

Fox Lake Association Annual General Meeting July 14, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Location Jack & Leslie Van der Meer, 479 West Fox Lake Road, Huntsville, Ontario

Start time 9:50 am

1) Welcome to all with Call for additions to the agenda; two items were added (discussion following)

2) Reviewed 2011 AGM minutes; accepted as written; moved by Don Shepley, 2nd Karen Beamer..carried.

3) President's Report (Robin Yule)

Thanks to our hosts, Jack & Leslie

Introduction of board members present and thanks for the work done over past year. Robin thanked Christa Sharp for stepping up and coming on to the board of directors and to Jim Watson for his past services as he stepped down from the board last year.

Robin reviewed in brief the work done by the board over the last year, including the Lake Plan, Website, Fox Lake clothing sales, success of the social activities as organized by Karen Beamer, completion of our Renter's guidelines (we offer laminated copies if anyone wants one).

We were reminded that Camp Winnebago doesn't allow boat launch while camp is in session.

Robin reinforced need for swimmers on the lake to have boat accompaniment as it is dangerous to swim when you can't be seen in the water.

Tom Gillette and Robin met with the new owners of Camp Winnebago and relationship with the association is good.

Reviewed West Fox Lake road allowance and that the town had rejected a request to open the access. We must be mindful of this request and keep our eye on that activity.

Status reports from the committees to come.

Robin confirmed we're having fireworks display the Saturday evening of the regatta.

A new toilet was installed on the island thanks to Jim Watson and Jim McMahon.

4) Treasurer's Report...Jim McMahon

Although copy of financial statement unavailable at meeting, we are in good shape with balance of \$8000. Statement available to any member who wants one and will be posted with the minutes on the web site. Decided to maintain dues at same level of \$40. Expenses are insurance and memberships in various supporting associations. Karen Beamer was applauded for the fund raising done at Ribfest. Moved by Karen Beamer, 2nd by Ellen Fox to accept, carried.

5) FLA Board of Directors

Robin Yule, Tom Gillette, Karen Beamer, Pat Currie, Don E. Shepley, Christa Sharp, Ellen Fox
This adds Ellen Fox and ends the term of Tom Perkin.

No nominations from the floor.

Carried.

6) Committee Status report

Camp Romuva ...celebrating 50th year in operation this year. **Congratulations to them which we will print in newsletter**

Membership reported by Mary Smirniw, as at July 14, 2012 we have 65 paid members (out of potential 120 eligible) which is a great percentage for a small lake. Difficulty still in permanent residents participation.

Lake Steward report from David White.

- Ice in on December 8, out on March 24th which is earliest this has been seen in years.
- Water has high clarity, probably because of dry weather with lack of runoff and low pollen count.
- MNR has provided equipment to test for **invasive species** and this will be done. David has the red warning signs which can be put up at the boat launch areas if people are willing. Robin will talk to both camps to see if they are willing to post the signs.
- **Benthic monitoring** will be done on August 20th with training for the volunteers on that day. ..Kate McMahon, David White, Emily Yule, Gabrielle Anderson, Elaine Jackson. Results to be viewed on Blanchard's screened in porch.
- **Lake level monitoring** had changed to automatic equipment which was then vandalized. Request from the ministry to move to an accessible location but away from mischief. David will work with the MNR to find a suitable location.

Social reported by Karen Beamer. Ribfest 2012 sold out with 96 tickets gone.

Regatta Saturday August 4th. Horseshoes at 9 am at Sandy McLennan's, volleyball 10:00 a.m. at Yule beach. Regatta 1:30 at Smirniw beach,. Fireworks in the evening. Karen would be happy to take donations for the fireworks display cost.

Corn Roast again this year at Camp Romuva, although Robin has to confirm this is okay again. Jim McMahon will organize food and corn, bring your own drinks. Although 2011 got rained on, the afternoon was sunny and well attended.

Lake Plan Implementation reported by Tom Gillette. Because the plan had many good ideas, Tom's committee broke it in to manageable parts to begin. Completed this year were a) wake signs installed at both ends of the lake b) benthic monitoring to begin c) rules about boat houses on lake reviewed d) educating people about the shoreline vegetation and it's importance (although falling on deaf ears) e) reforestation of the island which is continuing and being managed by CHRISTA SHARP. Tom will continue to work on the plan with Elaine Jackson who again volunteered her time. Tom is looking for passionate volunteers to move this plan forward as it needs to be a working plan.

Website/FLA Clothing reported by Ellen Fox. The website is an excellent resource for information and education. There are links to related topics as well as history about Fox Lake. Can be used to connect with people. Please use it. The order list for various clothing items are on the site. Demonstration available on computer after meeting.

NEW...Current events page which will highlight social activities, lake news and your photos if you'd like. Visit www.foxlakeassociation.org Email the photos or news to Ellen at foxlakeassociation@gmail.com

7) Location of 2013 Regatta...no volunteers so board will research and find.

8) Fireworks complaint. Some weekends after 11pm someone is setting off fireworks. We must put in newsletter that there is a need to respect others on the lake and to stop the noise at 11pm.

Robin suggested an email to all may help so that owners can advise renters, and owners can be reminded themselves.

9) **PETITION** requested by Ellen Fox that we all sign the petition and send in to the government requesting that they not close down the experimental lake station north of Kenora. Moved by Elaine Jackson and seconded by Judy Maxwell ...carried. That FLA will work with the various councils and related associations to support the petition to stop the closure of the Kenora Experimental Lake research centre.

ACTION REQUIRED...Robin will send letter to Tony Clement. Ellen will put on our website with the link to the petition letter, so we can sign and forward as individuals as well as sign as an association. Robin/Tom will contact Muskoka Watershed Council and Huntsville Lake of Bays Council to take action too and then also send an association email with link and suggestion to sign the petition.

10) Lifetime Membership award given to Elaine Jackson for her passion, diligence and enthusiasm over the many years with her work for Fox Lake and the association. Well done! Well deserved!

11) 2013 AGM to be held at Loon Echo. Judy and Tony Maxwell's, 598 East Fox Lake Rd. 9:30 am July 13, 2013.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 am