

Raven Lake Cottagers' Association Annual General Meeting

Sunday August 14, 2016 10:00 am at the Sandy Beach, Raven Lake

1. Welcome

Patricia Smith

Welcome to all, and thanks to the Hungerford Team for delivering this year's corn roast.

2. Adoption of Minutes August 15, 2015

Motion: that the minutes of August 15, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Ronnie Buwalda Second: Howard Rawlison

All in favour. Carried

3. Introduction/ thank you to Directors for 2015-2016

Patricia Smith

Our thanks to Chris Gooderham, who is resigning as Lake Steward, for his fine efforts on our behalf over many years.

4. Treasurer's Report

Ross Lawrence

Cash in bank	\$11,106.04	(2016 Regatta not included)
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Income	\$ 2,907.63
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Expenses	\$ 3,028.97
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Excess expenses/income	\$ -121.34
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Motion: that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Miriam Pearlman. Second: Barbara Lewis

All in favour. Carried

5. Lake Access & Landing Update

Scott Lewis

For those of you that were here at the 2015 AGM, you may remember that in July of that year we had submitted a draft proposal of our plans for the Landing, including, but not limited to the following principles:

- The residents of Raven Lake will have a right to park cars overnight at the Raven Lake Landing;
- Execute a long term, "evergreen" shoreline lease with the right to build, what will become, well maintained, safe boat slips, sufficient for every resident that wishes to have one. This number is currently estimated to be a maximum of 120.
- Assume liability for the new docks and indemnify the Ministry from liabilities arising from the use of the new docks.
- Remove the existing stick docks from the shoreline over a 3 – 5 year period as the new slips are built out.

While we were waiting a response from the MNR over the winter, we opened discussions with the Planner of the Township of Lake of Bays to introduce our intentions and to get an idea of their initial position. In general, LOB's response was that they would:

- want to discuss the proposal with the MNR & AH
- require a "boat study" performed to better understand how the use of the property would evolve
- require a permit for building of the new docks in accordance with the Official Plan and LOB by-laws

Then in April, 2016, we received a response to our 2015 proposal from the MNR. Specifically: we have been assigned to a new point of contact namely a Lands & Waters Technical Specialist located in Bancroft, Ontario.

MNR has decided that we fall within two Administrative Districts, Bancroft and Parry Sound.

MNR has an Application & Screening Process that will cover our situation and it is expected to take up to 1 year to complete

MNR wants to discuss our proposal with LOB to better understand their approach to our proposal. In other words, that if they proceed with the application and eventually grant us the leases, that LOB & AH will support the build out of the proposal

To summarize, all the relevant parties having jurisdiction are aware of our proposal and each wants to engage with the other. We now have a better understanding of the process of how to move forward from both the MNR and from LOB, in consultation with AH.

Over the coming months, it is our intention to develop a timeline and budget for application process and disclose it to all members before proceeding. We know that the application process with the MNR and LOB is expected to take up to 1 year, hopefully concurrently

- We know that it will require a boat traffic study and an environmental study of how the local fish population would be affected, as well as a public consultation process
- We know that RLCA would need to incorporate a wholly owned subsidiary to limit liability
- We currently estimate that a reasonable budget to effect these actions will be in the range of \$15,000, a number which will be refined in the coming months
- As not all members of the RLCA will participate in the new docks, we do not expect the RLCA to solely fund all of these initiatives but the RLCA has committed up to \$3,000 as a contribution.
- We anticipate fundraising from future participants of the docks to pay for the balance of costs, and hope to build out a system of offering non-refundable deposits to these future participants to cover these start up costs
- As we gather more specifics on the process, together with estimated costs over the coming months and will communicate these to everyone via email, Canada Post and the RLCA website

6. Membership/Survey results

Leslie MacFabe/Graham Donald

Membership

Our thanks to 105 paid-up members of RLCA.

The Lake Captains for 11 areas of the lake will welcome new cottagers and distribute Information Packages this spring.

We shall all encourage non-members to join the Association.

