

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JULY 10, 2016

1. Welcome and Introductions – Barb Bohlin

Meeting called to order by Barb Bohlin at 9:50. Barb noted that moving the meeting off the Canada Day weekend appears to have increased attendance. She also reminded members they can always get information on events and other matters of interest on the DSLPOA website, and can sign up for email updates.

2. Secretary's Report –Larry Olivo

The 2015 AGM minutes appear in the new Directory for the members to review and comment on. There being no discussion arising from the Minutes,

MOVED, Larry Olivo, that the Minutes be accepted as read, SECONDED, David LeFerle

Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – Erin Neiman

Erin reviewed the statement of income expenses and the budget, as printed in the 2015 Directory. Noted we have a reserve fund. There were no questions or discussion of the budget.

MOVED, Erin Neiman, that the Treasurer's Report be Accepted, SECONDED Diana Ferguson

Approved

4. Presentation of our Charitable Donations –Karl Gonnens - to the **Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary**

The representatives of the Auxiliary, Jacqui Clarkson current President and Tracey Lear former President attended and thanked the DSLPOA for its donation. Jacqui

spoke to the meeting and outlined some of the programs and initiatives of the Auxiliary. The donation will help support their plan for this year, which is to create a Compassionate Suite in the Long Term Care Facility, where people will return after surgery or for palliative care in a more home like setting. They also plan to have an accessible washroom installed in the ER.

5. News and Updates from the Municipality and County – Reeve Murray Fearrey and Councillor Derek Knowles

Derek promised to be brief. And he was. Work will be going on roads on Kennaway from Hwy 118 to Dudley Rd this summer. There have been no complaints about roads this year from the Drag Lake area. There are no changes anticipated for the Landfill site in Haliburton, except that as it fills it will be turned into a transfer station. The only thing now landfilled is household waste. Everything else goes out. When the site finally closes, it will be landscaped and monitored with containers to deposit waste, as is now the case for recyclables. This is likely to occur within the next 2 years. Expanding the landfill site is not practical as it is very expensive, and it is not clear we could get a permit from the province, as there are no feasible sites available. Where garbage will be transferred has not yet been determined, and will be determined in part by cost. We do currently get some income from some of our recyclables.

Derek announced that he will be moving from Haliburton soon, and thanked the members for their support and wished us all well.

Murray noted the change in dock regulations, and that the town is not planning to expand requirements for dock permits, but if you have questions check with the town office. Murray noted that shoreline preservation and maintenance is key to control of chemicals leaching from septic fields, as there are limited places to dump pumped sewage. The county and town are going through an official plan update, with a public final review on August 3, 2016. There are not a lot of provisions affecting waterfront properties. However, if you build where there are pines, you have to have an inspection for fire issues. Water levels are fairly low and lower than usual. The cost of OPP funding continues to be an issue, and the town and county have gotten nowhere trying to change it. We are not

dissatisfied with OPP service, but charging seasonal residences at the same rate as full time residents is not fair; nor can we find out the cost of our OPP services to get some sense of the appropriateness of what is being charged for these services. It may be more efficient and less expensive if we move to a local municipal police force. Currently, the town has raised the issue of charges for OPP services with the Ombudsman's Office where it is currently under review. Murray also noted that we are looking to increase more accommodation for assisted living as the population ages.

5a. Shoreline Survey Report –Bert Bicknell

Bert noted that there are 548 assessed properties: 496 on Drag Lake and 52 on Spruce Lake, with a shoreline length of 40km and 7.4km, respectively. To preserve and maintain water quality on the lakes, 75% of the shoreline should be either in natural state or in a regenerative state where previously cleared shoreline is returning to a natural state. Drag Lake only has 62% of its shoreline in a natural or regenerative state, and does not meet the desired standard. Spruce Lake does meet the recommended standard of having 75% of all properties in a natural or regenerative state. To improve Drag Lake's water quality, shoreline that has been cleared, with lawns and landscaping, will need to be allowed to revert to a natural state or even better, be actively upgraded with the addition of native plants, shrubs or trees.

Bert noted that of 548 properties, only 180 had accessed free copies of the report. Bert noted that members can still obtain the report by emailing Terri-Lee Reid at info@loveyourlake.ca and giving your cottage address to obtain either a free mailed copy or a link to an on-line version for downloading.

Dave LeFerle gave a brief update on 911 signs. Noted that when the tornadoes occurred several years ago, it would have helped to have 911 road signs on the waterfront, when emergency crews had to come by boat. We still have signs available \$20.00 from Vista Signs in Haliburton, 705 457-9796.

6. Update regarding the new Regulations on Docks and Permits – Larry Olivo

A 2015 Superior Court case, *Glaspell v. MNR et al* has resulted in some changes on the ability of the province, the federal government and municipalities to regulate dock and boathouse installations. Both the senior levels of government and the municipalities clearly have the power to regulate and control the repair, installation and placement of docks and boathouses that are larger than 15 m squared, along the shoreline. As boathouses are prohibited in Dysart, unless grandfathered, that aspect is not all that relevant here. But the court's use of the word "placement" has been interpreted to mean that a floating dock that is moved in the winter and reinstalled in the spring can require a permit if the dock is larger than 15 m squared. However, the local MNR has made it clear that it does not intend to require permits for docks moved in the winter, as it has neither the manpower or procedures in place.

