

FOX LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JULY 13, 2103

Location: Judith and Tony Maxwell's, East Fox Lake Rd.

Judith welcomed everyone and gave a short history of the John Spanner cabin we were in, one of the first buildings on Fox Lake, from the 1930's.

1) Welcome to all by our president Robin Yule , introducing two new members and residents of the lake. Ron and Marilyn Kruetzer and Bill and Lisa Knight. He also told us about Paul and Chris Moore who would be new members as of July 29th. (having purchased Elaine and Gord Jackson's property.

Call for any additions to the agenda. There were none so it was accepted to continue.

2) Report of our website as operated by Ellen Fox, who was introduced. She advised us of its use and how to access encouraging all to visit for information and updates on our lake association and any related issues. Motion to accept her report by Karen Beamer, 2nd by Elaine Jackson, carried.

3) 2013 AGM President's Report

Welcome to all and thanks for attending.

Introduce new persons (if known)

Thanks and introductions

Tony and Judy Maxwell for hosting the AGM

Current Board members for work and support – explain that FLA is incorporated and has up to 7 directors elected by members. Directors appoint all Officers – some officers are not directors and not all directors have officer responsibilities.

The “Board” is all directors and officers.

- o Self – Dir and President
- o Dir and VP and Lake Plan Implementation Chair Tom Gillette
- o Dir – Pat Currie
- o Dir – Christa Sharp – Lake Plan Implementation Comm and Island planting
- o Dir -Webmaster – Ellen Fox – Fox Lake logo apparel
- o Dir - Social Convenor (and tireless fundraiser) – Karen Beamer
- o Treasurer Jim McMahon
- o Secretary Sharon Lillico
- o Membership – Mary Smirniw
- o Past President Jim Watson
- o David White – Lake Steward
- o Katie McMahon – Newsletter

If counting, we are currently short one director due to resignation of Don Shepley.

Thanks to Don for his service and support over the past several years it is much appreciated. Don and Liz are continuing to make up the signs posted on the Fox Notes boards.

Thanks to Elaine and Gord Jackson.

Lake Plan

Tom to speak more on this later

Tree planting on island continued; about 30 trees planted. Christa is providing oversight. Anyone who wants to do a little tree planting, please contact Christa or myself.

Social

Ribfest was a success again last year and we look forward to this afternoon's. If you do not already have tickets, we have them here – get them from Pat Currie after the meeting.

Regatta at Mary Smirniw's on a beautiful day. This year's will be at the Shepley beaches and Caryn Paupst is in charge. Event listing is available here – pick one up if you want one. NEW –we have decided to change the Tug-o-war rules so that each team has the same number of participants.

Corn Roast also was blessed with good weather and we are planning for this year's and it will be again on the Camp Romuva beach on the Saturday of Labour Day weekend. We thank Romuva for allowing us to do that.

Website and Clothing

Ellen Fox continues to maintain our website

It easy to use and has lots of good information

Fox Lake logo clothing is not being offered this year but watch your spring newsletter for offerings for next summer.

Boating Launching

Again a reminder, Camp Winnebago does not permit boat launching when camp is in session – Late June to Mid-August

Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act.

Changes to the Act probably will require changes to our corporate documents.

Jim McMahon is following this issue on our behalf

Wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Questions or Comments?

4) Treasurer's report- Jim McMahon reviewed the financial statement. We have approximately \$10,000 in the bank which is generated mostly from the Ribfest, rest from membership fees. Cost of insurance for the association usually matches what is collected from membership. **Report is attached.**

Motion to accept as presented Ellen Fox, seconded by Susan Finbow.

5) Election of Directors. Currently there are 6 directors (Robin Yule, Tom Gillette, Christa Sharpe, Pat Currie, Ellen Fox, Karen Beamer), who have agreed to continue. Robin outlined that the time commitment was what you wanted to put in to it, and there was good support from all the membership. We need one more director as required for a corporation. Mary Smirniw, Jim McMahon, Jim Watson, David White and Katie McMahon will continue to donate their time as committee members re membership, treasurer, past president, lake steward and newsletter. All attendees were in favor of re-electing the current board. Carried.

