

## **Fox Lake Association Executive Meeting May 19, 2023, Alix Yule's 7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Alix Yule, Cindy Taylor, Jim Harper, Katie McMahon, Colin Randall, David White, Tom Gillette, Jim Watson (Secretary)

**Regrets:** Robin Yule, Christa Casselman-Sharp, Ellen Fox

**Welcome** Alix used wine gavel to start at 7:15

### **1. Business arising from Previous Minutes**

- **Bell 5G Communication tower at Hoodstown-** after another community consultation meeting, the issue was on the agenda of Planning Council meeting held at Huntsville counsel chambers on May 10. Deputations were presented by two individuals who spoke against the Tower with support of about 39 in attendance. Main concerns were negative impact of radiation from the tower. Alix spoke in favour citing federal government mandate to improve internet reception in rural areas and concerns that many residences and roads around Fox Lake have no cell phone reception which is a safety concern during emergencies. Planning Counsel voted in concurrence with Bell's application to build the tower, which must comply with the recommendations of the environmental impact study previously conducted. Build may start in fall 2023.
- **Signage** – David has another sign re invasive species provided by FOCA to accompany the 'Stop' sign invasive species poster. **David** to post near Camp Winnebago entrance on East side and suitable spot on West. **Tom** to post signs at appropriate location on Rachel's Lane for north end.
- **FL Clothing** -Cindy stated that having difficulty finding local supplier for reasonable price (t shirts at \$25, hoodies \$60 plus). **Cindy** will continue to look and **Colin** offered to check a supplier that his company has used.
- **New ONCA legislation for not for profit organizations** – Presently FLA registered with Ontario Business Registry. New Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporation Act (ONCA) requires FLA to switch by October 2024. Cindy informed that FOCA is switching and will be providing guidelines for member organizations to follow.
- **Recruiting new volunteers** – Two new people put contact info in the Volunteer section of the 2021 survey: Cheryl Fraser and John Ergir of 110 Rachel's Lane and Cam MacIver of 581 West Fox Lake Road. **Alix** agreed to e-mail them to thank and invite to AGM where volunteer opportunities can be discussed. **Tom** can reach out to neighbours Cheryl and John and **Jim H** to Cam to encourage them to attend AGM.

2. **New Board Member** - Bill Knight resigned as director so we need replacement to be put forward at AGM. We now have 3 board members from East, 2 from West and 1 from North, so West & North would be ideal. The following were suggested from West Fox Lake Road: Tayfun Uzun, Fred Parker and Cam MacIver. **Jim H** will approach them to determine interest. Other suggestions are Teresa and David Tremblay on East side.

All present agreed to continue on the Board and Executive and the officers' appointments were confirmed for another year in their current positions.

3. **Financial Report** - Cindy stated balance of about \$13,000 with no pending expenses except insurance and some Regatta prizes/ribbons.
4. **Membership report** – Robin NA. Cindy stated we have about 70 memberships paid in 2022.
5. **Propane Proposal** – Kevin Harris has passed on information to the executive about establishing a propane buying group for Fox Lake Association through Superior Propane. Brief discussion – some comments about supporting local suppliers. Decided to circulate Kevin's proposal to our mailing list so that Kevin could determine level of interest and provide more info. He has volunteered to coordinate the group if established. Members would need to be FLA members. FLA is neutral about proposal – not endorsing, just facilitating.
6. **Fox Lake History Project**-. Christine Castle heads the group and much information has been gathered to date and shared on their Blog. Blog has but many ads and the group has request monies to be given to attain ad-free blog which would be more effective. Motion – moved by Colin Randall seconded by Cindy Taylor that FL History Project be given \$60 (or actual cost close to this amount) for first year and \$80 for subsequent years until project completed, so that ad free blog could be used. Motion passed.
7. **FOCA** – Cindy attended spring session online. FOCA in financial deficit position which is concerning given that membership is increasing. Items of interest to FLA:
  - Lead fishing tackle:** FOCA is supporting move to eliminate lead fish tackle so program established to trade lead tackle for lead-free tackle, web site **fishleadfree.ca**. FOCA reported 460 tonnes of tackle lost each year and one lead pellet can kill a loon. FLA could participate in exchange program. **Cindy** to find out more.
  - Provincial Bill 23** -regarding number of homes on one property. Bill is proposing that three story units could be built without variance application on urban and rural property. This applies to lakefront properties as well if environmental constraints are met. Also, reduction in distance from wetlands from 30 m to 20 m. Concerns for over development were expressed. One way to prevent this is to have a lake classified as “at capacity”.

Currently that is determined by phosphorous levels and Fox Lake levels are good. We should continue to monitor.

**Fire Smart-** Fire spreading caused more by embers than flames. Metal roofs a deterrent for fire spreading. More info on fire-proofing homes/cottages at **Firesmartcanada.ca**

## 8. Planning of Summer Activities

- a) AGM -July 9, 10 am David Blanchard and Sharon Lillico residence. Meeting to be followed by short social time with snacks. **Alix** will contact David & Sharon regarding arrangements. Agenda will be the usual:

- i. Reports from President, Treasurer, Membership & Lake Steward
- ii. Election of new Board member
- iii. Dialogue with Camp representatives
- iv. Regatta update (and seek volunteers)
- v. Corn Roast/Fall Fair/Funfest update (and seek volunteers)
- vi. Fox Lake History project update
- vii. AoB
- viii. Date of next meeting

New items/special topics – Lead Tackle Exchange / Fire safety – **Cindy** to research details and possible speaker.

**Alix** to send Agenda to **Robin** to be sent out two weeks in advance of meeting (by June 24)

- b) Regatta - Aug 5 -Sue Finbow coordinator. Location Finbow, Yule, Morrison beaches. Horseshoes will need new location as Sandy McLennan's property is not available as is being sold. Sharon Lillico is offering to host. Volleyball will be at Alix's again. Cindy offered to host corn hole at her place in the morning if sufficient interest. **Cindy & Jim W** to investigate where to purchase more ribbons.
- c) Corn Roast/Fall Fair – September 2. Also needs a new location. Robin has contacted Camp Romuva and is waiting for a response. **Robin** will follow up. Back-up location is McMahon's beach. The auction was a success last year so should be held again this year, as were family games & events such as egg toss and sack race – perhaps name the event Fox Lake Funfest". A coordinator is needed and will be solicited at the AGM.

9. **Lake Steward-** Benthic Monitoring will be on August 19 at Fox's residence. **David** to coordinate with Ellen.

10. **Newsletter** – Katie will be sending out newsletter first week of June and articles need to be in by **May 29**.

- President's Message – **Alix**
- Membership Report – **Robin**
- Water Steward Report - **David**

- Summer Events – **Katie**
- Lead Tackle exchange – **Cindy**
- Fox Lake History Project update – **Alix to check with Christine Castle**
- Cell Tower Update – **Alix**
- Propane Group info – **Alix/Robin?**
- Garbage reminder – **Jim W**
- Link to FLA facebook group, website and History Blog - **Katie**

**11. Next Meeting** – July 8, following the AGM and social – at Colin Randall’s – to intro new Board member and finalize regatta and corn roast plans.

**12. Adjournment** meeting adjourned at 9:15. Thanks to Alix for snacks and wine to facilitate our discussion.

***Post-Meeting motions moved by Robin and seconded by Alix were passed by e-mail vote (May 28, 2023)***

- i) Moved that the Fox Lake Association become a partner with the Woodland Heights Propane Buying Group.
- ii) Moved that Kevin Harris be appointed as the FLA Officer for coordination with the Woodland Heights Buying Group