

Steenburg Lake Community Association

58th Annual General Meeting

Sunday, August 1, 2016

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Meeting called to order: 10:05am

Presidents Introduction:

Thanks to everyone for coming out on a dull morning. Thank-you once again for the refreshments for the AGM: Jackie Rudd, Tina Lloyd, Anita Waddell, Madeline Waywell

Guest Speaker: Lech and Hao Jedral; provided an interesting talk showing incredible photography around the lake. They have been renting the Neubs' cottage for over 20 years and were interested in capturing the life around the lake. A gift was given in appreciation for their presentation.

Motion to accept the minutes of AGM 2015: 1st Anthony Genovese 2nd Terry Kostiw

Quorum was reached with 35 cottages represented.

Executive Reports:

President: Pat Stallaert

Not many issues around the lake this year fortunately

Working with Crowe Valley Conservation Authority to help with further development of the McGeechie walking trails. A high school in Norwood has a class that volunteers to do work.

Donations are tax deductible and we have an anonymous donor that will match contributions up to a total of \$10,000. This can be done on line. Make sure to mention you are with the Steenburg Lake Community Association, and wish to have your donation matched. Do not make your donation anonymous or the CVCA will not receive any details about the matching of your donation.

Treasurer: Dave McDonald

We continue to maintain a strong financial position although we are in a loss position at the moment. One month left in financial year but most transactions are made in the last month so we expect to end up in a profit position by the end when memberships and merchandise sales are accumulated.

Cash balance is \$2680.00 and invested assets of \$33733.00

All invested assets are in GICs through the Scotiabank branch in Bancroft. The interest rates on our investments range between 1.5% and 2.3%

We are continuing to control our expenses and offer the same level of services

Merchandise is constantly under to review to keep offerings fresh and new, sales remain high.

Municipal Affairs:

Position is still open

SLCA tries to keep on top of issues happening in the area and possibly attend meetings of the local councils in order to be aware of their activities.

Limerick Township received funding in order to bring Steenburg Lake North Road up to provincial standards. Surveying has already been completed but is not expected to take place until next year.

Once the plans for the road are complete there will be public meetings. Comments are requested by the road construction engineers G.D. Jewell Engineering prior to the meetings (visit the Limerick Township website for more information)

It is expected that there will be continuous interruptions in travel along the north road during the construction time period.

Marketing: Dean Butler

Dean thanked everyone for the continued support of merchandise sales, it has provided an excellent source of funds for the association.

New product ideas are constantly under review, if any member has an idea, contact Dean to suggest it.

Lake Stewardship: Don Mills

Two monitoring programmes are in place; one is invasive species, results are still negative for zebra mussels and spiny water fleas.

The concentration of zebra mussels is along the Rideau system and the Trent system, so we are isolated in an area surrounded by lakes that are still free of invasive species

15 new lakes were added to the list of those containing zebra mussels' vilegers according to the Lake Partner program.

The other monitoring programme is water quality. Phosphorous levels are being maintained at a good level providing balance in the water. Calcium is low but if zebra mussels take hold, it is a level that would support their growth. Water clarity has been good, but the samples taken after the Canada Day dropped in numbers because of the storm and a lot of boat traffic. Samples are taken throughout the season and the average of the numbers is posted on the Lake Partner Program.

Water levels are low but the logs are still in, so it is a matter that there is less water this year supplying the lake. More rain would help to raise the water level, but with the expected hot weather still to come, it is likely to drop more. Everyone should be aware of rocks below the surface.

An issue that is more important is the growing number of large watercraft on the lake. It is a matter of time before a major accident occurs. There was a recent incident where a large fast boat almost hit some people in a small aluminum boat.

OPP visits on the lake last summer were targeting paddle boats as most individuals are not wearing the proper safety equipment, fines are very high.

Membership: Diane Burke

126 cottages have paid their membership so far. We had 30 members pay by PayPal. This year the association will contribute \$1 for each membership paid using this method, to the local volunteer fire department.

There are a couple of positions for canvassing still open, so please contact the membership director to volunteer

Social:

The position is still vacant, we need people to step up for running the events as they will be cancelled if no-one helps to organize them.

