

STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Spring Executive Meeting

Sunday, May 19, 2014

Cottage of Marlene Pollard

Executive members present:

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

-No revisions to the minutes of last fall

Social

-Date for fireworks is Saturday, June 28, with a rain date of Sunday, June 29

-the newsletter has an incorrect date, this must be corrected before sending

Action: Erika Langman to revise

-an extra rider is needed for the fireworks again this year

Action: Dave McDonald to add to insurance policy

-the regatta is Saturday, June 12, Donna is to contact Marg Anderson for the medals

-road clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, July 13

-movie night is Saturday, August 2, (the event has since been cancelled due to licensing costs)

-Annual general meeting will take place at the Limerick community centre on Sunday, August 3, Wendy Rudd is still handling the refreshments

-discussion regarding prizes, in the past people simply provided them to Marlene.

There is no formal solicitation as in the past

-should there be one big prize as opposed to lots of small ones?

-one prize to add is a free membership for the next year. Prizes at AGM will otherwise continue as before: Whatever gets donated by the meeting will be handed out.

-the Cotie's have advised that there will be no Have-a-Dock jamboree this summer.

-fun run is on Saturday, August 9, Wendy Butler is handling the registrations

-the mail-in form and the website need to be revised with the Butler's change of address

Action: Anthony to revise the downloadable pdf form and update the website

-McGeechie trail is still not clear enough to be safe for running the 5K

Newsletter

-there are still a couple of revisions

Action: Erika to be advised

-the mailing costs will be up significantly however this is a necessary requirement in order to get it in to the hands of the membership that don't want it by email

Lake Stewardship

-tests for clarity are consistent with previous year's results

-phosphorus is up however this can be expected in the spring so close to when the winter runoff was completed with the late thaw, these levels tend to go up and down

-heavy rainfall causes more runoff and phosphorus will be higher

- no need to retest for Zebra mussels this year, previous tests have shown no sign of them, consider doing the test in 2015
 - the position for putting in and taking out the rock markers may become available, it pays \$250 a year. Rick Burke has requested funds be approved to repair/replace damaged markers. Approved
 - Dave to send an email to executive with the website where updated information on lake quality tests are recorded
- Action: Dave to email members of the executive with the link

McGeechie Conservation Area

- Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is considering donating the land to the Hastings Prince Edward Land Trust
 - should they consider severing the cottage, its expenses are very high
 - is the usage high enough considering the expenses
 - if CVCA decided to sell the property, this could be a big problem if a developer bought it
 - CVCA would be the organization to handle the donation to HPE Land Trust
 - should SCLA contribute, any donation would be tax deductible
 - this is a discussion that should be brought forward to the membership at the annual meeting
 - Dave can present at the AGM and say that SCLA executive is 100% behind this plan
- Action: Dave Golem to work with HPELT to estimate what the initial legal cost of the transfer would be
- discussion of adding memorial areas to the conservation property, also include this in the presentation and see if people are interested in having quiet places to go

Marketing

- Dean Butler was not present however he sent a message that the inventory is at a good level
- Action: Anthony Genovese to ask Dean if he knows of some types of plaques that would be good for memorial areas in McGeechie Conservation Area

Financial

- financial figures were reviewed and adjustments have been made since the last meeting
- current loss is \$87 however this is before membership fees are in, expects profits to be higher this year
- investments are \$29,300, a couple of the GICs were recently rolled over
- one large amount was split in October, \$7000 was put into an equity GIC, and the other half went into a laddered GIC which allows for redemption of 20% every year if funds are needed.
- in March a GIC was put into a laddered investment as well valued at \$5300
- Dave received the financial reports and statements from the townships and still undertaking the review
- advertising revenue down slightly from last year, but not a lot. Lost long-time sponsor Bancroft Sport & Marine

- Not for Profit requirements set out by the province will still be proceeding
- our bylaws will need some adjustment
- Tom Little has reviewed our bylaws and possibly will work with us to rewrite any that require revisions
- Pat Stallaert offered to work with Tom on review of by-laws
- discussion of this should take place at the AGM

Municipal

- a history book is being made about Limerick Township but expenses are very high
- the book would retail about \$100, obviously not making it a feasible seller.
- after the 125h anniversary celebration a map was created to show historical events and pictures, the organization won a national award Hastings County Map dept.
- few existing councillors are planning to run in the upcoming municipal election in Limerick township
- no candidates in Tudor-Cashel Township have made their positions known regarding running again
- discussion of the South Road problems and the lack of resolution; what is the next direction. This issue should be reported on at the upcoming AGM.
- should SCLA explore how we can be represented by one township
- provincial policy statement regarding emergency services is moving in the direction of forcing municipalities to provide services on private roads
- North Road closure for bridge replacement will commence September 3 and last approximately one month
- CVCA vetoed moving towards using Quinte Conservation Authority services; then reversed the decision and brought it back for discussion, subsequently vetoed it again

Membership

- all areas are now covered with canvassers

Executive Positions

- positions available are President and Finance, both incumbents are willing to continue

Other Business

- do we try again to get everyone together at the bank to update signatures
 - it is not affecting business yet, so we will continue as is until we can get a date for everyone to be together
 - should we consider a survey to ask people's opinions, to at least stay in touch with the membership
 - using Survey Monkey will cost money if survey has more than 10 questions
 - what is the next step for South Road resolving problems
 - South Road people will need to look at a legal point of view, possibly going to the provincial level
 - organizing of information from meetings, add a separate registry of all decisions so that executive can trace previous discussions and results
- Action: Judy to work with Pat to develop a guideline
- keys to display case at Trudy's held by Pat Stallaert. Donna Cochrane has spare set