If you do require a permit, you will need to show your dock on a map and complete a fairly detailed application including drawings. The local Ministry offices do not currently appear to have a process for dealing with the dock permit application.

7. News From Area Director Coordinator – Barb Bohlin

Barb introduced the AD's and their areas including two new area directors, Kim Oliver Conlin and Barrett Greenhow. Directories are free for all waterfront property owners, *this year*. They are unfortunately late this year, but are now available from your Area Director. We also have the laminated maps, available for \$5.00. A new member can have one free.

There are several areas whereas where Area Director volunteers are needed:

1)Carroll Road 2)the middle part of Indian Point Road

Wayne Hussey announced that he will lead a crew on July 16 at 10 am to clean up Podmore beach, and install two new picnic tables donated by Timber Mart. The beach is currently not in a good state, the former picnic tables are badly damaged and need to come out. Call Wayne if you'd like to help 705 457-0030.

8. Summer Events Update – Barb Bohlin

Barb noted that members can check the website for any news or changes in events and also the dates of summer events are on the event signs on roads leading to the lakes.

The location for Fun Day will again be at the Haliburton Fish Hatcher on Gelert Rd. Barb reminded members to send in photos from any of our lake events or from scenes on the lake so that we can use them on the website and in the directory.

Barb noted that all events are running thanks to our event organizers and asked members to let them know how much we all appreciate their efforts.

Barb noted that this year's loon survey indicated that while there were loon pairs on the lake, there were no chicks sighted this year. If anyone spots chicks, they should contact Barb and let her know..

(Please note that Aimee Fink and Christine Young are once again organizing the Ced Hurd Mile Swim, not Greg Platt. Call Aimee at 519 240-5402 for information)

9.Elections

Positions up for election this year are as set out below; those elected take office as of the Fall Executive Meeting. Barb noted that we need people to step up and get involved, although we do have a strong team. She also announced that she was not running for President, and the members thanked her for over a decade of service to the DSLPOA.

- President:

Nominated by Dave LeFerle, seconded by Bert Bicknell, **Karl Gonnson** for President, Elected, by acclamation.

- Vice President

No nominations. This office remains open to any member who may be interested. Members should indicate an interest in this post to Barb.

- Membership Chair

Nominated by Karl Gonnsen, seconded by Joyce Moore, **Blue Olexiuk** for Membership Chair, Elected by acclamation

- Treasurer

Nominated by Peter Markle seconded by Diana Ferguson, **Erin Neimann** for Treasurer, Elected by acclamation

Volunteers Needed

Barb noted that we need someone to take over as co-ordinator of the summer events. We also need someone to handle Advertising for the Directory. Training is provided and you get to work with great people. Much of the work can now be done online. If you are interested contact Barb or Karl Gonnsen.

10. **Early Bird Draw!** - Blue Olexiuk conducted the draw for 2 great prizes for those who have paid their fees. With 118 contestants, the winners are: Janet MacKay, and Robert and Jill Kowaluk. Congratulations!!!

Thanks to the Highlands Summer Festival and The Wine Store – Minden.

12. Discussion of the upcoming Dam Construction on the Drag River – Darryl Whitehead, External Relations Manager, Ontario Waterways Unit, Parks Canada.

There is a general overhaul now underway of infrastructure on the Trent Severn Waterway, including dams on feeder lakes such as Drag Lake. Across Parks Canada there are about 16 billion dollars in assets. Approximately 3 billion dollars of those assets are in the Trent Severn. Approximately \$700 million in potential work has been identified with respect to repairs and upgrades. There are two dams on Drag Lake, built in the 1920's. Prior dams were in the area from the 1860's primarily to control water flow for timber drives. Major repairs to the current dams were last done in 1978. The Drag dam is in need of work on the concrete but does not require complete replacement. The goal is to extend the life of the dam. The work will include concrete re-facing-chipping, and resurfacing

the dam. A raised cat walk will be added as will new rails and post tension anchors, in order to handle extreme high water situations, and create safer conditions for staff and the public. Next steps including going to tender, completing archeological consultation, awarding the contract, and doing the actual construction. When the work is actually done will depend on the spawning and nesting seasons, which may cause work suspension from time to time during the project. It is expected that the tenders will be in mid July 2016, with construction starting in the Fall. The work should be completed by late spring-early summer 2017. Construction stages will be announced via email to those who signed up to be contacted. This information will also be available on our website.

The Trent Severn determines the draw from the lake, and if the Hydro dam is drawing water while the dam is not, it is to use the permitted amount of flow, but directed to the Hydro dam rather than to non-Hydro dam. Construction should not affect the water levels, or change the strategy for determining water flow and its effect on water levels.

Darryl remained after his presentation to answer questions after the meeting. Karl thanked Darryl for attending and presented him with a gift from the DSLPOA.

Adjourned 12:10 pm

Larry Olivo

Secretary, DSLPOA