

Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners Association
AGM Minutes
10 a.m. June 29, 2008
Haliburton Curling Club

Presidents Welcome

President Barb Bohlin welcomed everyone and was pleased to note the good attendance.

2007 Minutes

Moved by Donna McCallum

Seconded by Diana Ferguson

That the minutes of the 2007 AGM be adopted as printed in the 2008 Directory and Newsletter
Motion Carried

Treasurers Report

In absence of Treasurer Carmen Colangelo, Treasurers report was given by Joe Sebesta

The association wished a speedy recovery to Carmen.

Expenditures to date have been \$ 7358.00 being the cost for the production of the Directory and the creation of the website. Revenue to date is \$ 5181 being membership and advertising.

Balance to date is 13,387.00; \$ 10,095 is in a GIC

Moved by Bert Bicknell

Seconded Dave LaFerle

That the Treasurers Report be accepted as printed in the 2008 Directory and Newsletter
Motion Carried

Charitable Donation

This year the charitable donation was given to the Haliburton Highlands Health Foundation in memory of Miriam Ouellette the \$ 400.00 donation from our association was presented by Dave LaFerle and accepted by to Don Popple on behalf of the Foundation. Don thanked the association and felt it fitting to accept the donation in memory of Miriam as his wife Sheila is related to Mrs. Ouelette. Don explained that this donation would be used towards the purchase of the PAC system which allows the transfer of documents such as x rays immediately to a specialist for comments

Elections

Elections were conducted by Diana Ferguson

Membership Chair - Nominations were called for this position

Moved by Joe Sebesta

Seconded Dave LaFerle

That Nancy Stinson is nominated to serve as Membership Chair

Motion Carried

Lake Steward

Bert Bicknell has agreed to serve for one more year but wants someone to train. Bert Reflected on Ron Wilson who was the Lake Steward and wanted to recognize the outstanding job for all the hard work and setting the standard so high. Bert outlined a short job description should any one present be interested.

Second Vice President - Diana called for nominations for this position none were forth coming.

Patricia Shuttle stepping down from this position spoke passionately about the position

It is not a "drag" and the best part is you realize how many nice people live around you and how they enjoy our beautiful lake. People are very cooperative, they are called every spring, this position does not take up a lot of time and you get more back than you give

It was suggested from the floor that it would be helpful to have job descriptions for positions up for election in next newsletter along with an idea of number of hours expected and the number of meeting

The Executive will undertake this initiative

Member at Large - Diana Ferguson called for nominations

Moved by Diana Ferguson

Seconded by Barb Bohlin

That Patricia Shuttle is nominated to serve as Member at Large

Motion Carried

Lake Steward Report

Lake Steward Bert Bicknell presented the Lake Report. This year the lake again showed improvement. A lake trout on average is caught within 2 hours of fishing; this is a good quality of lake trout fishing and especially since the average size is continues to rise

2007- 31% of fish were under 13 "as compared to 56% in previous years. Fish 13' to 16' increased to 52 % from 42 %; Fish from 16' to 22 "increased from 1% to 10 %. The increase has been evident since winter fishing was reopened and hopefully will continue. This year again the harvesting of rock bass will be encouraged and .10 will be paid for each rock bass removed. The honour system is being used record # caught at your cottage and forward number to me 457 2476 after Labour Day and cheque will be issued. Last year the Gaebler family caught 536 and the wood family caught 350. Many thanks to fellow Lake Stewards Committee members: Wayne McMullen, Peter Forgave, (Lake water quality) Dave LaFerle, Martin Risk and Rainer Hentschel. Martin Risk is our Representative on the CEWF executive committee. Unfortunately Martin is unable to give you an update on the coalition. Fellow member Steven Foster of the Executive Committee has generously offered to present update. Steven Foster gave a detailed report on the CEWF and future considerations of this committee

Membership Chair Report

Joe Sebesta invited everyone to view and use the association's web site to communicate with the executive... It will be improved and expanded

Joe thanked the area Directors for there work and asked any present to stand and be recognized

True North Road does not have an area Director anyone who would like to volunteer pleas contact Membership chair

Ray Vanderburg 1194 True North road was the Early Bird winner

Summer Events

Dave LaFerle reported on summer events

The Ced Hurd Memorial Swim championed by Jim Fink will be continued by Jim's family.

