

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Saturday July 7, 2018
Perth Road United Church Hall**

1. Welcome

President Crawford MacIntyre called the meeting to order at 9:03 and welcomed everyone including Mayor Ron Vandewal and Councillors Ross Sutherland, Alan Reville and Pat Barr.

Crawford introduced the Board members who were present:

Greg Fisher	Secretary Treasurer, Membership, Government Relations
Cheryl Savery	Vice President, Communications, Newsletter
Duncan Sinclair	Government Relations, Newsletter
Cheryl Dawson	Recording Secretary
Kathy McDonald	Archivist, Communications, Newsletter, Calendar
Martha Scheinman	Friends of the Lake

Regrets: Donna Neumann, Cherrie Summers, Gillian Lash, Jo Anne Hopkins

Regrets from Mark Schjerning – councillor for Loughborough District

2. Remarks by President - Crawford MacIntyre

- BLA board has met 7 times since last AGM. Working to fulfill strategic plan of education and enjoyment of the lake.
- Ongoing work. In the next year, hoping to have analysis of Board's role in the community.
- We especially need to look at role with regards to government relations.
- Our membership has been fairly steady at 30% of residents on the lake. At that rate, can the BLA say it represents the whole lake community?
- Large email list, many of whom are not members but the goal is to have everyone informed and receive feedback when needed.
- Facebook page has been created by Cheryl Savery. She has also created the Buck Lake Directory which now has 150 contacts organized by road or lane which lets people know who their neighbours are, which helps bring people together.
- FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association), and Friends of the Lake all helping with environmental issues. We had an Education night last summer on Tues. July 25.
- Board is involved in supporting many social activities like Boatilla, Picnic, Murder Mystery, Ryder Cup, golf Mondays.
- Last year's picnic was held on Sun. Aug. 27 and this year's will be on Sat. August 18 and will be free for all. Open to anyone on the lake. Held at Randy Ruttan's campground on Happy Valley Road.
- Greg Fisher helps with communications about government relations. Of note, in the last year there has been significant focus on building by-laws.
- Interest in Scofield Camp sale this past year. We approached the township to encourage them to buy it as an extra access to the lake. This didn't come to pass.
- Also watching issue of mandatory septic inspection.
- Expecting construction at boat launch area on Perth Road. Mark Segsworth to speak today.

6. 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
- Hosting the annual Educational Event on Aug. 23 at 7 pm.
Speaker will be Gord Mitchell “All you wanted to know about your on-site sewage disposal system”. Perth Road Church Hall. ALL welcome.
Please send questions to Martha ahead of this night so that she can forward them to Gord.
- Water quality and monitoring are ongoing.
- There are many new technologies for improving our septic systems
- Gillian Lash submitted a proposal for a grant from FOCA (to look at impact of aquatic invasive species in South Branch) and it was accepted.
- Selling maps, lake plan and tick keys – Perth Road store
- Posting environmental updates and resources on the BLA website (please check the “Documents” section on the Friends link, and in the Newsletter)

7. Boatilla – Duncan Sinclair

- This is the 13th year for the Boatilla that supports sending children to Camp Merrywood.
- This year we raised \$28 000. Cost per child to attend is \$2500.
- This year was hot and numbers were down slightly but this did not lessen the generosity of Buck Lake residents.
- 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. This year’s total was \$3100.

8. “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 recipients are Ross Trudel and Liz Graham.
- Crawford listed the many, many ways that they have tirelessly given their time and energy to the Boatilla. They are very committed to building community spirit and are always open to help anyone in need on the lake.
- Picture and award to be presented to Ross and Liz.
- Crawford read a short note from Ross and Liz.

9. Nominating Committee – Crawford MacIntyre

- Motion to re-elect current board members Greg Fisher, Cheryl Savery, Duncan Sinclair and Crawford McIntyre for a 2 year term
All in favour. None opposed.
Carried.
- Motion to elect new members Sam Cronk, Cathy Ottenhof, Mel Robinson, Randy Ruttan.
All in favour. None opposed.
Carried.

10. Mark Segsworth – Public Works Manager, South Frontenac.

- Speaking about boat launch and road construction – conceptual drawing shown with suggested improvements
- This has both been of issue and concern for boats, pedestrians and road traffic.
- Previous improvements for safety included rumble strips, parking further from ramp with widened shoulder and speed limit reduced to 60 km/h.
- To present date, there has been lots of community input.
- This will not be done until after 2022, input is still welcome.
- Improve visibility in area by removing rock, shifting center line, widen by 3 m, increase parking, pedestrian walkway to and from launch, important to consider all modes of transportation in this area.
- Culvert size likely to remain the same. May just need to be realigned.
- Culvert seems to be settling – need to make sure that culvert is structurally sound and can accommodate current traffic – height is the issue not width.
- Mark is open to invitation to take him through on their pontoon boat 😊
- There is responsibility of township to try to improve access for all, while maintaining safety for all
- Conservation authority needs to be consulted throughout project.
- \$2 million plus is the current budget.
- Visibility around south area of boat launch is of major concern. Is adding parking there going to help or hinder safety?
- Depth of boat launch from Perth Road to ramp is of concern. This should not be shortened as it is already arguably too short.
- Will be looking at optimizing property that is owned by Township.
- Question: Should parking be kept on same side as boat launch so that pedestrians aren't crossing the road and cars/trailers can pull out of launch and stay on same side of the road?
- How is erosion stabilized? Concern with number of transports travelling through.
- Will parking be enhanced on north side of launch? Both sides of the road?
- Staging planned between 2023 and 2028 – multi-faceted concerns that all need to be considered
- Shoulder paving south of launch? Would this help accommodate pedestrians? This will be considered more as improvements to Perth Road and not specific to boat launch improvements.
- Next steps... take comments, information – preliminary design possibly next year

11. Remarks by Councillor Alan Revill

- has travelled this township extensively
- commended us for contributions to Camp Merrywood and community in general
- primary planning documents guide development around lakes etc.
- currently looking to redoing official plan with more public consultation, zoning by-laws etc.
- new firehall an important recent improvement
- interested in helping boat launch proceed in timely manner
- can be reached at any time for questions, concerns at 'councillorrevill@gmail.com'

12. Remarks by Ross Sutherland

- has enjoyed working with us – ex: Scofield Camp, controlling subdivision development, septic systems, lake protection, grandfathering, access for garbage trucks on Norman Lane

13. Other Business and Open Question Period

- none offered

14. Adjournment

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

Gil Lemieux moved that the meeting be adjourned, second by Kathy Wirsig. Carried

Recording Secretary, Cheryl Dawson

President, Crawford MacIntyre

Attachments:

Appendix A – Agenda

Appendix B – Treasurer’s Report

APPENDIX A

Agenda for the 2108 AGM

Saturday July 7, 2108

Perth Road Church Hall

- Welcome, call to order, and introduction of Board members
- President’s remarks and announcements
- Approval of 2017 AGM minutes and any business arising there from
- Reports:
 - Secretary Treasurer
 - Membership
 - Social/Outreach Committee
 - Friends of the Lake Committee
 - Boatilla
- Jim Manuel Volunteer Award
- Nominating Committee report and election of 2018/2019 Board of Directors
- Guest Presentation – Mark Segsworth – Boat Launch Area
- Remarks from, South Frontenac Council members
- Other business and open question period
- President’s closing remarks

APPENDIX B