

Fox Lake Association Executive Meeting October 25, 2023

Attendance: Alix Yule, David White, Tom Gillette, Tayfun Uzun, Robin Yule, Christa Casselman-Sharp, Kevin Harris, Jim Watson (Secretary), Jim Harper (left early due to illness)

Regrets: Cam McIver, Cindy Taylor, Katie McMahon, Colin Randall, Ellen Fox

1. Business Arising

Archive Meeting – to purge, sort or scan FLA files. Anyone with FLA historical documents, please drop them at Jim Harper's, Alix's or Tom Gillette's before the end of November. Jim Harper will host the meeting to occur in winter months. Those who help out can join.

Road issues West Fox Lake Rd - concern over speeding. Watch for Children signs have been posted by concerned residents. Alix to ask the Town if they can put up other signs. Not sure if it is making a difference, but worth trying.

2. Summer Events wrap up

AGM held at Blanchard's. Thank you to Dave and Sharon for agreeing to host again in 2024. Social went smoothly. Same format next year.

Regatta went smoothly. Thanks to Sue Finbow for coordinating regatta. We need a Coordinator and venue for 2024. Bob Shepley's is a good location. Watson beach is a potential location and if so, Jim is willing to Coordinate.

Corn Roast, fair/games & auction a success. Thanks to Cam for coordinating. Camp Romuva beach front was a great location and Alix sent Ray a thank you note and offered to provide them with 2024 FLA membership as a token of appreciation. Robin will check to make sure we can use it again next year.

Suggestion that signage for Regatta and Corn Roast be taken down shortly after the event. This year some were left up for a long time post-event.

3. Environment Group -Christa stated that the group (Cam McIver, Kate McMahon, Christa Casselman Sharp) had their first meeting. Other members are David White and Mark Duess. The group wants to distribute to lake residents a package outlining native vegetation to be planted and other environmental information. It was agreed that FLA Exec supports this decision and will provide a small budget if the group needs to purchase anything such as native seeds packets or environmentally friendly/useful packaging. The packages will be hand delivered (likely in the spring).

4. Update on OLT (Ontario Land Tribunal) hearing re boat launch 190 Rachel's Lane. Tom attended a meeting with the Town and the other two Participants on behalf of FLA as Alix was

unable to attend. Town indicated that they would be arguing from planning point of view and violations. Tom suggested that individual Participant statements from FLA, Todd Macyk and Dave Carey should be presented separately and let OLT decide what information to consider in its deliberations. Concerns about invasive species, wetland protection, increase boat traffic, boat safety, short-term renters with no vested interest in lake, continue to be priorities for members and may not be included in the Town's arguments. Even if OLT approves this appeal, the boat launch design would need further plan approval from Town (and Department of Fisheries and Oceans?) before installation. The date when we have to submit our Participant statement is not yet known.

5. Bell Telecommunication Tower update. Alix and Robin have both contacted Canacre (Bell's representative) for an update but have received no response. Alix reported that East Fox Lake residents have heard that the blue & white road markings could be for aerial survey and may be related to possible location change of the tower. We are not sure and assumption is tower will go as originally planned – Alix will continue to try to learn more.

6. Annual Membership Year. Under constitution by laws FLA fiscal year is May 1 - April 30. After short discussion it was decided to keep the membership year aligned to the fiscal year. Makes accounting easier. We don't need to provide "prorated fees" for people who join late in the year. Cindy can use her discretion as to whether or not to apply a new member's fees to the current year or the coming year if someone joins late. Two members requested Alix for letters confirming their membership as they said it would entitle them to a discount on propane and insurance.

7. Fall Newsletter – Items should be sent to Katie McMahon by November 5. If anyone has some good photos of summer events, please pass on to Katie

- President's message - Alix
- Propane buying group – Kevin
- Lake Steward Report – David
- Membership Report – Robin
- Garbage/recycling update – Jim
- Reminder of FLA website, facebook group and Fox Lake History blog - Katie

8. Other Business - FLA apparel. Colin Randall was going to look into this. Alix to check with him for an update.

9. Next Meeting- Early May. An evening during the week is preferred by most. Alix will send out some options.