

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Saturday June 24, 2017
Perth Road United Church Hall

1. Welcome

President Mark Nicol called the meeting to order at 9:05 and welcomed everyone including Mayor Ron Vandewal and Councilor Ross Sutherland.

Mark introduced the board members who were present:

Jo Anne Hopkins	Vice President, Government Relations
Greg Fisher	Secretary Treasurer, Membership, Government Relations
Donna Neumann	Social and Outreach
Cheryl Savery	Communications, Newsletter
Duncan Sinclair	Government Relations, Newsletter
Crawford MacIntyre	Volunteer Award
Cheryl Dawson	Recording Secretary
Kathy McDonald	Archivist
Martha Scheinman	Friends of the Lake
Gillian Lash	Friends of the Lake

Regrets: Cherrie Summers (Social and Outreach, calendar)

2. Remarks and Discussion with South Frontenac Council Members

- **Ron Vandewal, mayor of South Frontenac** spoke about a number of issues with updates as to where things stand with local government.
 - Tender for new firehall is closing
 - Assumption of private lanes still being discussed, no further update at this time
 - ***Canada 150** – lots happening to celebrate this occasion!
Check the *South Frontenac* website to see all the great activities that will be going on.
 - Salt domes and their management are in place
 - Check website for information regarding emergencies (ex: flooding)
 - Construction work that has been recently completed paid off with this year's flooding as there was minimal damage.
 - Working on better communication ex: sand bags – where to get materials etc.
 - There will be an All Lakes Association meeting July 17th in Sydenham
 - Warden's council – there has been discussion around Eastern Ontario broadband availability and that it is now a right of citizens to have adequate cell coverage, internet service and access to emergency services.
The broadband width is being increased to allow availability to all. Expected to be completed by end of this year.
 - Greg Fisher asked question as to whether there's any information regarding construction to culvert. Is it in the 3-5 year plan?
Response was that there is no information to confirm this but thought yes it would be. Boat launch is also in 3-5 year plan. New matting for launch is supposed to be done in near future.

• **Ross Sutherland, Councillor**

- Septic system inspections – the province is in a holding pattern regarding improvements to septic system regulations. Idea of mandatory inspections was ‘shot down’ by province.
- Conservation Authority has reports and updates online – including information on Buck Lake
- Cataraqui Trail also has online information
- Lake and Trails Festival will be July 15 in Sydenham

3. President’s remarks and announcements – Mark Nichol

- BLA Board has been working on a Strategic Plan for the association. It’s available on BLA website.
 - S.W.O.T. (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis gave 3 strategic imperatives
 1. Increase Membership
 2. Create more interest in the Buck Lake Community
 3. Provide education on enhancement of the lakeTactics for each of these can be found on website.
- Approval of minutes of 2016/2017 AGM
 - 1st Duncan Sinclair
 - 2nd Kathy Wirsig
 - Carried

4. Treasurer’s Report – Greg Fisher

- Greg went over Income and Expense details. Member’s equity is currently at \$6309.96.
- 2016 Financial Report is attached to these minutes.

Motion to accept minutes: 1st Jo Anne Hopkins
2nd Peter Dawe

Carried.

5. Membership – Greg Fisher

- Membership is currently at 30% of potential (we have 450 eligible to be members)
- Now payable online for 1 or 2 year renewal - \$25/year – donations always welcome
- Increasing the number of members give increased credibility with various levels of government
- Membership is a commitment to our community, which is good for all of us

6. Community Directory – Cheryl Savery

- We currently have 130 entries
- Please reach out to others who may not know about the directory to have them join
- Email Cheryl S. with information and she will add to directory
- Directory is only emailed to those who are actually in the directory

7. Social and Outreach – Donna Neumann

- This year’s picnic will be on Sunday August 27 at the Hidden Valley Campground
- Murder Mystery Night to support the Boatilla and Merrywood Camp will be Saturday October 21 at the Westport Legion
- Last year’s Murder Mystery Night raised \$1800 for the Boatilla.
- Silent Auction – still looking for items to go to the silent auction

- Photos? Forward any good photos of activities on the lake to Donna Neumann (spring and winter shots are particularly needed).
- Education night – scheduled for Tuesday July 25th – more info to follow
- There have been a number of properties sold recently. If you have new neighbours Donna has welcome packages available for them. Please email her.
- BLA website, Facebook, BLA calendar – great sources of information regarding these and other activities throughout the year.
- Glenburnie Grocery Store is turning 50 this year! Celebrations to be held October 25, 26,27. They're looking forward to us attending.

8. Friends of the Lake – Marth Scheinman

- Standing committee of the Buck Lake Association
- Research, education and advocacy regarding environmental, conservation, and safety issues on the lake
- Currently 8 members. Call or email Martha if you wish to join Friends of the Lake
- Selling maps, lake plan and tick keys – Perth Road store
- Shoreline protection – “Watershed Canada” currently still has funds to help home owners build a protected shoreline. Cheryl Savery has had this done and spoke about process. Watershed Canada people will come to your property, take pictures and give suggestions for what to plant or do along shoreline. They pick up 75% of the cost and do all the labour. Go to their website or email Cheryl S. for more information.
- Posting environmental updates and resources on the BLA website (please check the “Documents” section on the Friends link, and in the Newsletter)
- Bear sightings – importance of prevention and safety (bear bells – available at Trail Head)
- New generation of boat motors now available.
- Information on Wild Parsnip and Lyme Disease
- There is on-going monitoring of the health of the lake.

