

**BUCK LAKE ASSOCIATION Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting-Saturday, July 7, 2007**  
**Perth Road Community Hall**

**Call to Order**

President Crawford MacIntyre called the Annual General Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.- after registration and membership renewals. Approximately 40 members and guests attended. Recording secretary Amy Rossworm recorded the minutes.

**1. Welcome and Introduction of Board Members**

The President welcomed guests, Mayor Gary Davison and Councillor Ron Vandewal and all BLA members. Crawford introduced the members of the BLA Board of Directors: Vice-President Roy Mills, Secretary/Treasurer Tricia Waldron, Recording Secretary Amy Rossworm and Directors Duncan Sinclair, Stephen Roughton, Marilyn O'Connor, Jim Manuel and Nancy Daugulis.

The President took a few minutes to pay tribute to Mr. John Babcock, a Canadian, soon to be 107 years old, the only known surviving veteran of WWI. Mr. Babcock who grew up in the area joined the army at 15.5 years old.

Then Crawford invited the members to stand for a moment of silence to honour the six Canadian soldiers recently killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan. Among those killed was Capt. Matthew Dawe who has family ties to a former BLA Director, Pat Hegarty who lives on Buck Lake.

**2. Remarks from South Frontenac Council Members**

Mayor Gary Davison opened with greetings from South Frontenac Council, thanking the Buck Lake Association for all the hard work the organization does and noting that Council relies on the BLA to be part of the stewardship planning program and to bring a common good to people on Buck Lake. The Mayor noted that a review of South Frontenac's Official Plan is currently in place with no outright changes to be made; the Mayor added that he feels the Official Plan is a good one and a benchmark plan for other municipalities.

Crawford asked for the reaction from Council to the presentation of the Bob's/Crowe Lake management plan. Mayor Davison responded that the Planning Department is

looking over that plan to see what parts South Frontenac might use; probably would incorporate some of the Bob's/Crowe Lake plan.

Roy Mills asked if Council would hold a public meeting if there are any amendments or revisions to the Official Plan. The Mayor and Councillor Vandewal affirmed there would be a public meeting on this matter- notice of date to be posted on the S.F. website and in the local press.

Councillor Ron Vandewal, Loughborough District- noted he was present at this AGM mainly as an observer, but would answer questions. Regarding the Loughborough Lake concern of spraying pesticides on the Hydro right of ways- the Township has jurisdiction only on the sides of the road. Crawford noted that Ron had voted against the proposal to spray pesticides. Ron responded that as a farmer, he was not totally opposed to the spraying, rather there was some confusion in the wording. Regarding the Buck Lake Management Plan- the Councillor suggested that the BLA come to a Township meeting with some positive input about a Lake Plan, etc. and the Council would review such ideas; Ron did not see value in redoing another new plan, if we could utilize ideas from the Bob's/ Crowe Lake Plan.

Duncan Sinclair asked the two guests about South Frontenac Park's intent to redo their planning documents to develop a fire plan, particularly regarding evacuation of visitors from the Park in the event of a fire. Mayor Davison responded that the new Fire Chief will be reviewing the evacuation plan drawn up by the former Fire Chief in 1996 and will go from there.

Crawford thanked the Mayor and Councillor for their attendance and remarks.

### **3. Approval of 2006 AGM Minutes and Any Business Arising There from**

Crawford noted that we had some hard copies of the 2006 minutes printed and they were also available on the BLA web site.

On motion by Duncan/Amy the minutes of the 2006 AGM were accepted as presented. No new business arose from the 2006 minutes.

### **4. President's Remarks**

\* Crawford commented on the following points:

one objective of the BLA this year was to increase our membership and we now have about one third of the property owners on Buck Lake as BLA members- 148 paid members.

• the Lake Management Plan has been on the BLA agenda for a few years now and

will continue to be on the agenda; currently the plan is stalled due to some hurdles such as the \$ 6,000.00 consultant fee that would be required to prepare a gap analysis plan to get the needed information to move ahead on the plan.

- Bob's/Crowe Lake Association- has completed their Lake Plan, having received \$40,000.00 funding from the Trillium Foundation- and they produced a great plan. We acknowledge that our Lake has unique features and needs, but that it would be useful to look at aforementioned plan.

