

**Fox Lake Association  
Annual General Meeting  
July 10, 2021**

**Attendance: In person-** President Alix Yule (host), Ellen Fox, Willie Baker, Mike Preston, Katie McMahon, Sarah Lambie, Robin Yule, Ann Enright, Jim Harper, Sharon Lillico, Jim Watson (Secretary)

**Via Zoom:** David White, Cindy Taylor, Lynn & Peter Hubbard, Bill Knight, Josephine Buckman, Cheryl Fraser, Tom Gillette, Tom Perkin, Christa Casselman-Sharp, Judy Maxwell, Anna Morrison, Julia Schonborn, John Bond,

**Guest:** Dione Schumacher (Stisted, Stephenson, Port Sydney Councillor)

**Welcome:** President Alix welcomed attendees in person and those joined via zoom to Covid AGM #2. Meeting began at 10:05 am.

**Agenda-** moved by Sharon Lillico seconded by Ann Enright that 2021 agenda be adopted as distributed. Motion Passed.

**Approval of 2020 Minutes-** Moved by Ellen Fox seconded by Robin Yule that the 2020 minutes be adopted as presented. Motion Passed.

**Huntsville Town Councillor Dione Schumacher** gave a brief update on council activities and proposed plans and then received the following queries from AGM attendees.

**Speed Limit on Fox Lake roads-**Cindy Taylor raised questions about posted speed of 50 km/h and possibility of reducing speed limit to 40 km/h on East, West and North Fox Lake roads. Dione said that a process needs to be followed via Town, OPP and Ministry of Transport (MTO). Tracking box will be set up to record volume and speed of vehicles before potential changes in speed signs can be made.

**Potholes on Muskoka Rd #2-** Tom Gillette made comments about potholes on Muskoka Rd #2 north of Muskoka Rd #45. Town is aware and repairs are done when needed. Ann Enright asked about resurfacing of roads. Dione stated that there is a road assessment priority system used for local roads and resurfacing.

**Fireworks-** Jim Watson raised the concern of fireworks being used other than on designated summer weekends, during fire bans and outside bylaw hours. Dione stated that when infractions occur phone by law office and or OPP.

**Short Term Rentals-** Dione stated that licencing of short term rental accommodation is in effect and that resources are being used to increase enforcement. Complaints need to be directed to the Huntsville bylaw office.

**Building Permits-** new process is being established for permit applications and public consultations are scheduled over the summer.-

**Public Access-** Robin Yule asked if the town had any plans to alter public access points to make them more accessible or determine what are viable access points, what lakes are suitable for more public access and which ones are not. Fox Lake residents are concerned that the lake has sufficient boat activity and increasing public access to this lake would be of concern particularly during summer months with two camps in operation.

President Alix thanked Councillor Schumacher for attending the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report-** Cindy Taylor presented the financial statements and reported that the FLA is in good financial status with balance (April 30) of \$12 600. Major yearly costs include: insurance, Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) membership, regatta, corn roast, zoom account expense. Motion to accepted treasurer's report moved by Judy Maxwell seconded by Tom Gillette. Motion Passed.

**Membership-** Robin Yule updated membership status. Presently 68 paid up members with more expected. The ability for online payment has enhanced membership. Dues are to remain at \$40/year/property.

**Regatta-** Our 2021 regatta coordinator Cindy stated that with expected phase 3 opening that certain activities could be run. Horseshoes will return (Sandy McLennan's). Sharon Lillico has agreed to coordinate again. Those interested are asked to register ahead by email (sjldab1324@gmail.com). Similar to last year pontoon boats will travel lake judging beaches and sandcastles. This year's theme is The Fox Lake Monster. Also discussed plans for a boat flotilla and long canoe, kayak, paddleboard races. Possible locations for 2022 regatta need to be researched as none of those present volunteered their beach. Cindy Taylor volunteered to act as coordinator again, assisted by Robin Yule. The 50<sup>th</sup> annual regatta is 2023 and Cindy, Sharon and Alix agreed to initiate a planning committee for this event.

**Corn Roast-** Sandy McLennan's on Saturday September 4. Activities: horseshoes, children games, perhaps baking, photo competitions. Closer to date an email will be sent out to determine interest/ availability.

**Lake Steward** – David White reported that benthic monitoring will be done again this year at the Fox residence on August 20. Covid protocols in place so number of volunteers may be limited. Volunteers should contact David White in August.

**Other Issues-** Ellen Fox raised issues about fertilizing lawns (runoff increases phosphates which could lead to blue green algae blooms) and spraying of properties with insecticide to kill mosquitoes. Both are practices have potential detrimental environmental effects. (FB posting?)

**Boat waves-** Concern was expressed about the wake of wake boats and other large boats causing beach erosion and potential damage to docks.

**Camp Noise-** Robin was to ask camp if possible to reposition speakers to reduce sound going down lake.

**Dark Sky Lighting-** Jim Watson gave reminder that outside lighting needs to be downward and not outward. Some properties have excessive solar lights near water and excessive timed night lighting when not in residence. It would be appreciated if excessive solar lights and timed indoor lighting could be reduced, dimmed and at end of season removed when possible. Full time residents appreciate dark skies. (FB posting?)

**Kids Camp-** There was a brief discussion about running a half day kids camp perhaps on AGM day to give kids opportunity to meet other 'cottage kids'.

**Winter Activity-** Is there interest in a winter activity day perhaps around Family Day Weekend? Survey will be sent out to determine interest in different social activities.

**AGM 2022-** July 9. Location Andersen's

**Adjournment-** Judy Maxwell thanked the executive for their good work for the FLA in the past year. Moved to adjourn by Jim Harper seconded by Willie Baker