

STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Fall Executive Meeting

Sunday, October 12, 2013

Cottage of Marlene Pollard

Executive members present:

Anthony Genovese, Marlene Pollard, Dave Golem, Dave McDonald, Pat Stallaert, Dave Langman, Dean Butler, Donna Cochrane, Judy Platt

-No revisions to the minutes of last spring

Newsletter

-discussed comments regarding the newsletter; Erika should provide a brief guideline for submissions to the Shore Line News (e.g. acceptable file formats types, image file types, specified fonts other than the default fonts, to keep format consistent.

Action: Erika to provide guidelines

-Erika is away right now but will be working on it at the end of October

Lake Stewardship

-water levels are high, logs were put in on time this year

-water testing was done May 24 weekend, results were posted on line

-Dave Langman will provide Pat and Anthony with the link to the government website where all submitted historical lake water quality data can be found

Action: Dave Langman to provide the link to site

-for those trying to rid their property of beavers, there are two registered trappers in the area; Kelvin Robbins and Rob Wilkins

Marketing

-“Kiss My Bass” t-shirts did well

-sales are up; \$2300 to \$2400k however costs are also up

-there are about 2 dozen mugs left, could consider selling them off at \$2 each or use them for prizes and giveaway to new members

Action: Marlene to be provided with the mugs for giving to new members

-we need to start tracking the prizes so we know they are not part of our profits and can be reported separately

Action: Dean and Marlene

-discussion of new ideas that we can possibly introduce

-possibly consider the denim fleeced line of barn jackets, but these would have to be by order only, price approximately \$50 to \$60.

-could put the order form in the spring newsletter and also introduce it on social media

Membership

-2 areas are open for canvassers

-members who were not reached in person, reminder letters were sent

-this resulted in 14 of 29 sending in fees

-15 people paid by PayPal

-consider a sell sheet for our benefits to remind people the critical importance of our existence

Action: Anthony to draft a letter to non-members

-should we send a questionnaire to these people to see why they don't want to join

Action: to be discussed at the spring executive meeting

-according to a FOCA survey, we are in the middle range of fees in a comparison to other lake associations

Photo contest

-getting some pictures in for the contest so we will continue with it this year

-new entries are being submitted by different people

-judging is being done by outside people

-the many landscapes entered this year were very good

Financial

-profit of \$1551, this is down from last year because some deposits were not included in 2013 year, due to delays in collecting membership fees, and also a late merchandising deposit

-this year we had to buy food for the regatta

-last of the memberships fees were not put in by fiscal year end

-cash balance is \$6000

-merchandise inventory on the books is \$1000

-merchandise income is down, profit shown is \$152, this figure is going to be double checked

Action: Dave McDonald

-investments are strong; we are able to put \$4000 in a cashable GIC

-\$14000 is coming up for renewal at the end of November and \$5300 is due for renewing in the spring

-continue to roll over GICs and keep the due dates staggered

-discussion of the bank's inflexibility in providing service to meet our needs, it would cost more and be more of a nuisance to switch so we will continue as it is for now

-changes in the Ontario Not for Profit regulations will be implemented in January, 2014; Tom Little has agreed to help us ensure compliance

-the date for implementation has been moved a couple of times

-there will be a phasing in period, the regulations are full of legalese wording

-it appears that they are trying to specify bylaws and various requirements including audits

-at some point we will need to review SCLA bylaws to be sure we will be in compliance, Tom Little agreed to do this pro bono

-net assets of \$33000

-discussion regarding adding a rider for coverage of the fireworks event

Motion: The Steenburg Lake Cottagers Association will purchase an additional insurance rider to cover the July 1 Fireworks and February Winter Family Day hosted by the Cochrane's

1st: Pat Stallaert

2nd: Dave Golem

Motion carried

-discussion of whether damage caused to boats at this time of year after the markers are pulled out could result in liability

Municipal

- Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is in a dire financial situation and are considering a contract for service with the Quinte Conservation Authority
- on Thursday, Oct 25, 10am, there will be a meeting for public discussion in the Marmora town hall
- we will need to find out what the effect would be on the McGeachie Conservation Area if it decides to go this route
- what concerns should we have about the services that will be provided
- will there really be cost savings
- local municipalities pay in to the conservation budgets to make up the difference in provincial funding
- Limerick has not taken a stand on it yet however Tudor & Cashel already has a member on the Quinte Conservation board
- Pat is planning on attending the meeting in Marmora
- the Limerick community centre is deficient in many respects; furnace was replaced but there is no insulation and wheel chair compatibility is now required
- heating costs are very high and provincial regulations now require that Evacuation Centres meet new standards, including shower facilities
- Limerick Centre is the Evacuation Centre for Limerick's Emergency Measure Plan
- could be \$500K to \$600K to rebuild but the offices will be added
- funding grants are being looked at to help with the financial strain on the Township
- bridge on North Steenburg Lake Road will need to be replaced, could take two days for the road closure; time period for the work will be after July 15 and before Sept 1. It is a school route so it can't be done in the fall
- will need to be done by professional firm and can't be done on weekends due to cost
- elections are in fall 2014, it is in the interest of the lake association to support a candidate
- need to educate our members on how to vote in the township election
- Action: to be discussed at spring executive meeting*
- new Bell tower is installed but not yet operational; it has no backup generator
- new conforming bylaws should be passed by November 2013
- the road committee is back together and some proposals have been made and are ready to go to councillors for consideration
- if there are no resolutions to the Steenburg Lake South Road problems, the lake association may need to go to a higher authority to discuss aligning SCLA with only one township
- annexation usually goes nowhere
- if we consider this, it will require legal representation or petitions
- residents need to get vocal on representation to get our share of services
- Anthony to request the audited financial reports of both townships for the last 5 years
- Action: Anthony to write requests to both townships*

Social:

-Donna Cochrane would like copies of the old job descriptions so she knows what is expected of her

-Marlene to do the job description for her

Action: Marlene to provide the description to Donna

-Anthon to provide regatta winners list to Donna

Action: Anthony to send list to Donna

-Wendy will provide the winners of the fun run

Action: Wendy Butler to send the list of Fun Run winners to Donna

Motion: A motion was made to nominate Donna Cochrane as Social Director as part of Steenburg Lake Community Association team

1st: Anthony Genovese

2nd: Pat Stallaert

Motion carried

New Business:

Positions up for Election in 2014

President – Anthony will continue if all is agreed at annual meeting

Lake Stewardship

Marketing – Dean will continue

VP – Pat will continue as well

Municipal

Financial – Dave agreed he will continue

Meeting Procedures

-need to add actions after each point that requires a person to complete, to show more accountability

Action: Judy will include in the minutes

Old Boat House

-old boat house needs to be removed but there are no resources to remove it

-pulling it across the bay would cause it to break apart

-determined that it is below water and is too expensive and dangerous to remove it safely, it should just continue to rot but need to warn members of its danger

Action: Pat to provide Erika with an article for the newsletter

Other Business:

-there is no interest in the fire pumps, the association will not get involved with this issue; the municipal fire fighters can't use them anyway

-no new logging operations are known to be going on

Action: Dave to check with the logging company

Meeting adjourned 11:50 am