

LAKE WESLEMKOON CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, AUGUST 1, 1998

The 1998 Annual General Meeting was held at Tanglewood marina Saturday, August 1, 1998, at 10.00 AM. with Mike Benson presiding. The minutes of the 1997 AGM were adopted as presented upon motion by Peter Chiddy, seconded by Brian Archibald and carried.

Just as the meeting was starting, Kim Derry completed her Kim Swim from the four Loons marina in record time of 3 1/2 hours.

Financial Affairs

Paul Lavelle reviewed the financial statement that had been included in the spring Loon Call with brief comments on the major expenditures.

Membership Affairs

Peter Randell and Tim Barnes welcomed new members to the AGM They acknowledged donations from Church Davidson and Doug Smith and noted that half of Doug's trailer park tenants had joined as Friends of the Lake. Peter said that of 350 cottages on the lake, 250 were Association members. He asked members to promote membership with their neighbours, particularly new cottagers. Stu Roblin was informed that new cottagers' lists were available next week upon request from Tim Barnes but they would be included with the next Loon Call. It is planned to include all cottages with their lot numbers. This list is available only to members.

Long Term Plans

Paul Smith outlined his five year plan.. During Year One he had discussed with the marinas simple measures for containing and cleaning up petroleum spills. There was some concern from the marinas about costs and practicability. and the proposals are being reviewed with them.

This year, Year Two, he will be doing a water quality survey, concentrating on the "hot spots" to see how they compare with previous results.

In Year Three the plan is to have a hazardous waste collection on the lake. The time and place will be published in the Loon Call and notices..

Ruth Ferguson-Aulhouse explained the Lands for Life program of the MNR covering crown lands. It is an ambitious plan affecting mining, forestry and parks, covering essentially all cottage country. It has just gone to the provincial cabinet and is expected to be submitted to public review. Fifteen percent of crown lands are to be set aside for public access.

Years Four and Five of our plan cover land use concerns. Ruth has submitted on behalf of LWCA a "work book" on proposed land uses in our lake area. The area was shown on a topographic map; it is essentially the drainage basin of Lake Weslemkoon. It is hoped that this submission will be adopted by the new township of Addington-Highlands and form the basis of their land use control by-law. LWCA supports the Lands for Life program with some reservations, including a request for consultation. It was pointed out that the program has no affect on existing patented lots, i.e. on existing cottage lots. It is hoped that our area will be designated as a reserve because as such, it would be removed from future logging and mining.

Recent issues of Cottage Life had articles on this program and included post cards for sending to MPP's to lobby for consultations and public review.

A special vote of thanks was accorded Ruth for her excellent work.

Logging

Alan Whyte reported that there was no logging this year in our area, only clean up behind Otter Lake. The active area is near Ashby Lake. MNR is phasing out management of local logging in favour of a consortium of the logging companies. They will take over planning and management and MNR will be the auditing authority. At the moment, we have no representative to these bodies.

Waste Management

Terry O'Hearn noted that LWCA owns three garbage bins at the three marinas. Garbage pickup costs \$31.25 annually per member and is rising. The existing dumps are adequate for the present but there will be difficulties when these fill up.

Buoys

There are 17 blinking buoys operating from May 15 to Nov 1 in the north end, and to Nov 17 in the south end. It costs \$84 annually to maintain them.

Custodial

George Archibald reported that there were some break-ins at the north end where there was road access. and that the burglars had been caught.. The usual three off-season cottage inspections were made by Reg Smith.

Fishing and Hunting

Herb Strasser noted, for the record , that our lake is approximately 7.5 miles (12 km) long , 150 feet deep (47 m) and has 189 miles (302 km) of shore line. The native fish are lake trout and small and large mouth bass. A five pound bass is about 15 years old and a prime reproducer. He urged fishermen to release any fish over three pounds in the interests of preserving the fish stock and also to respect the spawning areas and open seasons of both bass and trout . The ministry advises that artificially stocked fish have a somewhat different life cycle to native ones with a resulting conflict between them. Hence they will not restock our lake.

Fire Prevention

George Archibald has serviced, at LWCA expense, all the fire pumps that were accessible last fall. Our pump at Weslemkoon marina required repairs. George can obtain used hose at \$25 a 100' length for anyone interested. There is no fire protection available to the lake in response to a 911 call but cottagers were advised to call just the same to comply with insurance regulations. However it was reported that land ambulances do respond effectively to the marinas. Instruction needs to be given as to which marina they should come.

911 cottage number plates were distributed by Jim Shiner of the A-H municipal office, to all who signed for them. They are to be erected by the cottagers as there is no contract being let for installation. Undistributed plates were being left at Tanglewood marina and Jim was going to call those who did not pick them up.

Summer Events

Rosslyn Caiger-Watson said that CPR and first aid courses had been given again this year with a good response. It is planned to do it again next year at the same cost, \$40 for new candidates

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\$15 for renewals. Stan Walker, St. John's Ambulance, Peterborough, gave the courses.

Dates for the sailing regatta, canoe races and fishing derby were announced.

Election of Directors

As chairperson of the nominating committee, Francis Chiddy announced the following candidates for the board of the LWCA

George Archibald, Tim Barnes, Mike Benson, Rosslyn Caiger-Watson, Francis Chiddy, Chris Cromien, Ruth Ferguson-Aulthouse, Paul Lavelle, Terry O'Hearn, Peter Randell, Jim Reynolds, Paul Smith, Herb Strasser and Alan Whyte.

There being one vacancy on the board, Francis called for nominations from the members present. Mary Kate Rathbun was duly nominated and agreed to stand. There being no further nominations, the slate was declared elected by acclamation.

Recognition of Deceased Members

Francis Chiddy noted the passing of former LWCA members Ethyl Aide, Jennifer Brissenden, Barbara Dempsey, Dianne Hogg, John Jarvis, John Richards and Gladys Roblin. A moment's silence was observed in their remembrance.

Cockeyed Loons Awards

Grand Vizier of the Honorable and Secret Order of the Cockeyed Loons Don MacKenzie, wearing the appropriate ceremonial headgear, inducted Stuart Roblin and Kathy Whyte into the Order.,

.New Business

Barrie Evans drew attention to excessive speeds of some boats traveling in the northwest passage and urged observance of the speed limits within 30 m of the shore. The board was asked to investigate posting such areas. Speed signs may be available from the MNR or through Cottage Life Magazine. It was noted that legislation is proposed to regulate ages for operating watercraft and their areas of operation.

It was suggested that the LWCA mark the trails into adjoining lakes. Nancy Dickenson noted that campers were building docks at camp sites on Squaw Point, contrary to MNR regulations, and asked that the board investigate having them removed and discouraging this practice. Jack Dempsey said that regulations governing camping on crown lands used to be available from the marinas and should probably be restocked if necessary .

The annual sailing regatta will again be at Peter Sandiford's cottage at 2.00 PM Sunday August 2., with competition for the John Jarvis cup. It was requested that no dogs be brought.

Herb Strasser announced that he had held a very successful dock sale on Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4 and suggested that it become an annual event on the weekend of July 4 with balloons advertising the locations.

George Archibald moved a vote of appreciation to Bev and Don Johnson for their contributions to past AGM's and as editors of the Loon Call. Carried unanimously.

The site of succeeding AGM's will rotate among the four marinas.

Votes of appreciation were moved to Ted and Dot Jennings for hosting the AGM and to Janice Benson and Kathie Whyte for serving refreshments to members attending .Upon motion by Ted Hewitt, seconded by Tim Barnes , the meeting was adjourned.

Bill McPherson, Secretary