

BATTERSEA LOUGHBOROUGH LAKE ASSOCIATION

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:00 P.M. August 11, 2016

At the Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre

1. President Barbara Canton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were 34 members present. In attendance were the following members of the 2015/2016 Board of Directors:

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

Directors: Nada Beamish, Joanne McDonnell, Joe Pater, Evonne Potts
and Susan Sutherland

Regrets : Brian Ward

2. Adoption of the Agenda with no errors or omissions was moved by Barbara Canton and seconded by Joanne McDonnell and carried.
3. Approval of the 2015 Minutes – the members were asked to review the minutes, no errors or omissions were found. Barbara Canton moved that they be adopted, Susan Sutherland seconded the motion and it was carried.
4. Committee Reports:
 - Treasurer – Bob Fugler presented the financial report for the period from August 5, 2015 to August 11, 2016. Income totaled \$3,234.26 derived from memberships, advertising, donations, merchandise sales and interest. Expenses were \$5,270.92 for a shortfall of \$2,036.66. Expenditures included Directors and Officers insurance as well as Liability insurance of \$1,706.40, newsletter costs of \$1,106.54, FOCA membership of \$661.25, last year's AGM costs of \$592.40, merchandise costs of \$525.85 and website administration of \$362.23. The Flotilla this year cost \$163.30, promotion and administration was \$152.95. The Association has a bank balance of \$9,228.76. Bob explained that it was not unexpected that expenses exceeded revenues as we are still in transition from multi-year memberships to annual memberships. By 2018 all memberships except Life memberships (no longer available) will be renewed annually. There have been fewer renewals of memberships with 30 yet to renew. The insurance costs are high due to the start-up with the new insurance broker. We had to pay a pro-rated fee for last

year and a full year this year both of which are reflected in the report. Newsletter costs are higher than past years as our previous editor was able to get the newsletters printed at the company she was with. Future newsletters will be printed in black and white to save costs. We also learned that members will be able to e-transfer membership fees in the future with details to be posted on the website and Facebook pages. Joe Pater moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by John Broderick and carried.

- Membership – currently there are 144 members, of which 54 have life memberships, 35 have 3-year memberships and 55 have 1-year memberships.
- Social – Susan Sutherland explained that the June picnic was cancelled due to the inability of the Loughborough Holiday Park to be ready to accommodate our group. The Flotilla on July 2nd was a great success with many boats on parade. A lunch stop at the Canton's dock was enjoyed by all. Susan expects to organize one for the next year. The upcoming Golf Tournament at Inverary Golf and Country Club is planned for August 27 with all members encouraged to attend.
- Website – Bob Fugler reported that he has started a Loughborough Lake Facebook page and a “gmail” address for communication. This has been done to try to transition to a more economical running of the website. He encouraged anyone who was interested to volunteer to be the webmaster.

5. Presentations:

- Gary Bell – Nature Conservancy of Canada, Manager for Eastern Ontario. Gary spoke about the properties the NCC has acquired over the years which border Loughborough Lake in the Frontenac Arch. They are currently raising funds to purchase property on Fishing Lake. This property protects the outflow creek that flows into Loughborough Lake as well as supporting many areas for waterfowl and migratory ducks. The area is also home to several rare and declining species including the whip-poor-will, gray rat snake, milksnake and the eastern pondmussel.
- Carolyn Bonta – Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre (ELEEC) Manager. Carolyn explained that the Centre is shared between the Queen's University Biological Station (QUBS) and the NCC. The ELEEC created in 2011 serves as an environmental outreach site and educational venue for QUBS. They provide educational programs in biodiversity conservation and environmental stewardship. She highlighted many of the current activities being hosted - school field trips, field courses, club meetings, retreats and small conferences. There is also a day camp for youngsters offered each summer. Carolyn encourages people to come and visit the property and learn about this gem of nature right in our backyard.

6. Nominations of Board of Directors:

- Nominations of existing Board Members – Philippa Fugler conducted the nomination process. All existing members have agreed to continue in their positions.
 - Nominations from the floor- Roel Vertegaal volunteered to join the Board. Philippa Fugler moved that the nominations close seconded by Bob Fugler. Philippa Fugler moved that the slate of officers be accepted for the 2016-2017 year, seconded by Nona Mariotti and carried.
7. A meeting for Storrington residents with their Councillors and the Mayor was held on July 21st. Three Board members attended to present the BLLA's concerns regarding the Official Plan for the Township and the planning process for development. Four points were highlighted- encouraging development in the right location, Council and community early participation, monitoring and compliance approval and Official Plan Criteria. The Councillors were receptive to the comments but there was not a fulsome discussion as the Mayor wanted to move onto another topic.
8. Adjournment - Joe Pater moved that the meeting be adjourned seconded by Joanne McDonnell and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8 P.M.