

Minutes of the 23rd Big Gull Lake East End Cottage Association AGM

Sept 01, 2007

1. **Introduction.**

President Ken welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Board of Directors. It was noted that this was the 20th Anniversary of the BGLEECA Annual Picnic and there was a cake to commemorate the event.

Ken introduced two guests: Angela Berry, representative of Frontenac Stewardship Council and Ed Dobrowolski, who has recently started a business on the lake. Ed has joined the cottage association and has agreed to be the representative for Area 8. Ken also referred to the petition regarding the proposed Uranium Mining that Lucy Jones has put forth. Ken pointed out that the petition doesn't represent the view(s) of the Cottage Association but rather that of individual cottage owners.

2. **Reports from the Directors:**

A) North Shore Road Director: Dave gave a report on the work completed on the North Shore Road. The road meeting was held on August 25 and a raise in road fees of \$25 was approved. There is a balance of \$1541.11 in the North Shore Road account.

B) Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report: Larry Glass gave his financial report and discussed the financial statement of BGLEECA. Larry is still taking cottage dues.

As Eric Williams was unable to attend, Ken gave his report. The audit was conducted in accordance with the Canadian Audit governing body.

Moved by Fern Murray and Seconded by Russ Finch that the audit statements be accepted as presented.

Eric Williams will be asked to audit the books for next year.

C) **Vice President's Report**: Nancy Kingston reported that she has on display all calendars from 1988 to present. The ads for the calendar brought in close to \$2400 and Nancy asked that we support the advertisers. The pictures which were submitted for last year's calendar are available to be picked up. Nancy thanked the Wagner family for their hard work on putting the calendar together. The distribution of calendars will be done through the Area Reps next year.

Nancy thanked the Area Rep for all of their hard work. Nancy also thanked Karen Saer, Picnic Committee Chair and the volunteers from Area 4, 5 & 6. Areas 7, 8 & 9 will be responsible for next year's picnic. It was decided that Seth Fagerstrom will be an honorary member of the cottage association.

Nancy also welcomed the other honorary members who were able to attend.

D) **Lake Steward/Environmental**: Ken Grant reported on the activities on the lake this year: Gypsy Moth kits, Aquatic Weed cutting (9 cottages were done @ \$20), Spirogyra Algae presence, Nancy Gibson's contact with the Fire

Chief in Plevna re the fire boat, Lake Temperature Survey (done once a year and added to the data base maintained by the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority), and announced that we would be installing a “logger” that will take automatic temperature readings.

Dogs at large – Ken reported that there is a Municipal By-law concerning dogs-at-large and that offending animal(s) can be seized, and disposed of. Ken reported that the lake was tested for invasive species. Zebra Mussel Phillagers are present in the lake as well as Spiny Water Fleas.

MVCA in partnership with Queen’s University is initiating a study to understand the adaptiveness of fish in warming waters.

E) Island Cottagers and docking issues: Dave Pattenden reported they are still trying to lease a piece of land on the south side of Helen Lane. Consultants’ report should be completed by next week, it will then go to the Ministry and a decision will be made. Dave thanked everyone for the support that they have received from the people on the lake. .

The islanders and boat access only cottagers do not have blue numbers. They are to contact the Municipal Office with information regarding the nearest public access point.

3. Overview of Interview with Jamie Saunders - Rideau Mississippi Septic Office
Ken gave an overview of an interview he had with the current Septic Inspector and a copy of the findings was distributed.

4. Reports from Association Events:

Golf Tournament – Frank Silkman: Bill Jones reported that there were 27 golfers and 36 for dinner. There was some discussion regarding the location and time of the tournament.

Fish Derby - Gord Erickson thanked the volunteers and the Home Hardware in Perth. 55 kids were registered. Registration forms for next year’s derby will go out with the newsletter and will be accepted by email. The cutoff for next year will be Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the Derby. Previous year’s winners will be displayed on a poster.

Sailboat Regatta: Bill Hindson: Norma Hindson reported that there was a turnout of 8 boats. Youth regatta didn’t have anyone in the race.

5. Other Business -Vince Vella reported that there has been an issue regarding taxes and the lateness of receiving the bills. The Municipality stated that the date of payment is the date of receiving of the cheque.

Jim Commerford asked about the interest in a Kid’s Triathlon. Further information regarding this will be in an upcoming Newsletter as well as the calendar.

6. Special Recognition:

Ken presented Bill Hindson with a gift to thank him for his help with the Cottage Association.

Bill and Sandy Phyer were thanked for allowing the association to use their property for the Fishing Derby and the Picnic.

Harold and Barbara Way were thanked for their housing of the Association Photocopier as well as storing numerous association picnic materials.

A moment of silence was held for Betty Kimber who passed away this year.

Anne and Harold Kreiger were also thanked for their long term Involvement with the association. In honor of this it was moved by Mel Thompson and seconded by Al Butt to make the Kreigers honorary members of the Association. Motion passed.

7. Approval of 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Russ Finch and seconded by Lucy Jones that the 2006 minutes of the Big Gull Lake East End Cottage Association be accepted. Motion passed

8. Elections for Vice President, Secretary, and President: Ken read the main stated Objective of the cottage Association. The following positions were up for election: President, Vice-President, and Secretary. The current incumbents agreed to stand for another term:

President: Ken Grant.

Vice-President: Nancy Kingston

Secretary: Donna Commerford

There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved by Dot Wagner and seconded by Vince Vella that the slate as presented be accepted. Motion passed.

The meeting was closed by a raffle of door prizes. Special thanks to Jim Commerford, Dave and Pam Cox, Nature Clean Products, Lookout Home Hardware, Plevna, Canadian Shield Golf Course, Ardoch Road and Prime Crafts for the donation of the many door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion by Ken Grant, and seconded by Larry Glass.