Speaking with Terry Reese, Director of FOCA, Crawford noted that Mr. Reese was skeptical of the financial cost benefit of the Lake Plan process and felt that a closer working association between S.F. Council and BLA members could achieve the same goal. Thus, we are just informing the members of the status of the plan to date and we'll continue to see how we can complete a viable Lake Plan.

- the President acknowledged the members who had volunteered to work on various committees, etc. and noted that we still have this list of names and will consult these volunteers in the future.
- Lake Partners - we have the results of the water quality testing; we used to have a number of volunteers testing water samples in various parts of Buck Lake- and now we have only one or two people testing- but we will continue to expand this initiative and build up the number of volunteers to four or five people again.
- WRAFT- Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation- concerned about the high cost of taxation for waterfront property owners has joined to form CAPTR- Coalition After Property Tax Reform.
- BLA finances- we have increased our revenues for the organization through sale of advertisements and reduced our liability insurance premium We have increased our membership fee to \$ 25.00 (for calendar year) and have 148 paid up members. We changed our fiscal year end to the calendar year- so some members have paid for one and a half years- hence more money from those those memberships.
- Boatilla- the Community Watch is sponsoring this fundraiser to send a handicapped child to the Easter Seals Camp Merrywood. Chair Ron Matthey noted that this is their third year with this endeavour; hopefully, will have make enough money to send two children to this specialized camp this year. BBQ at Hidden Valley campsite after the boat tour around Buck Lake.
- Rider Cup Tournament- on Sunday, September 16,07 at Rideau Lake Golf Course, Westport. Contact - O'Connors, Boyd Barr, Saundra Rider or R. and A. Smith.
- BLA BBQ- this year the BLA has joined forces with Belinda Betz' Heritage Sign Committee and the Perth Road Crafters to host a BBQ on Saturday, August 18 07 at Harris Memorial Park- which should be a good community event.

- Loon Nesting Signs- a sample sign was displayed; we are investigating where to place these signs without drawing undue attention to actual loon nest spots.
- Safety at the Culvert Area- Crawford met with Bill Blum, South Frontenac Township engineer, to discuss the confusing signage; old signs to be removed and new more pertinent signs to be erected with a flashing amber light (seasonal ) to be placed on the road at the South end; also may get improved parking area on the south shoulder side of the boat ramp; hopefully, this work to be done this summer.

A summary of the Buck Lake Association 2006-2007 activities was available on the reverse side of the AGM agenda.

## **5. Secretary Treasurer's Report**

Secretary Treasurer Tricia Waldron reported that the July 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 Financial Statement was published earlier in the year in our newsletter.

The proposed budget for the BLA for 2007 was published in a previous newsletter and the financial statement – January 1, 2007 through June 15, 2007 will be published in the next newsletter.

Tricia noted that as of June 30, 2007 we have \$4000.00 in a term deposit, \$2068.56 in the Reserve Fund and \$ 1460.68 in the General Fund. See copy attached.

On motion by Tricia/Ralph Boston the financial report was accepted as presented.

## **6. Vote on Amendments to By-law 1, and the Terms of Reference of the Nominating Committee**

Nominating Committee Chair, Stephen Roughton, commented that his report was published in the BLA newsletter a month ago.

On motion by Stephen / Marilyn the first two amendments regarding By-law 1 were accepted as presented.

On motion by Stephen / Maxine the amendments for the Nominating Committee terms of reference were accepted as presented.

See attached copy.

## **7. Nominating Committee Report**

Chair Stephen Roughton, Duncan Sinclair and Crawford MacIntyre presented their report. Stephen noted that the following Directors will not serve on the Board for the next term: Bruce Barnes, Nancy Daugulis, Jim Manuel, Marilyn O'Connor, Jan

Theoret and Amy Rossworm. Stephen expressed thanks to the former Directors for services rendered.

The following are nominated for a 2 year term: Randy Cousineau, Sandra Rider, Anna Fummerton, Lisa McAvoy, Wayne Myles, Trish Waldron and Ralph Wirsig. The following are completing a second 2 year term: Crawford MacIntyre, Roy Mills, Stephen Roughton and Duncan Sinclair. Maxine Lemieux is completing the second year of her initial 2 year term. Thus, we have a 12 member Board for 2007-2008. On motion by Stephen / Duncan the report was accepted as presented.

