

STEENBURG LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SPRING EXECUTIVE MEETING

Sunday, May 20, 2012
Cottage of Marlene Pollard

Meeting called to order at 9:10am

Executive members present:

Anthony Genovese, Marlene Pollard, Dave McDonald, Carolyn Dobson, Judy Platt, Dave Golem, Dean Butler, Rick Burke

Social – Carolyn Dobson

- regatta was successful with the kayak races so that will be continued.
- should we obtain the big barbeque from Marc Angelo's again, if not we will need to start finding alternatives, Carolyn to let us know.
- Annual members meeting will be Sunday, August 5.
- Mike is not able to do the catering for this year's event
- discussed if we should continue the steak lunch at the annual meeting; do we switch back to the donuts and muffins or do hamburgers instead
- Carolyn still has time to send a revision to Dave for the newsletter to change the refreshments to baked goods
- OPP will open the meeting with a discussion on policing issues in the county
- suggestions are needed for obtaining a new social director; everyone needs to think of people who might be interested and start approaching them.
- a more detailed description of the responsibilities of each position needs to be added to the newsletter
- it would be helpful if people approached their companies about items that could be used as door prizes at the annual meeting
- Carolyn and Wendy will continue to organize the Fun Run for this year however this will be the last time

Lake Stewardship

- Dave Langman was not present so no new information was discussed
- no invoices for water testing have been presented, so there is no confirmation that any testing took place over the last year
- kits for water clarity were given to Dave
- the markers were out in good time this spring

Treasure's Report – Dave McDonald

- most expenses are paid up and the remaining will be covered by the bulk of membership fees
- we continue to be in a good financial position
- we have only 3 or 4 sponsors renewed for the newsletter so far

Marketing – Dean Butler

- lots of coffee mugs left, new members will continue to receive them when they join the association
- also lots of water bottles left
- zipped hoodies are very popular
- suggestion of camo hats and a new style of t-shirts, military look is very popular right now
- inventory is getting down, Dean is monitoring it well

Newsletter

- draft is not completed yet so no info on the status of the newsletter

Web & Internet – Anthony Genovese

- new camera is now up at Cochrane's property
- now that the towers are operational so there are no new issues on the internet
- Anthony is keeping the data base up to date, but needs to know when there are changes and new people to add
- cell phone coverage is improving and there are many options one can get to help amplification and internet service
- managing the internet is a full job, it needs to have some-one dedicated to it only

Executive Positions

- the following positions are open: Social Director, Vice President (Rick will continue in the position temporarily)
- letters to be put in the newsletter describing the duties and responsibilities

Municipal – Dave Golem

- the road maintenance is still a major issue for the South Steenburg Lake Rd.
- townships are considering it a complex issue and legal opinions may be needed to sort through the various perspectives
- it needs the two townships and representatives of SLCA to pull an agreement together
- should a petition in the newsletter be added to help inform cottagers?
- logging has begun in the area east of the lake, west of highway 62 and between the north and south road, they have built access roads into the area
- Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is in financial difficulty
- 6 million is needed for infrastructure on all the watersheds they control
- conservation authorities are supposed to be subsidized by the province by 50% however the funding is now down to 20%, balance must be picked up by the township
- ratepayers are not happy with the additional costs, they are not seeing what we get out of it
- several resolutions have been tabled at the authority, including selling properties
- McGeachie Conservation area may become available, would SLCA be interested in partnering with Limerick Township to maintain the property
- there is work to be done on the cottage but it pays for itself with the rent on the property
- next meeting of Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is June 21, but no decisions may be made