Watersheds Canada to waterfront property owners to help them restore their shorelines by planting native trees, shrubs, groundcovers and grasses along the water's edge. To date 6 property owners have signed up and there are funds available for 4 more. Property owners pay 25% of the cost of the restoration work and plants.
- People, Aquatic Plants and Healthy Lakes Project – this is a project sponsored by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to study biomass in lakes. It involves volunteers towing a fish finder which has been adapted to map the aquatic vegetation density in lakes. One of the audience asked if the creek in Battersea could be mapped too, Brian was to inquire. Volunteers are being sought for this project.
- New developments on the lake – Brian Ward spoke about the Johnston Point development. In February the BLLA provided comments and recommendations that the Township follow the regulations set out by the conservation authority and County. We continue to monitor the status of this new development. Councilors Ron Sleeth and Ross Sutherland agreed that development is necessary in the County but not development that adversely affects the lake. A Peer Review of the original Environmental Assessment has been prepared for the County which raised a number of concerns about species at risk being affected by the development. The OMB now has been tasked with assessing the project and its environmental impact.

9. Other Business- None.

10. Adjournment – Susan Sutherland moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Judy Ward. The meeting adjourned at 8:30