

## **Fox Lake Association Annual General Meeting**

**July 11, 2020, 10:00 am**

**Location- Zoom**

### **Welcome**

FLA president Alix Yule hosted our inaugural FLA AGM via zoom. She welcomed the 25 zoom participants outlining the process for participants to give comment and ask questions so that all could be heard. She also acknowledged that the meeting would be recorded. Alix presented the proposed agenda.

**Adoption of Agenda-** Moved by Ellen Fox seconded by Paul Moores that the agenda be adopted. Passed

**Review of AGM 2019 minutes-**Christine Cassel inquired about portages on either end of the lake. The south portage to Lake Vernon is via road (Muskoka 45) and public access land at the foot of the rapids. The FLA does not intend to take any further action regarding this portage. At the dam on the Buck River the portage is on private lands and the FLA has not been able to contact the owner although the FLA would like to see this portage remain viable. Christine asked whether the dock at the Fox Lake dam was a public dock. This is a private dock believed to be on Town land and is not a public access point. It is adjacent to land belonging to Camp Winnebago. No further matters arising from the 2019 minutes. Moved by Judith Maxwell and seconded by Sharon Lillico that the AGM 2019 minutes be approved. Passed.

**President's Report-** Alix stated that the Covid 19 pandemic has changed how we can safely operate as an association. The regatta format will be changed to accommodate social distancing and the Labour Day Corn Roast has been cancelled. The FLA will continue to send out updates from Public Health and communicate information from the Town of Huntsville regarding the Fireworks by-law, the Rental by-law, fire bans and other items that impact the Fox Lake Community.

Alix acknowledge the loss of long time Fox Lake resident Elizabeth Shepley and Bruce Jackson son of former Fox Lake residents Gord and Elaine Jackson.

Jim Watson asked question about whether FLA had protocol for making donations to designated charities in memory of those who have died. This was tabled to the Executive for discussion.

**Financial Report-** Cindy Taylor, treasurer, gave the financial report stating the FLA was in good financial standing with more properties on the lake paying membership fees this year and assets of about \$12 000. Motion to approve treasurer's report- Moved by Christa Casselman- Sharpe seconded by David White. Passed.

### **Election of the Board of Directors and Officers**

The slate of Directors was presented for re-election as all directors agreed to stand for another year.

Alix Yule –President

Bill Knight-Vice President

Cindy Taylor- Treasurer

Ellen Fox –web site

Christa Casselman-Sharpe

Tom Gillette- Past President

Jim Harper

Motion to re-elect directors- Moved by Sharon Lillico seconded by Paul Moores-Passed  
Officers appointed by the Board of Directors for another year are Robin Yule (Membership), Kate McMahon (Newsletter), David White (Lake Steward) and Jim Watson (Secretary).

### **Membership Report – Robin Yule**

Robin stated that there were 67 paid up members to date and invited any who may be interested to join as an officer or director to speak to an executive member. Membership fees remain at \$40/property for the year May 2020 to April 2021. Payment can be made by e-transfer to [foxlaketreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:foxlaketreasurer@gmail.com) (be sure to include your name and Fox Lake road # in your email) or by cheque made out to Fox Lake Association % Alix Yule, 422 East Fox Lake Road, Huntsville, ON P1H 2J2

### **Regatta –Cindy Taylor**

Covid 19 has negated large gatherings so our traditional regatta cannot be held. However, Cindy, our regatta coordinator shared her creative ideas. Families would be encouraged to build sand castles on their own beaches, decorate docks, boats, have beach talent shows or wear costumes. Judges would travel the lake by boat on August 1, 1-3pm, judging sandcastles, decorations and collecting scavenger hunt articles. Prizes would be awarded and at 4 pm boats would congregate at a specified location and parade down the lake. A notice of the program of events will be circulated by e-mail prior to the event. Regatta 2021 location is yet to be decided. Cindy agreed to co-ordinate this event again.

### **Proposed Amendments to Constitution and By-laws**

Robin Yule presented the brief revisions of the FLA constitution and by-laws. Significant changes included back lot membership to the FLA and membership fee by property. Other editorial changes were made as well. The constitution will be appropriately signed and posted to web site. Motion to approve amended constitution and by-laws- Moved by Jim Harper seconded by Judith Maxwell. Passed. Alix thanked Robin and his team for their work amending these documents.

### **Other Business**

- Town of Huntsville Bylaws -**Fireworks** –Town of Huntsville’s new by-law states that fireworks are permitted on summer statutory holidays and weekends Friday- Sunday 6-11pm. It is believed that there is still time to give input to council on the new by-law as it is yet to be ratified by the province. **Short Term Rentals** - Effective July 16 rental properties need to be licensed and registered with the town. Visit the Town of Huntsville website for information and application process.
- Northern Propane is offering to support a buyers group on Fox Lake for propane if there is sufficient interest and a group is formed. The group will not be a sanctioned FLA group but the FLA can facilitate the formation of such a group from among its members. Those interested are to contact Ellen Fox ([ellenf@bell.net](mailto:ellenf@bell.net))
- Jim Watson gave a brief update on the Muskoka Ash Collection program. Wood ash (high in calcium) is being collecting as part of a research study into replenishing calcium into the soil and

water. Most maple sugar bushes and lakes in Muskoka are low in Calcium. During the past year ash was collected on specified days at the Rosewarne Transfer Station in Bracebridge. There was some discussion about creating a collection point in Huntsville. Jim will advise as more information becomes available.

- Lake Steward Report- Included in spring newsletter. There will be no Benthic Monitoring this year.

**AGM 2021** – July 10 at Gabrielle and Bernie Andersen

Motion to Adjourn –moved by Ellen Fox seconded by Anne Enright.