

**Drag and Spruce Lakes Property owners Association**  
**AGM**  
**10 a.m. Sunday July 1, 2012**  
**Haliburton Curling Club**

President Barb Bohlin welcomed everyone and thanked the audience for coming on such a nice summer day. Barb introduced the Executive with special mention of Carol Steele who is the coordinator for the Area Directors. Carol introduced all the Area Directors present and indicated the area they were responsible for.

**Minutes- Donna McCallum**

Moved by Larry Olivo

Seconded by Dave Laferle

That the minutes of the 2011 AGM be adopted as circulated in the 2012 Directory

Carried

**Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Carmen Colangelo was unable to attend but filed a very comprehensive report which Barb shared with the meeting.

Overall the financial position of the association is sound, the \$30 membership fee is split between the operating fund \$2, and the stewardship fund \$5.

Total revenue for 2011 was \$11,800 consisting of \$ 7,700 membership fees and Directory advertising \$3,900 and \$ 200 miscellaneous. The advertising revenue more than pays for the Directory. Please support the local merchants who advertise in the Directory

We closed the year with a surplus of \$2400 in the operating fund and \$700 in the Stewardship Fund.

The fund balances are \$5,300 in the operating fund and \$12,000 in the Lake Stewardship Fund. The money is invested in short term GIC's with BMO.

The \$12,000 in the Lake stewardship Fund is a war chest ready to use if and when required to protect and preserve our pristine lake environment from developmental and other threats.

A full Statement of Operations December 31, 2011 are printed in the 2012 Directory.

Moved by Bert Bicknell

Seconded by Carol Steele

That the Treasurers 2011 report be adopted as circulated in the 2012 Directory

Carried

### **Charitable Donation**

This year the charitable donation has been given to the Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic. The clinic serves our community with volunteer staffing and has proved to be much needed. SIRCH acts as the screening organization to fit patients to dental services at the clinic. The association is pleased to donate \$400 to the clinic. (Please note that since our AGM the clinic has received Charitable status and anyone can make donations and receive a tax receipt.)

### **Webmasters Report- Martin Rist**

The site is alive and well and going strong. Lifetime hits are 10,800, 659 in the last 30 days, online payments 23, cost to association \$0.00!

Any suggestions to improve the site are welcome.

### **Summer Events – Diana Ferguson**

Corn Roast is being held at 5 p.m., please note that this time is different from the time in the Directoy, and is at Sandy Cove and is primarily an adult event. This is a departure from having the Corn roast on Fun Day.

As always volunteers are needed for all events, please contact Diana Ferguson or Gary Gough if you can help.

No alcohol or pets at events. Because of issues with bees and soft drinks, only water will be offered this year.

Thank you to the Gonnsens for allowing us to once again use their property for Fun Day.

### **Elections**

Diana Ferguson conducted Elections and called for nominations to the following positions

President - call for nominations, no nomination, Barb Bohlin will stand again

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- no nomination

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president - Gary Oliver volunteered, nomination accepted

Secretary- no nomination

Membership - no nomination

Directory Editor - Donna McCallum volunteered, nomination accepted

2<sup>nd</sup> Officer at large - no nomination- Spruce Lake area representation needed for this position

Lake Steward - no new nominations, Bert Bicknell will continue

Moved by Dave LaFerle

Seconded by Carl Gonnsen

That the re-election of President and Lake Steward be accepted as put forward in election process

Carried

Moved by Carl Gonnsen

Seconded by Bert Bicknell

That Larry Oliver's nomination be accepted and he be elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the association

Carried

Lake Steward Bert Bicknell took the floor to ask someone to consider the Lake Steward position. Bert explained that the main focuses to work with the MNR reporting complaints or concerns and to education property owners. Bert further explained that he works with a committee and would welcome someone on the committee to learn about the job.

President Barb Bohlin presented gifts to Phil Lapp, Nancy Stinson Donna McCallum and Len Pizzey thanking them for their years of service to the association. The gift is a handcrafted mug by a local potter.

The mugs are a specialty item to present only to past executive.

### **Stewardship Report-Bert Bicknell**

I have reported over the past couple of years a significant reduction in the services provided by the MNR to Drag and Spruce Lakes. We no longer have regular sampling of the fishery by MNR netting and therefore do not get annual reports of the predicted average size and numbers of lake trout and small mouth bass.

However the good news is that the reports from our extra keen fishermen both last fall and this season suggest that Lake trout are still being caught in reasonable numbers and size

Special thank you to Peter Forgrave who does the water testing and to Wayne McMullen and Dave LaFerle, Rainer Hertshel and Martin Rist who are on the Lake Steward Committee.

The response to last year's cottage survey highlighted your concerns for water quality and natural shoreline. These concerns lead to discussion regarding shoreline rehabilitation and septic tank maintenance.

I intend to call a meeting of our Lake Steward Committee in the near future to consider what we can do to respond to these and other concerns including the expansion of our testing of lake water. I intend to press for more education regarding lawn fertilizing, dishwasher cleaners and even bathing with soap in the lake.

### **2011 DSLPOA Lake Survey Summary- Barb Bohlin**

The purpose of the summary was to get up to date information on how best to represent our members and waterfront community. 1995 was the last review done by the association and members on the lake. We thank the 91 members who took the time to complete the survey. All the information is looked at and very useful as we look at future plans and how best to speak for our waterfront community with the municipality and county and at different organizations. There will be a meeting on Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM at the Haliburton Library meeting room to discuss the summary in more depth, answer questions and hear suggestions. The Summary of the survey and the raw data will be available on our website. You can also email suggestions or return the attached reply form. We will have hard copies of the survey at the meeting (as well as the ones you received today).

## **CEWF and Water Levels Report –Martin Rist**

The presentation covered:

1. the status of the Drag/Spruce water levels for 2012
2. the key CEWF activities underway
3. a recommendation for preferred water levels for Drag/Spruce Lakes

The preferred water level proposal recommended no change to the annual maximum level, and an increase to the annual minimum level of 1 foot. The recommendation was voted on, and passed unanimously. (See the DSLPOA web site for a full description).

## **Leora Berman the Land Between**

Leora Berman gave a passionate, informative and interesting presentation on “The Land Between”. Our waters are in the Land Between and Leora’s report gave us some insight into the beautiful area we live and cottage in and its diversity. Her presentation reminded us that we do have the power to help keep our lake and surrounding area the beautiful pristine area, we enjoy today, for our children and grandchildren.

For more information [www.thelandbetween.ca](http://www.thelandbetween.ca)

## **News and updates from County and Municipality**

Murray Fearrey did not speak but was available for questions. Murray brought a handout synopsis of the new County Tree cutting bylaw which should be in effect this fall

Dennis Casey updated the association on the Environment Green Energy Committee which he serves on. The Committee is working to educate ratepayers about Green Energy. Brian Nash a member of the Committee is holding an Open House on July 7 to showcase his 100% off the grid home. He makes use of solar panels and windmills. Please attend this informative open house

A Day at the Landfill is planned for ratepayers to come and learn about the dos and don’ts at the landfill site. Dennis told the association members that he is willing to take calls or emails regarding any of their concerns.

**Early Bird Draw** Two tickets for Highland Little Theatre were won by John and Suzanne Baker and two tickets to Haliburton Forest concert were won by Archie and Ruth Mulford. Congratulations!

Meeting adjourned at 12:30