Anna Huk has agreed to take this position.

Despite weather, the fireworks at the boat launch took place July 2 with a hardy turnout.

Turnout to the regatta was lower than normal as the weather was threatening and did finally let loose making for a quick pack up. Thanks go out to the Vanner family for stepping up at the last minute once again to organize the events and thanks to all the chefs at the barbeque.

The road cleanup was cancelled this year due to bad weather, however if everyone does their turn on walks around the lake, we can all be proud of the cleanliness of the area. Don Mills will attempt to reschedule the event once the tall grass along the North and South Roads have been cut.

A new event is taking place Saturday, August 6. An Artisan show at the boat launch will showcase the talent around the lake including woodworking, photography, painting and textile arts.

The 9th annual Fun Run will be taking place Saturday, August 13, although the numbers of runners are decreasing, it is still a fun time. Volunteers are always welcome to assist Wendy Butler organize it.

Golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, contact Donna Cochrane for details and sign up

The photography contest is continuing with the addition of a short video contest. However currently there are no submissions for any of the categories.

Newsletter:

Always looking for content, recipes and book reviews as well. Stories are always needed

Thanks again to all the sponsors who help subsidize the cost of the newsletter.

Old Business:

The proposed tin and copper mine does not appear to be going forward. Agave Corporation has terminated its option and multi-million dollar development agreement with North Hastings Resources Ltd. Logging continues, we don't expect a problem where roads could possibly be blocked

Hydro One rates in rural Ontario were again in the news recently following a report by Global News that again confirmed these rates to be much higher than rates in urban areas Mike Bossio; Hastings MP, was quoted as saying that hydro should be considered an essential service and emphasized that financial help is available for low income families.

Election of Officers:

Social: Anna Huk has volunteered and is acclaimed to the position

Municipal: no volunteers have come forward

President: Pat Stallaert has been acting President for the past year, no additional contenders stepped up, so he is acclaimed to the position

Motion: Position of President will be taken by Pat Stallaert: 1st Anthony Genovese 2nd Ken Waddell -all in favour,

Vice President: no volunteers have come forward

Secretary: no volunteers so Judy Platt will continue as recording secretary

New Business:

Currently if someone experiences an urgent heart problem, the fire department volunteers must go to the Limerick station to obtain the township's defibrillator and bring it out to the lake. If SLCA had one that was easily accessible this could potentially be the difference between life and death

Initial cost of purchasing a defibrillator is estimated at approximately \$1200. Some routine maintenance is required.

Consideration is whether, the fire department would have a problem with this and also who would maintain the unit. It requires routine servicing every 5 years and the pads replaced after each use. It will only administer a shock if the patient does not have a heartbeat.

Motion: SLCA will purchase a defibrillator for the lake to be placed at a central, accessible location, 1st Bruce George 2nd Marlene Pollard -all in favour, one opposition

Discussion regarding a consideration of moving the meeting to the Tudor Township community center. Diane Burke will investigate the cost. Concern would be that people would not show up for the meeting if we change locations and confused the membership. Should we consider alternating between the two township community centres or would this further serve to confuse the membership?

Lake markers that come loose should be reported, there will be a link on the website to identify locations where a marker has detached. Possibly a review of a different colour of marker should be considered, ask Don Mills to investigate.

Dave Langman will investigate a volunteer organization out of Bancroft, North Hastings Trout Hatchery that is breeding and stocking lake trout. Two lakes that have taken part are Dickey Lake and Limerick Lake. He will report back at the next annual meeting.

2015 Photo Contest Winners:

Action: Maria Kaczmerek

Tweens: Victoria Huk

Landscape: Cathy Wilson

Nature: Patrice Simmons

Life at the Cottage: Carolina Rotella

Thanks for the entries, remember there is a new video category this year. Gift presentation to Anthony Genovese, past President, in recognition of all his hard work and efforts for the SLCA membership

Awarding of the door prizes:

Once again excellent prizes were donated for the membership door prize draw.

Motion to adjourn:

1st Randy Simmons 2nd Rick Burke –all in favour