

## **Fox Lake Association Incorporated(FLAC) Annual General Meeting Minutes JULY 11 2015**

Host: Jim McMahon, East Fox Lake Rd. Start : 9:45 am

- 1) President Tom Gillette welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and gave their history of Fox Lake occupancy ranging from one month to over 70 years. It was agreed to adopt the agenda, with no additions.
- 2) 2014 AGM minutes were quickly reviewed. **Motion to accept by Barry St. John , 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellen Fox. Passed.**
- 3) **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - TOM GILLETTE**
  - a) the Lake Plan initiative will come from Judith Maxwell later.
  - b) worked on the events for the summer including this meeting. Noting that there are just two this year. The annual Regatta on the Saturday of the August long weekend at Shepley's beach with horseshoes at Sandy McLellands and the annual Corn Roast and Auction August 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Moved from the September long weekend . The sign for these events will be posted on each road. (east, west, north )
  - c) **OMB Hearing..FLAC's** involvement regarding the proposed severance of the large lot on the Buck River to develop which was opposed . It went to appeal at the OMB at a hearing on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The town of Huntsville had opposed the Ender appeal as did we. The severance request is contrary to a subdivision agreement that was signed by all parties in 1990 . This severance request brings up ownership issues regarding the common land and road which will lead to costly legal implications for the current property owners. As well, FLA has seen no example of respect for the environment and surroundings as promised by the developer but not fulfilled, and the expectation is that this wouldn't change. TO DATE....no decision by the OMB has been given.
- 4) **TREASURER's REPORT-JIM MCMAHON**

A copy of the statement is attached. **FLAC** has \$14k in cash, expenses were the OMB appeal, functions, insurance, FOCA membership, environmental testing and sundries.. Membership revenue for 2015 to be determined. \$5000 has been reserved for the cost of the Lake Plan for integration in to the Town of Huntsville plan. We are in a good financial position at this time. **Motion to accept report from Rick Skinner, seconded by Lynn Hubbard....passed.**
- 5) **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Karen Beamer stepped down after many years as an integral part of the board. Paul Moores was elected to be a new director. Slate of directors at . Tom Gillette, Judith Maxwell, Christa Casselman-Sharp, Jim Crawford, Bill Knight, , Tony Maxwell. **Officers** are Kate McMahon, David White, Mary Smirniw, Judith Maxwell, Jim McMahon, Robin Yule (past pres) and Sharon Lillico (who has stepped down as of July 11 2015). **New secretary is needed.** **Motion to accept slate of directors by Barry Jacobs , moved by Rick Skinner...passed.**

## 6) CAMP REPORTS

neither Romuva or Winnebago were able to attend . Romuva again this year has the Ontario association of Hunters and Fishers at the camp from July 8 – 31. Scout camp and Family camp last two weeks of August. Camp Romuva are **FLAC** members in good standing. Winnebago gave no reply. The lake resident's issue once again is the permanent damage the wake and ski boats they use, cause to the west side shore. It was agreed that once again a letter will be written to ask that the counselors be trained in the safe and considerate use of these boats . It is noted that it is frustrating to have to repeat this request every year. **President of FLAC will send a letter with suggestions of varied use.**

## 7) LAKE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION report - Judith Maxell

Judy has worked tirelessly on all of Fox Lake resident's behalf , with our great thanks. An extract of the Plan which is a summary, is **attached**. The VISION of our plan has been restated to bring it in line with the Town of Huntsville plan. Because they have 100+ lakes that are doing this, Fox Lake wants to make sure we're noticed and part of the town's planning process. This is a long term vision for our future. The 12 page document is on the web site. ([www.foxlakeassociation.org](http://www.foxlakeassociation.org)) We are dependent on the Town to keep us informed of policy changes and plans and FLAC must also keep them informed of what is happening on our lake. In the plan we have updated information on the health of the lake in particular changes to our wetland, shorelines, diminution of forestation at the shoreline . We have made recommendations that we ask the Town to consider when making policy. (**attached**) Monitoring of the health of the lake is WORK, and **FLAC** must find an organized way to do so. It is important that we put our mark in the public domain!

QUESTIONS presented by members...1)What about the inconsistent water levels causing the shoreline erosion? Judy replied by stating that we are part of a watershed that is monitored by the Province and one person who look at the impact on the whole , not our specific lake. This is just one of the reasons why we have done the lake plan over this long period and tried to stay in synch with the Town plan.

2) Bill Knight pointed out the wording of the new lot frontages requirements ...suggested be reworded to "new and existing" lots. Judith will amend

3)Who is responsible for the islands? Stewardship of the islands is a new issue as they are Crown land. **FLAC will endeavor to investigate this and report on results.**

**This report was moved to be endorsed by FLAC by Mary Smirniw, seconded by Sharon Lillico.**

- 8) **LAKE STEWARD report-David White** All reports on the web site and easily accessed. ([www.foxlakeassociation.org](http://www.foxlakeassociation.org)) University of Waterloo testing results, Benthic monitoring results, lake levels and so on. Again this year the BENTHIC MONITORING sampling will be done at Jim McMahon's on Friday August 21 2015. Volunteers to count the bugs in the water

samples ...needed. The results from last year showed a negative result for any invading species. So we need to keep up our diligence .

**9) Reforestation of island-** As last year, a small group will plant some more trees on the big island to try and save what we can. A few deciduous trees have been lost due to vandalism, soil loss , fire damage and storms. Tree planting date to be determined. Speak to Christa Casselman-Sharp.

**10) MEMBERSHIP- Mary Smirniw** The membership remains the same. We have about 50 paid members which represent about 50%. . Very small representation of the West and North side of the lake, and it has been hard to reason why. They are mostly permanent residents , so they may still think **FLAC** is a cottagers association, which we are not. Work will continue to try and encourage membership.

**11) WEBSITE- Ellen Fox**

reported that her investigation to put FLAC on facebook would require a person to monitor the site on a daily and ongoing basis. This would need a volunteer who was committed to doing this. Were concerns about member privacy as well, so after consideration it was decided not to have a Facebook presence.

Regarding any more clothing with logos, individuals can go to the store in Huntsville to get the stitching done. The logo is on file. At this time there has been no interest to place a bulk order. This can change with more requests.

The membership bulletin board to exchange information is available to add. For members only.

**12) OTHER business**

We talked about the size of the sand bar at the mouth of the river, which is a reflection of the ongoing fluvial processes, certainly influenced by the varying water levels.

DASHBOARD..we previously talked about adding this to the website which would give updates on an ongoing basis about Fox Lake quality of life. At this point we're trying to come up with an approach. This is still on the plate of Bill Knight and Christa Casselman-Sharp who will report on their results as time allows.

**NEXT AGM ...JULY 16 2016 located at BOB SHEPLEY'S , EAST FOX LAKE RD.**

Thanks to all attending, our host. Meeting adjourned 11:45 am.