The President called for further nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations.

On motion by Duncan / Marilyn the final nominations for Board of Directors were accepted as presented.

See attached copy.

Stephen and Crawford expressed thanks to the retiring Board members for the time they served. Crawford concluded by noting that it is healthy to make changes on a Board of Directors and commented it is good that we have representation from both North and South branches of the Lake; he looks forward to working with the new Board.

#### **7. Guest Speaker: Mr. Mark Badham, Curator of the Miller Hall Geology Museum, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario**

Duncan Sinclair introduced Mark Badham, a Queen's graduate who holds a Master's degree in Geology. Duncan added that Mark has transformed what used to be a relatively neglected first floor of Miller Hall into a very interesting museum. Mark began his presentation by asking the audience for the definition of the word "geology"- the study of earth, and more specifically the study of rocks, minerals and fossils- animals and plants. Mark went on to give an illuminating power point presentation focusing on the geology of the Kingston area. Highlights of his presentation:

- 4.5 billion years ago the earth formed as a solid body; the Kingston area has rock 1.1 billion years old
- Glacial events include: rocks of the Canadian Shield which are 1.2 billion years old, including areas north of Kingston and in the Frontenac Arc or Axis; Sedimentary Rocks- limestone and sandstone- 460,000-470,000 yrs. old; Ice Age- 10,000-12,000 yrs. old
- Buck Lake Geology- in the area from Perth Road Village through to Hwy. 10 and 15 we have the following rock formations: igneous granite – around Perth Road Village; metamorphic gneiss- metamorphic rock on Hwy. 15

near Norton, Ont.; metamorphic folded mylonite- around the Perth Road Convenience Store; metamorphic marble- on Hwy. 15 near Sunbury, Ont.; metamorphic quartzite- not really found in this area; igneous pillow basalt- near Cloyne, Ont.

- Mountains in the Kingston area eroded to leave the rocks of the Canadian Shield
- The Thousand Islands- the Frontenac Arc- crossing over the St. Lawrence River into the Adirondack area
- We have sedimentary quartz sandstone- reddish colour- in the Sunbury Road area and sedimentary quartz sandstone- white colour- near Norton, Ont.; arkose sandstone- around Inverary, Ont.
- Re the Ordovician period oceans- Ordovician paleogeography- we can see an example of a salty lagoon paleoenvironment around the E. Turner Library site, Kingston, Ont.
- Life in the oceans of the middle Ordovician period includes- trilobites (crab-like creatures); snails; orthoconenautiloids (squid-like animals living in cone-shaped shells; brachiopods- look like clams, but are not clams; starfish fossil (very rare in the Kingston area)
- In summary- from the Ice Age geological formations formed in and around the Kingston area; then with the Laurentide Ice Sheet we had 4 major advances of ice sheets - followed by Glaciated Bedrock and then Glacial Deposits- of sand and gravel.

Crawford expressed thanks and appreciation to Mark for his enlightened presentation.

## **8. Other Business and Open Question Period**

- Crawford introduced the idea of having a small loading dock built to the left of the boat launch and behind the BLA sign board- a DVD photo of the specific area was displayed on the projection screen; the Township has set aside \$ 1500.00 to help build this dock and we would try to get some BLA volunteers to build it. The BLA would want South Frontenac Township to insure the dock. Some discussion followed- regarding possible negative effects of this project. Since the proposed dock would impact three districts, Ralph Boston noted that it would be very important to get input from all 3 districts, Bedford, Storrington and Loughborough- re the liability issue of building in this area. Ron Matthey commented that he hasn't seen any problems with the Township- constructed dock at the Loughborough Lake launch.

**Open Question Period-**

Jim Nolan noted that UNESCO has designated that Buck Lake is in the Biosphere Reserve- and has designated this area a world heritage site on the Rideau System. Roy Mills added that there was a reference to the Rideau Canal designation in the BLA's last newsletter.

\*\*\*\* Roy asked members to send him any interesting items for the BLA newsletter.

Roy reminded members and guests to pick up any literature, posters or items from the freebie display table.

The President closed the 2007 Annual General Meeting at 12:00 noon.