

Fox Lake Association
Annual General Meeting 2018,
July 14, 2018
Location: Bob Shepley, 372 East Fox Lake Rd

1. President Tom Gillette opened meeting at 10:10 welcoming those in attendance and thanking Bob Shepley for hosting. He also expressed condolences, on behalf of the FLA, to Elizabeth Shepley at the loss of husband Dr. Don Shepley in March.

2. **Accept minutes of AGM 2017**- moved by Pat Currie, seconded by Ellen Fox-passed

3. **AGM 2018 agenda** move to accept by Jim McMahon, second by David Blanchard-passed

4. **Camp Winnabagoe**
Tom introduced Ted Margel and Arie Grossman from Camp Winnabagoe, who reported on camp activities, concerns and addressed inquiries from the Association. Items discussed:
 - Camp promotes safe water program and trains boat drivers. Concern expressed by camp that some jet-ski operators were practicing unsafe watercraft practices around camp boats. When approached by camp staff jet-ski operators were not cognizant of safety concerns.
 - Camp waterfront activities 10-12 and 2:15-4:30 daily 5:30 weekends.
 - Camp for most of summer has 500 on site campers and staff
 - Boat launch not available from last weekend in June until late August or later depending on camp usage. Camp has 500 on site most of summer and safety is a concern. For boat launch queries outside of summer closure contact Ted Margel at tedmargel@gmail.com phone 416-844-2305.
 - Camp may hold open house during fall for interested lake residents

5. **Presidents' report**
Tom stated he was retiring from the Presidency after serving in this position for the last 5 years. He appreciated the support of the directors and association over the number of issues faced during this time period. Tom mentioned Ray Sriubiskis from Camp Romuva could not attend but advised that camp was being used by the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters in July and that normal camp activities would occur in August.
Tom agreed to stay on as director and presented new slate of Directors for 2018. They are Tom Gillette, Jack Van Der Meer, Bill Knight, Alix Yule, Christa Casselmann-Sharp, Cindy Taylor, and

Ellen Fox. There were no further nominations from the floor. FLA officers are David White-Lake Steward, Katie McMahon-Newsletter, Jim McMahon-Treasurer, Robin Yule-Membership, Alix Yule –Government Relations, Judy Maxwell- Lake Plan Officer and Jim Watson –Secretary.

6. Lake Plan Implementation

Alix Yule updated status of the Official Town of Huntsville Plan as it relates to incorporating the Fox Lake Plan. The FLA lake plan has been submitted to be appended as part of the official town plan. As part of new Environmental governmental guidelines town has had to revise process. Lake Plans are no longer to be appended to town Official Plans. However, town is open to inclusion of Lake Plan justifiable suggestions such as increased water front size because lake already has sufficient development or need to maintain heritage portage routes.

The town has been made aware that clearing on the Buck River lots has taken place with violations of the agreed plan presented at the OMB hearings in 2016. The town responded by stopping further clearing until proper site plans had been approved. Ellen Fox suggested that a letter be written by association to town advising of the concerns of the FLA community that there had been violation of clearance for river access deviating from clearance of 0.5 m as stated in the OMB 2016 decision.

7. Treasurer's Report

Jim McMahon reported that FLA total assets are \$10 927. For the second year in row we have had a net yearly deficit of about \$1500. This was due to additional expenses associated with the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) hearing with Ender Holdings in August 2016 regarding 37 acre property on the Buck River. During the past year there were expenses associated with reviewing our insurance policy for protection for the association and directors in case a lawsuit was raised against the directors.

Moved by Alix Yule, seconded by Karen Beamer to accept Treasurer's Report.-passed.

8. Lake Steward Report

David White reported ice in December 10, ice out May 5. No invasive species like spiny water flea present in either Buck Lake or Fox Lake. Calcium levels are low, secchi disc reading 1.8 m. Other information and results of benthic monitoring are found on website. Benthic monitoring for 2018 will take place on August 17 at the McMahon cottage, 600 East Fox Lake Rd. Volunteers are needed for sampling. Sampling takes about 2-3 hours on the morning of the 17th.

Information about Muskoka lakes in general is available at muskokawatershed.org.

9. Membership

Robin Yule reported that to date we have 40 paid up members and is seeking representatives from each side of lake to encourage membership and champion benefits of becoming members of the FLA.

10. FOCA Report

Tom Gillette spoke about the FOCA meeting he attended in the spring. FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association) represent over 500 lake and road associations. It is an advocacy group with government and environmental issues providing helpful information on topics such as lake stewardship, insurance issues, septic concerns and private road issues.

11. Social Events

Regatta Saturday August 4, 1:30 pm at Watson cottage 550 East Fox Lake Rd. Horseshoes are at 9:00 am at the McLennan cottage (opposite Camp Romuva) and beach volleyball at Yule beach at 9:30 am.

12. Other Items of discussion

Tom talked about the municipal elections for this fall. Short discussion regarding how as cottagers we could be better informed about how candidates for Fox Lake district would address lake concerns.

Karen Beamer suggested that we have a special Canada Day Event.

Discussion of current fire ban and the need to ensure cottagers and renters abide by the ban.

Tom Gillette was thanked for his fine leadership over the past five years as FLA President.

13. AGM 2019 to be hosted by Jeanette Grant, 317 West Fox Lake Rd.

14. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 moved by Sharon Lillico, seconded by Lynda Watson.