9. Boatilla – Crawford MacIntyre

- This is the 13th year for the Boatilla that supports sending children to Camp Merrywood.
- The committee that organizes the Boatilla is completely separate from the BLA.
- The BLA supports it by way of monies raised at the Murder Mystery Night.
- To date \$190,000 has been raised and approximately 80 children sent to camp
- Boatilla logistics
 - in past it has been difficult for those in kayaks to participate
 - this year, kayaks may be launched from Roost Lane and proceed to campground from there

10. “Jim Manuel Volunteer Award”

Crawford MacIntyre spoke about Jim and the reasoning behind naming this award after him. Award is presented for outstanding volunteer services to the Buck Lake community.

This year's very deserving recipient is **Grayden McClurg**.

Crawford listed the many, many ways that Grayden has tirelessly given his time and energy to various events and needs in our community.

Picture and award to be presented to Grayden.

11. Nominating Committee – Mark Nichol

- Motion to re-elect current board members Jo Anne Hopkins and Cherrie Summers
1st Duncan Sinclair
2nd Cheryl Savery
Carried.
- Motion to elect Cheryl Dawson, Gillian Lash, Kathy McDonald and Martha Scheinman to board
1st Duncan Sinclair
2nd Kathy Wirsig

12. Other business and Open Question Period

- a. **Ralph Wirsig** – “Fab Experiences” magazine - available for pick up after meeting
- b. **Tick safety** – concerns were raised regarding continuing issues with Tick safety and its importance
 - Email to be sent out to members with information about what to do, proven repellents and recipes for natural tick repellents.
 - Winters are currently not harsh enough to kill the ticks which is increasing their presence and thereby increases risk for infection with Lyme Disease.
 - Important to check people and pets daily for ticks and see doctor if one has been attached for longer than 24hrs.

13. Adjournment

Mark thanked everyone for coming and for their support at the BLA activities.

Kathy Wirsig moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Donna Neumann. Carried

Recording Secretary, Cheryl Dawson

President, Mark Nicol

Attachments:

Appendix A – Agenda

Appendix B – Treasurer’s Report

APPENDIX A

Agenda

- Welcome, call to order and introduction of Board members
- Welcome to, and remarks from South Frontenac Council members
- President's remarks, strategic plan and announcements – Mark Nichol
- Approval of 2016 AGM minutes and any business arising there from
- Reports:
 - Secretary Treasurer – Greg Fisher
 - Social /Outreach Committee – Donna Neumann
 - Friends of the Lake committee – Martha Scheinman
 - Boatilla Committee – Crawford MacIntyre
- Jim Manuel Volunteer Award – Crawford MacIntyre
- Nominating Committee report and election of 2017/2018 Board of Directors
- Other business and open question period
- President's closing remarks – Mark Nichol

APPENDIX B

Buck Lake Association

Statement of Income & Expenses For the period ending Dec 31, 2016

Income:

	2016 Actual	2015 Actual
Membership Revenue	\$3,125.00	\$2,875.00
Deferred Revenue Prepaid Membership	\$600.00	\$550.00
Advertising	\$950.00	\$680.00
Maps/ Tick Keys/ Magnets	\$110.00	\$344.00
Community	\$4,314.15	
Picnic	\$287.00	\$255.00
Donations	\$75.00	
Calendars	\$2,231.44	\$1,184.37
Other	\$(43.74)	\$119.50
Total	\$11,648.85	\$6,007.87

Expenses:

	2016 Actual	2015 Actual	2014 Actual
Insurance	\$1,332.72	\$1314.36	\$1,276.56
Affiliate Memberships	\$498.75	\$440.25	\$463.00
Publications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administration Fees	\$222.85	\$12.50	\$169.50
Calendar Expenses	\$800.02	\$1,352.42	\$1,750.66
Meeting Costs	\$132.85	\$64.07	\$113.66
Miscellaneous	\$56.84	\$0.00	\$0.00
Social and Outreach	\$899.38	\$829.86	\$740.10
Heritage Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Community Project	\$4,974.73	\$391.26	\$1,532.18
Lake Planning	\$204.93	\$1,138.91	\$462.47
Total	\$9,123.07	\$5,543.63	\$6,558.13

Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$2,525.78	\$464.24
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Balance Sheet -- As of Dec. 31, 2016

Assets:	2016	2015
General Bank Account	\$7,465.68	\$5,284.18
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,464.93	
Total	\$8,930.61	\$5,284.18
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$1,845.65	
Deferred Revenue	\$775.00	\$900.00
Total	\$2,620.65	\$900.00
Members' Equity	\$6,309.96	\$4,384.18