

FOX LAKE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED Annual General Meeting JULY 12, 2014

Hosted by Brian and Ellen Fox, Sunny morning on the back deck.

- 1) Tom Gillette , President welcomed all to the meeting. He reviewed his 5 year involvement with the association and how important it was to him as an owner on Fox Lake. Ellen Fox told us about their home build in 2002 , and residency since 2006. FOX DEN is their name, and we were welcomed. Tom thanked Robin Yule (absent in Abu Dhabi) for his service and time investment over the years.
- 2) 2013 AGM minutes reviewed and accepted. Moved by Barry Jacobs, 2nd David White.
- 3) PRESIDENTS REPORT

a) Tom introduced the current board of directors and the appointed officers. DIRECTORS Tom Gillette (Pres), Tony Maxwell, Jim Crawford, Christa Sharp, Bill Knight, Jim McMahon, Karen Beamer (absent) OFFICERS..Judy Maxwell, , Mary Smirniw, David White, Kate McMahon , Ellen Fox.

b) Tom spent time building up the relationship with the Town of Huntsville , improving the communication and integration between the lake interests and town interests. For example, the land severance proposal on the Buck River which was objected to by the FLA. This was due to the existing agreement made with the owner to have it remain on plot. The town denied the proposal, and it has now gone to the OMB. FLA will continue to take part in the objection to this severance along with the Town, and the current stakeholders in that subdivision.

c) The Town's shore road allowance policy of 66 ft ownership to sell back to the owner of the land does not affect Fox Lake as confirmed by the town.

TO DO...check and see if 66ft road allowance affects the Buck R. and the Fox tail.

d) Tom mentioned the new DEERHURST development that was planned with new hotel and retail and the impact it may have on the area.

e) Tom reviewed the upcoming social events ...ANNUAL FEST..changed to BBQFEST July 12 2014 afternoon..our main fundraiser with live auction of plane ride, painting, Maple leaf jersey etc. This was very successful in 2013. Hope to see more people out.

ANNUAL REGATTA..AUGUST 2 2014 ..Shepley beach , WORLD CUP THEME, organized by Caryn Pushka. HORSESHOES at Sandy M. and VOLLEYBALL at Shepley beach..9:30 am!!

Rain Date August 3rd.

ANNUAL CORN ROAST ..August 3rd..Camp Romuva..

TO DO..confirm with camp this is acceptable once again

- 4) TREASURER'S REPORT..Jim McMahon confirmed FLA membership fee remains at \$40. These dues are used to cover insurance for the association to allow participant social functions like the Regatta , and to protect the volunteer board of directors and officers. (\$1080) They also cover our operating expenses such as the cost for integrating the Lake Plan in to the Town of Huntsville .(\$5000 set aside) , postage, ribbons for the regatta, and building a reserve for future expenditures. Our fundraising has helped this a long way. **COPY OF REPORT ATTACHED.**
- 5) DIRECTORS ELECTION...all agreed to endorse the directors. Published on the website..www.foxlakeassociation.org

Moved by Paul Moore, 2nd by Barry St. John

6) OFFICERS UPDATES

- a) LAKE PLAN..Judy Maxwell has spent many hours on this plan with other volunteers and is making progress with Ellen Fox and Christa Sharp. Overview of the work done so far was given to us. Judy is looking for input from the newcomers to the lake for ideas of why they came to Fox Lake and what their future is here, as well as from long time owners who have knowledge of the lake history and what changes they have seen. Draft of our application to implement the lake plan to the Official Town of Hunstville plan needs to be submitted. We worked jointly with Lake Waseosa whose plan was well worded. Then we just wait for the town's approval.
- b) Portage at Hoodstown dam..This disappeared as a result of the new subdivision of 4 lots on the east side of the rapids. We tried to reclaim the existing portage but only partial result with current owners. Next suggestion is to create a safe pathway along the road. Meeting with the town on July 15th ..Ellen and Judy.

REPORT ATTACHED ...and meeting results on website

- c) WATER QUALITY .David White gave news that Lake froze over on November 24th and the ice cleared on April 28th (only 1 day later than 2013) Lake Clarity is 2.2 but usually depends on conditions. This is average and good. Our phosphorous level is 11.3 mg and the average for a good lake is 11.8 so we are within the good range. Alarming if it goes to 19.

Benthic monitoring and Invasive species monitoring ...1 sample last year showed suspected **zebra mussel**, however we should not be concerned. Our lake is warm and low in acidity. Mussels like cold , low calcium and high acidity. Was most likely an aberration. **Spiny Water Flea** unfortunately in Lake Vernon now, so a matter of time before it comes to Fox. Boats entering the lake can only prevent this if they clean the boat and motor before entering. This is for canoes and kayaks as well. FLA has posted signs at various entry points. Benthic monitoring shows lots of species . **Report is on the website. FRIDAY, August 15th 9 am volunteers to count species again at McMahons...** David, Ellen, Sharon...anyone else? Water quality testing will be done by University of Waterloo this year testing the PH, phosphorous, calcium, clarity etc. This report will be on the website when received.

- d) REFORESTATION...Christa Sharp reported that for the last 3 years, since the fire on the island we have planted new trees on the long weekend in September. So far , when checked this year, we've had a 50% success. **Will be planting again 10 am SUNDAY of labour day weekend..meeting on east side beach...Blanchards?** Volunteers welcome with their trees.
- e) MEMBERSHIP..Mary Smirniw reports that paid up membership in the FLA is steady with about half of the property owners joining. 50 – 55 members of 125 properties on the lake.
- f) WEBSITE..Ellen Fox our webmaster advised all copies of the various reports are on the website for anyone's review (member or not) . Of interest is the shoreline evaluation that was conducted in 2013. 6.6% of the shoreline is unbuffered, meaning there is no vegetation or protection to the water. This is a reason that we now have Canada Geese on the lake, who like grass and open space close to the water. Ellen said there is Fox Lake clothing that you can purchase if you want an embroidered shirt. Also of note on our website is the link to other related sites that provide information common to our interests. If you have something you wish added to the site ...photos, essay etc to email Ellen and she will add. (ellenf@bell.net)

TO DO...put Judy Maxwell's report on site, put website address on Event signage.

- 7) OTHER business...Camp Romuva being used for few weeks in July by the youth camp of Ontario Federation of Hunters and Anglers so we'll see them playing and fishing . August will be their regular camp. Snapping Turtles have been seen in four different places on the lake, looking for places to lay eggs. One laid them in Pushka's fire pit. We are seeing them more because of the high water level this year .

2014 AGM closed...moved by Jack van der Meer, second Bill Knight. Thanks to Ellen and Brian Fox for hosting.

Location and date for 2015 AGM to be advised