AGM 2008 minutes

1. Opening remarks by President Ken Grant

Ken welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced the executive to everyone. The minutes from the 2007 AGM were moved by Jim Commerford, seconded by Pam Cox and carried. Ken acknowledged the passing of William Calder, Bert Roche, Julie Phillips mother, Doris Albert, Harold Krieger's daughter and asked for a moment of silence. Ken spoke about the bush fire that occurred between Big Gull Lake and Mosquito Lake. North Frontenac is reviewing its 5 year Official Plan. The meeting for the renewal of the plan began in the Spring with more meetings this fall. Ken reported that all seasonal residents are welcome to attend. Those interested are to either email Ken Grant or call the Municipality. The Mayor encourages seasonal residents to become involved with the business of the Township.

Ken introduced our guest speaker, Glen Hendry, representing the Frontenac Stewardship Council. It is a community-based program that works alongside landowners and not-for-profit groups. Some of the projects that they are involved with are tree planting in the fall and the bald eagle recovery program.

1. Reports from the Directors

Vice President Nancy Kingston: Nancy spoke about the 2008 calendars and mentioned that there was \$1000 for the welfare fund. The Wagner family have agreed to do it again for 2009. Extra calendars were available for those who did not receive them.

The Area Reps were introduced. The rep from Area 13 has had to resign. There is a vacancy and Nancy asked for a volunteer. Nancy thanked the reps for all of their hard work.

Nancy thanked the Picnic committee for all of their hard work in ensuring that everything went smoothly. Picnic 2009 will be organized by Areas 10, 11, 12 & 13. Nancy asked that everyone check to ensure that their address information is correct. Again, Nancy welcomed our honourary member, Frank Damude.

Nancy mentioned that anyone who runs or walks along Ardoch road needs to be very careful of the traffic.

Elaine Gunsinger is our new Councillor who was chosen in a very unique way. Nancy also mentioned that everyone must have a civic number. This can be done through the Township. There will be a \$100 fee for new numbers.

Stewardship report: Ken pointed out that because of the cooler, wet summer, we have higher water, more algae and the clarity of the water is not as great. Aquatic weed cutting has been completed for 8 cottagers, cut for a nominal fee of \$20.00. www.alexmilne.com is a supplier of weed mats. Ken also spoke about the gypsy moth kits available (5 for \$60 or \$12.00 each). Mississippi Conservation Authority reported that there is no threat of flooding but a warning has been issued for swimmers and boaters to stay away from the watershed dams. A Mississippi Valley Conservation report card was available for everyone to pick up. Ken spoke on the on-site waste water disposal program...There were 100

inspections with 39 okay, 48 requiring remedial work and 9 needing reinspection. Pump outs, non compliant tanks, and erosion on the leaching bed were the common problems. Dave Pattenden spoke about the possibility of finding a mobile pump out service for people who have a remote bed that a truck can't get into or for those on an island. Please let Dave P know asap. Dave also mentioned an alternative septic technology that he has information on. Ken spoke about the geocache locations. Ken reported that there was an error on the coordinates and Ken gave the new coordinates

Larry Glass, Treasurer, gave a full financial report, referring to the handout at the meeting. Eric Williams is the auditor for BGLEECA and gave a report of the audit that was carried out and all was fine. It was moved by Bill Hindson and seconded by Julie Carty that audit report be accepted. This motion was carried. Larry Glass suggested that the dues for the coming year are \$30 and will be glad to accept those dues for 2009.

Dave Cox reported on the North Shore meeting. Dave will remain as the Road Manager. The account has a balance of \$2842.37.

Director-at –Large: Ken reported on behalf of Nancy Gibson. Our Fire Boat has been checked to make sure that the boat is still in working order.

2. Reports from Association Events

Golf Tournament : Jim Kuhr reported that the 10th Annual Golf tournament went very well. 25 people attended with 15 golfers and 10 for dinner. Dave Cox, Barbara Way and Ted Economides were the winning team. The tournament will be held on July 8, 2009.

Fish Derby: Gord Erickson reported that the fish derby went well. There were 39 registrants for the derby with 29 checking in with fish. Paul Erickson won the largest fish award. Gord mentioned that the registration was done by phone, email and the community boxes.

Ken mentioned that the Directors will be discussing the issue of getting information out to all of the members.

Sailboat Regatta: Norma Hindson spoke about the Regatta with only 6 boats. There weren't any youth sailboats. Fun was had by all....The winners were Jim and Janet Papineau. Norma tried to encourage more people to come out on the long week-end in August. Dave P offered a 14 foot Bandit to anyone who would like it.

Triathlon: Jim Commerford spoke about the fact that the triathlon did not happen this year. However, we will try it again. It will be held on the week-end prior to the long week-end.

3. Election of Officers: The attendees were asked for nominations from the floor for the vacant positions. Moved by Ted Economides, seconded by Nancy Kingston that the Lake Steward will be Ken Grant and the Director-at-large will be Nancy Gibson. The motion was passed. North Short Road Director: Dave Cox will hold this position again.

4. Other: Vince Vella reported that paying of taxes are still a problem. Vince asked if the Township could use the post date on the letter. This issue went to Council and even though Ken Grant was present, he was not allowed to speak. Ken will speak to Vince and determine the best plan of action.

Jack Commerford's feature: The Newfie Outhouse...Jack offered to help the men of the audience design it.

5. Door Prizes: Draws were made for the prizes donated by area businesses and some members. A special gift was given Bill and Sandy Phypher for allowing the picnic on their property.

The meeting was adjourned @ 12:15. The picnic followed the meeting.