Survey

The Survey which has been circulated also appears on our website and Facebook page. Voicing individual concerns and requests is encouraged.

A full report will be sent by e-mail and published in the spring Newsletter.

7. Shoreline Project.

Patricia Smith/ Scott MacFabe

The assessment for Love Your Lake, the Shoreline Evaluation Program was completed on Raven Lake in August.

The purpose was to evaluate the health of the shoreline and water. An assessment was conducted on 190 properties for which a personalized report for each property will be available in the spring. This feedback is private, offering advice for improvements, although the assessors' comment was "Raven Lake is in good shape ... one of the nicest lakes they have seen."

How to maintain? By example, education, attention to septic systems, and referral to the Lake Plan, 2007.

8. Regatta 18

Susan Luke

Registration: 202

Fun Day: a reflection of the Lake's unique community

Thanks: to all volunteers, helpers and donors

Theme: 2017. A Tribute to the Paddle

9. Raven Lake Ice Breaker

Howard Rowilson

Attendees: 39

Funds: \$275.00 profit to be used for next year's gala

Thanks: to Hungerfords and MacFabs for donations of prizes

Sean Hungerford for his slide show

Harry Wilson for Bingo

Susan Rowilson for special cakes

Spring 2017: Lone Star Grill on Saturday of Cottage Life Show

Please contact Howard to volunteer or donate prizes

10. Family Fishing Day Jim Gould
Attendees: 28 fishing for 1/12 hours
Licence: not required
Feedback: appreciation of instruction given at beginning of Derby. Teaches good values as well as respect for lake

11. Communications Sean Hungerford

RLCA Facebook Page Insights for 2016 AGM:

- Increase in Page Like (Followers) from 259 in Aug.2015 – 301 on Aug.2016
- Updates posted to our FB page are on average reaching 84 FB users
- Over the past week the Healthy Shore Line, and AGM posts have reached 517 FB users
- Our top stories for 2016 have been:
 - Ice out post 1k FB users reached (April.21)
 - Initial 5 Mile Bay forest fire post – 1.3k FB users reached (May.12)
 - Images from 5 Mile Bay forest fire post – 5.3k users reached (May.13)
- No change in the makeup of our followers since last year:
 - 56% of page followers are women, 40% are male
- The top 4 municipalities that our page followers reside in are:
 - Toronto, Barrie, Mississauga & Haliburton

12. Elections to Board of Directors for 2016-2017 Patricia Smith
Patricia Smith filled in for Sean Lawrence, our past president and presented candidates for the board for the upcoming year.

Graham Donald, Geoff Gooderham, Jim Gould, Ioana Hungerford, Sean Hungerford, JoAnn Julien, Susan Kanitz, George Kenins, Mara Kenins, Ross Lawrence, Scott Lewis, Susan Luke, Leslie MacFabe, Karl Mehisto, Howard Rowlison, Patricia Smith

Motion: that the slate of Directors presented be revised to include Dawn Howells and be accepted
Kathy Hungerford Second: Peter Hungerford
All in Favour. Carried

13. Old Business. Geoff Gooderham
A large % of our septic tanks, both old and newly-installed, are inadequate.
Proper biological additives are required. Contact Geoff for specifics. 705 766 0176.
Reminder: limit water (especially in spring,) T-paper, fats and oils.
“All About The Water” video is on our website.

14. New Business
Septic Tanks: Elzo de Haan has negotiated a group rate with a company for septic tank pumping.
Contact him for details. [705-766-0128](tel:705-766-0128)
Water Safety: Reminders to respect the laws and show courtesy over motorboat washes and wakes, and swimming, kayaking, and canoeing parallel to shoreline.
Explicit information will appear in the spring Newsletter.
Our condolences to Geoff Gooderham and family on the death of his mother, Barbara Lawson, a pioneer on Raven Lake.
A celebration of Life will be held at Benares, Mississauga, on September 11, 2016.

15. Adjournment
Motion: that the meeting adjourn.
Jim Gould. Second: Ross Lawrence
All in Favour. Carried
The meeting adjourned at 11:20am.