

**Fox Lake Association
Annual General Meeting
July 9, 2022
180 Yael's Nature Walk**

1. Welcome

President Alix welcomed those in attendance. Unfortunately, Zoom was not available as intended due to technical difficulties. Alix thanked Robin Yule and Pat Currie for hosting.

2. Agenda

Moved by Paul Moores, seconded by Jim Harper that the proposed agenda be adopted. (passed)

3. Camp Winnebago:

Ari and Corey (Ted Margel regrets) were in attendance and provided an update on camp activities and addressed questions. Ari and Corey recognize the importance of the lake community and the need to work together to address lake resident concerns and camp concerns. The camp has about 350 kids in attendance with about 150 staff. Ari mentioned that the camp is a little understaffed and that staff are younger. Ski boat paths have been adjusted and should not go between Snake (Ogama) Island and shore unless unexpected deviation is required. A new wake/surf boat is being used which has raised concerns about large wake. Wake surfing is a popular attraction for campers. Concerns were raised about being close to shore. Ari and Corey stated that drivers were to run routes down the middle of the lake not near the shore. The majority of wake/surf and ski activity is Mon-Sat 10-12 and 2:15-5:15. Ari and Cory expressed concern that other lake users were not giving camp watercraft reasonable distance. There will be no visitor days this year due to Covid concerns. Lake residents that have concerns are to phone or email and ask for Ari or Corey. Ari and Corey were thanked for attending the meeting. It is important that the FLA and the camps work together for communal benefit.

4. Camp Romuva

Ray Sriubiskis was not in attendance but passed along information to Robin that the camp would be operational from July 26 – Labour Day this year.

5. Minutes AGM 2021

Moved by Bill Knight seconded by Sharon Lillico that the minutes of AGM 2021 be adopted as circulated. (passed)

6. Business Arising from AGM 2021 Minutes

Speed limits on East and West Fox Lake roads. Dione Schumacher, (Stisted, Stephenson, Port Sydney Councillor), informed the FLA that speed monitors had been set up last summer and fall. Results indicated that the majority of cars were traveling under speed limit of 50km/h. No further action will be taken.

New Community Building Project Procedures. presently in last step of planning process before implementation. End result should be procedural streamlining for residents

Environment Concerns. avoid excessive use of lawn fertilizing, minimize solar lighting and remove/turnoff when not in residence. Concern over mosquito spraying- not natural and side effects are detrimental to ecosystem.

Bell tower. to date the Town of Huntsville has not received documents for approval.

7. President's Report – Alix Yule

a) Activities since AGM 202

Regatta-horseshoes event was held and simplified regatta with pontoon boats travelling lake to judge sand castles, scavenger hunt. Long canoe /kayak race was held.

Corn Roast was not held due to Covid.

Thanks for good response to survey sent out in spring.

Executive has monitored relevant concerns/issues with Town of Huntsville, FOCA and Muskoka Watershed Council.

b) Board and Executive Update-Ellen Fox is resigning as a director. Her contributions over the years have been greatly appreciated. We are thankful that Ellen will continue as our Web Administrator.

Directors- Bill Knight VP, tom Gillette PP, Cindy Taylor treasurer, Christa Casselman-Sharpe, Jim Harper

Executive members-all directors plus David White - Lake Steward, Katie McMahon -FLA newsletter, Robin Yule - Membership, Jim Watson - Secretary.

Congratulations to David White for having received a Muskoka Watershed Council Lake Stewardship Award-well deserved David.

Volunteers are needed and welcome for all activities.

c) Municipal Elections- October 24

Full time and seasonal residents who own property can vote

Internet and telephone voting available.

Voters can confirm they are on voting list by visiting (<https://voterlookup.ca/home.aspx>)

d) Issues brought forward by members

Spraying for bugs-natural products can harm bees. FOCA advises that products are not as eco-friendly as advertised.

Fireworks- please adhere to the town bylaw regarding fireworks. Our local animal population would appreciate minimal use.

Boat wakes- not only camp surf wake boat but lake residents need to be cognizant of potential damage of wakes. No wake zone in rivers and 50 m from shore

Lighting- bright and numerous solar lights and building security lights inhibit dark sky nights and neighbours sleep.

e) Fiftieth Anniversary of the Fox lake Regatta 2022

“Golden Jubilee” gold theme

Photos and memorabilia welcome

f) Fox Lake History Project

Christine Castle, Ellen Fox, Gabrielle Andersen are gathering information

8. Treasurer’s Report - Cindy Taylor

Balance is \$13,000. There was a slight increase in expenses this year: FOCA membership, Zoom expense. FLA membership fees remain a bargain at \$40/year/property owner. E-transfers are preferred foxlaketreasurer@gmail.com. Cheques and cash accepted as well.

Moved by Paul Moores seconded by Robin Yule that the treasurer’s report be accepted.
(passed)

9. Election to the FLA Board

The Board acting as a nomination committee proposed Colin Randall as a nominee to the Board of Directors. Noted that the Randall family has been on East Fox Lake Road since 1960. A vote was called and Colin was elected.

10. Lake Steward Report - David White

A full lake steward report was included in FLA spring newsletter. 2021 ice-in date was Dec 18 and ice-out April 18, for 121 days of coverage. Some concern expressed over upward trend in chloride concentration with no present explanation. Lake residents reminded to report any suspected Blue Green Algae to David or any member of the executive so that samples can be taken. Several factors are contributory-phosphorous, water temp, runoff. Benthic Monitoring will take place on Friday August 19 at Brian and Ellen Fox's.

11. Lake Survey Report - Katie McMahon

The survey circulated in March received 48 responses. The results were an affirmation of present activities (regatta and corn roast) with little interest in other activities. Issues raised were mostly around boating - safety and wake damage - water quality and environmental protection.

12. Regatta 2022 - Cindy Taylor

Date is July 30 at 1:30 pm on Bob Shepley's Beach. This is the 50th regatta and gold is the theme Horseshoes at Sandy McLennan starting at 9 am coordinated by Sharon Lillico

Decorate your boat, canoe or paddle boat

New events -family canoe race, stand up paddle board

Memorial Board - pictures of past regattas and participants

Anna Morrison -ribbon distributor and recorder

Regatta 2023 -Sue Finbow agreed to coordinate

13. Corn Roast / Fall Fair

Saturday September 3 at 3pm at Sandy McLennan's. Survey participants indicated an interest in continuing with the auction and having more fun events for kids/families and these will be included.

14. Other Business

- Concern raised about bug spraying and effect on eco system (products used kill all insects including bees)
- Request for Zoom option to continue for future AGM

15. Next Meeting

AGM 2023 July 8 to be hosted by Sharon Lillico and David Blanchard

16. Adjournment

Moved by Barry St. John, seconded by Paul Moores