The association wishes Jim a speedy recovery

Patricia Shuttle has stepped forward as Event Coordinator for Fun day

All other events are on schedule as posted in the Directory

New Projects

President Barb Bohlin brought the association to date on a number of ongoing issues that the Executive have been dealing with:

Barb has attended meetings at FOCA regarding the Fair Tax Coalition, in Highland East regarding uranium mining. In Dysart et al property owners own there mineral rights as is not the case in Highlands East. Barb asked for support of High speed petition. The Events signs have been replaced. A map of Drag Lake has been completed and is available to all members. Barb thanked Anthony Van Lieshout for his generous support in production of the map.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Roxanne Casey from Community Care

Roxanne gave an informative presentation on the services offered by Community Care and stressed that these services are not just for permanent residents but could be accessed by cottagers while spending time at their cottage and offer security and peace of mind should seniors be at the cottage. The list of services available includes: Transportation to medical appointments; Light Yard maintenance; Housework; Recreational programs e.g. yoga; Friendly visiting; Diners Club; Meals on Wheels; Security checks and alarms; Emergency response system.

Bill Beatty - Outdoor Association

The association had an agreement with MNR for funding for a four year time frame. This time frame is now finished. Bill urged members to support the Outdoor association and outlined some of the projects they are involved in: 27 lakes are stocked; Host an annual fishing Derby; Sponsor "Take a Kid Fishing"; Dog Pound during hunting season; Deer feeding program; Sponsor of Children's water Festival; Archery Club; Maintain Soccer Field; Building is available to rent for events.

The association is staffed by 2 staff and volunteers spend 1000's of hours to keep programs going

Bart Hilhorst and Jessica Keach - MNR

A very informative and interesting slide show presentation titled Bear Wise was presented

The main message of presentation was that should you have bears visit your property makes sure they know they are not welcome, make sure no food source and make Noise to tell them stay away from property. If they are constantly hassled they will find an easier area to visit.

Murray Fearrey Reeve Dysart et al

The Reeve addressed the members as bringing the shareholders of Dysart et al to date. In reference to the earlier presentation from the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow that the County of Haliburton has no conservation Authority, the reeve cautioned that we have three water sheds in our municipality and that conservation authorities are funded directly by the local taxpayers. He further noted that planning policies are important and that the policies in appear to be working hence the absence of Conservation Authorities, Unfortunately W3 Connect the company responsible for bringing High speed to the county is bankrupt. The good news is that a buyer is interested and will continue where W3 left off. The County is working with Bell and are applying for a government monies available to finish the high speed project. The reeve cautioned and Break and entries have increased and seen to be targeted on garden sheds with theft of gas, tools e.g. chainsaws that are readily salable. This year is the end of the assessment freeze. Municipality is working with WRAFT to keep the increase at a fair level. Shifting the tax burden to waterfront in a large % increase is not viable

Derek Knowles Councillor Ward 2

Councillor Knowles believes the road department has been proactive rather than reactive and that the roads in Drag Lake area are in good shape. Councillor Knowles hopes for a more equitable distribution of taxes and believes that money should be spent when it is needed. Regarding ATV's the police are limited in what they can do ATV's are not legal in Drag Lake area. OPP will react to calls from indicial if they are provided with licence plate numbers or names. 911 signs keep disappearing. It is your responsibility to have them replaced, call the municipal office for information. Waste Management program now has a clear bag program. Your support is appreciated we have doubled the amount of recyclables. Councillor Knowles would be in favor of putting more money into recycling and not burying

AGM adjourned at 12:55 p.m.