6) Reports of 2012-2103 activities

Camp Winnibago was not in attendance this year.

Camp Romuva okay our annual corn roast on their beach. Advised they again had the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters using their camp for two weeks.

Membership. Mary reported that there were 56 members in 2012 , and so far for 2013 there are 50 members, which represents about 1/2 of the total residents on the lake. There were quite a

number of property ownership change which could be a reason for the reduced numbers. Anyone can assist in generating more members and to please do so all year. We're always looking for new members.

Lake Steward. David White indicated ice came in on December 12th, out on April 4th. Full results of his results are on the website. We have registered negative on zebra mussels and spiny water flea, but we must be diligent as these are now showing up in other Muskoka lakes. Our benthic monitoring gave mixed results and our lake is just below average. AUGUST 23rd ,Friday am will be another monitoring session with the ministry. David indicated that if you were interested in having the shoreline measured and improvements or change recommendation given, there is a free service offered by the University of Waterloo. There was a short discussion on shoreline protection.

Lake Plan Implementation Tom Gillette gave us a report on status as of now. There were 58 recommendations that came out of the Fox Lake Plan that we produced, focusing on custodianship. Three categories: interaction with the government, ongoing study of specific issues, information and education.

The update...we have had some success. Monitoring our shoreline vegetation, publishing a renter's guide, posting no wake signs, informative newsletter and website, link with FOCA.

Next is interacting with the town of Huntsville and submitting a copy of our plan to the Mayor and the town planner. We need the town to recognize and acknowledge our plan and to incorporate with their plans. FLA also needs to get savvy on how to deal with the politics of zoning, planning etc. Judith Maxwell is working with Tom on this.

Additionally, it is essential to inform all residents on how to protect their shorelines, the water from invasive species, protecting the night skies.

Mention with the town also needs to be reviewed is keeping open the PORTAGE from Buck to Fox Lake, and from Fox Lake to Lake Vernon. With the property sales, there is a potential of the access no longer being there. Volunteers to investigate this with the town are needed.

It was confirmed that the loon-nesting platform will be installed this weekend (July 14)

Tom then closed, adding that all the information is on our website and anything that is done will be published there.

Website and Clothing Ellen Fox said we would leave the buy and sell in the Newsletter rather than on the Website, but we need to send out an email to advise all FLA members when the Newsletter will be published so all can participate at the right time.

A lot of information is sent to Ellen and Robin as president. Rather than sending email blasts which would be cumbersome, a link to the information that is of value will be on the website. We will have new clothing option in 2014. The FLA website is a great source of information.

Social Rib fest is a continued success, we have been blessed with good weather. Karen would like NEW volunteers to assist with the selling of tickets, collection of prizes and set up. Please let her know where you can help. Regatta and September corn roast continue. All are welcome.

Other topics. Boat launching reminder, only at Camp Winnibago when camp in NOT in session.

Canadian Lakes Loon Survey which has been handled by Elaine Jackson , gave us a short history. Ellen Fox volunteered to take over this delightful responsibility. (hopefully our new loon platform will work and encourage a nesting pair). The survey requires a \$35 donation from FLA. 2013 has only seen visiting loons. Calls have been heard, but not consistently.

Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act. There are changes to the act which will affect our status,

and may require changes to our corporation documents. Jim McMahon and Tom Gillette will follow this issue on FLA's behalf.

Closing...asking again for a volunteer to be a new director. JIM CRAWFORD accepted the responsibility to everyone's applause. Motion to accept Karen Beamer and seconded by Susan Finbow.

A vote of thanks was given to Elaine and Gord Jackson's many years of work and volunteerism with Fox Lake Association. They will be greatly missed and we wish them well in their new home on Lake Ontario.

Annual General Meeting July 12 2014. Location Brian and Ellen Fox, 722 East Fox Lake Rd. 9:30 am

Moved to adjourn Tom Gillette, seconded Gord Jackson.