

Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners' Association

Annual General Meeting – Sunday, June 30th, 2013

Minutes

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Barb Bohlin 9:30 am

Barb thanked everyone for coming and for the response to the lake survey. It was very useful and lots of good information was gathered that will be used when responding to local issues.

2. Secretary's Report – Diana Ferguson for Donna McCallum

- Approval of 2012 AGM minutes (in Directory)
- Moved Diana Ferguson
- Seconded Gary Oliver
- Unanimous vote

3. Treasurer's Report – Carmen Colangelo

- Approval of 2012 Financial Statement (in Directory)
- explanation of the stewardship fund.
- Moved Carmen Colangelo
- Seconded Dave LaFerle
- Unanimous vote

As Carmen is retiring from the treasurer's post he was thanked on behalf of association for the outstanding work he has done.

4. News and Updates from the Municipality and County – Reeve Murray Fearrey and Councillor Dennis Casey

- A lot of damage to roads due to flooding. County has done a housing study. Anticipate 25% retirees in next 10 yrs. Abbey Gardens growing locally organically.
- Dennis Casey pushed for environmental care for the shoreline. recommended going to the Dysart web to watch videos.
- Parking at Sandy Cove... council (nor Drag Lake executive and members) not in favour of additional spots to accommodate new building

5. Announcement of our Charitable Donations - Barb Bohlin

- Haliburton Volunteer Fire Department \$200
- Minden Flood Relief Fund \$200

6. News From Area Director Coordinator – Gary Oliver

- Handouts this summer to be distributed bu Area Directors
- We have 19 Areas and 15 directors, need 4 more. All residents must be contacted at one time or another and info updated.

7. Webmasters Report – Martin Rist

Over 17,000 page views and the web site continues to improve. Lake news, updates and alerts, what is happening in Haliburton, resources such as, survey results, maps and history, cottager/renter do's and don't's posters and a lost and found.

Membership dues can be paid online with all major credit cards either one time or recurring. It is simple and convenient.

A new feature launched is a classified ad section. Other potential features could include a phone directory and a photo gallery. Members are encouraged to contact the association executive with their ideas.

8. Summer Events Update – Barb

- Sailing Race at 1:00 pm today
- Corn Roast starts at 5:00 pm August 24
- We need a new coordinator for the Novelty Swim 2014, contact Barb
- Need a coordinator for all summer events.

9. Elections & Presentations

Positions up for election:

- Treasurer: Carmen Colangelo nominated Erin Neimann
- seconded Dave Laferle
- voted unanimously
- 2nd Vice President: Karl Gonnsen nominated by Kathy Gonnsen
- acclaimed
- Secretary: Larry Olivo volunteered
- Acclaimed

We are delighted to have these new executive members and thank outgoing members for all their work on behalf of our lake community.

10. CEWF & Water Levels Report – Martin Rist

The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow was set up to assess the effect the demands of the Trent Severn Waterway has on the feeder lakes and rivers. Many of these are in Haliburton County and Drag/Spruce Lakes are the head waters of the Burnt River, a major contributor.

The winter of 2013 was a bit of a disaster. 50 to 75 mm of rain in April, before the snow melt created flood conditions, particularly in the Minden area, and many roads were severely damaged. May's heavy rains were larger (88 mm) but were not as damaging. Water levels did hit historic highs.

Managing the water flows for all users is a priority for the CEWF and, as an example, our association would like to see our minimum water level raised by 1 foot.

All members are encouraged to use our website for up to date information.

11. Welcome to Paul MacInnes speaking on "Our Lake Stressors & Troubling Indicators. See the CHA(Coalition of Haliburton Associations) website
12. Lake Steward's News - Bert Bicknell
13. We test a lot, 18 ft of clarity. sample of water tested for phosphorus. Fortunately our levels are low due to limestone deposits. Algae blooms usually show up later in summer (we do not have blue-green algae)
13. Welcome back Gerry Moral –introduced by Bert Bicknell,Gerry provided an update on Drag Lake Fisheries
14. **Early Bird Draw!** Helga Laaaminaem and Linda Brohm won pairs of theatre tickets for the Forest Festival and Northern Lights Productions.

Annual meeting concluded at 12:10

Follow all the lake news and events at www.dragandsprucelakes.ca and sign up for automatic alerts.