

Fox Lake Association Board Meeting May 17 2015

Attendees: Tom Gillette, Ellen Fox (host), Kate McMahon, Jim McMahon, Mary Smirniw, David White, Jim Crawford, Sharon Lillico

1) **October 2014 minutes reviewed** and approved.

No quorum , so moved to next meeting when quorum of directors are present.

2) **Financial Report**

draft presented by Jim McMahon (Treasurer) attached

Accrued expenses of \$3000 for lawyer hired to assist with OMB hearing noted. \$5000 for the Lake Plan. FLA in good shape . Final report will be done when final numbers for membership are noted.

3) **Membership**

Mary Smirniw reported 3 new property owners on East Fox Lake Rd. We lost 3 members, and hope to include these new owners now.

Two people wanted to pay a membership to the association because of their affiliation with Camp Romuva. According to definition of membership, they do not qualify by location of their property. Suggestion to create a new category for affiliate members. Friends of Fox Lake Association, to accommodate this situation and future examples.

4) **Water Quality**

David White reported he will be doing the water quality test today.

August 21st will be the date for Benthic Monitoring , species count. Location to be advised so volunteers can come and help.

Ice went out on April 21st. there was some flooding and noted that rafts are docks and Camp Winnebago's life guard tower have floated to other points in the lake. Expectation to be collected by the owners when the boats are launched.

5) **Spring Newsletter**...Kate McMahon

Need out 1st week of June so looking for subject material

Tom's president report,

Judy Maxwell's Lake Plan report,

news about OMB hearing,

looking for membership,

and dates of upcoming events..

6) **OMB** hearing update given by Tom

We are still waiting to hear. Lawyer fee was \$5800 and FLA committed to supporting at \$3000. As we didn't have quorum, Tom will email the directors for final ok so check can be sent.

7) **Lake Plan Update** from Judy Maxwell (submitted notes)

Town of Huntsville official plan is changing again. Once more in order for Fox lake to be included we need to get our proposed text ready to give to the town in the next month. To do so Judy needs help with:

- 1) setting timing and dates of FLA meetings (done)
- 2) Anecdotes from Fox Lake owners regarding how they have been custodians taking care of the lake. Example: The ongoing tree planting on the island. Please submit examples to Judy directly.
- 3) FOX LAKE STEWARDSHIP DASHBOARD Bill and Christa were to set up a task force to design a monitoring process for the Lake Plan. **Will we be setting up the dashboard for FLA?** as discussed in the fall. We need to see if it makes sense to our overall plan. There was a lot of difficulty with the Survey Monkey that in the end didn't work for us, so will this Dashboard achieve anything
- 4) LAKE CARD...did Christa have an example made up to use?

8) **EVENTS**

Annual General Meeting July 11th, 2015. Will be at McMahon cottage. 9:30 membership sign up, 10 am meeting. Bring your own chairs. Noted if you are coming by boat, that there are 52 steps up to the cottage from the lake.

Fox Lake Regatta August 1st... to have this in 2015 we need a coordinator for a two year commitment and a beach to hold it on. Mary Smirniw will email Mike Shepley to see if we can "borrow" their beach again this year. Tom will reach out to Christa who mentioned she may have a solution for the person to run it. Horseshoes will go as usual at Sandy's property in the north end. We'll confirm with him.

Corn Roast...Saturday August 29th (NOT the long weekend) LOCATION..The McMahon beach.

Will be the day for FOX LAKE ASSOCIATION fundraising raffle and auction. Bring your own meat for the BBQ and beverage and we'll cook FLA providing corn and marshmallows.

9) **OTHER** topics

1) As at AGM Fox Lake Association is looking for a new DIRECTOR, and a new SECRETARY. After many years volunteer service and hard work Karen Beamer and Sharon Lillico are stepping down. ANYONE who has a suggestion to fill in these positions please step up and let one of the directors know.

2) Cell Tower ..Ellen informed us that a 125 meter rogers cell tower may be installed on Ravenscliffe Rd. just past Hoodstown Rd., where the houses are. Town has to approve location , although there are other night skyfriendly locations for it!

3) **BOARD MEETING DATES**....locations to be determined..

JUNE 14

JULY 5

JULY 11, Annual General Meeting for all members

AUGUST 16

OCTOBER 11

5) Discussion to happen with adding **Friends of Fox Lake** category to membership description and then changing the by laws to include. To be brought up at the next board meeting.

6) **NO WAKE SIGNS**

Where did they go? Did someone take them out to store over winter, or were they left and then swept away? who to contact to make new ones? Who had the first one's made?

TO DO LIST....1) minutes to be passed by quorum of directors (Tom to contact)

2) reports for newsletter to Kate no later than end of May

3) find out where NO WAKE signs are...and if not, get new ones made (Ruthven who may have helped on the last ones?)

4) Notice of AGM to membership.

5) Lake Plan ...anecdotes from membership showing their examples as lake custodians

6) Info from Christa and Bill regarding Dashboard and Lake Card.