

AGM 2010 minutes

1. Opening remarks by President Ken Grant

Ken welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced the executive to everyone. Ken introduced our guest speakers from the Clarendon Miller Volunteer Fire Dept, Deputy Chief Randy Schonauer and Fire Prevention Officer, Eric Korhonen. Eric explained how the volunteer Fire Department would respond to a fire on the lake. There are about 50 volunteer fire people. The Big Gull Lake fire boat is back on Big Gull Lake. There are wild fires and statistics – 50% are caused by humans, 50% by lightning. There are burn restrictions to control this. Camp fires are allowed but brush cannot be burned during a no burn period. MNR suggests that you keep a 10 metre radius around your cottage that contains no combustibles which also includes bush etc. The fire department has purchased an Emergency Sprinkler Fire System. The Fire department also purchased a heat camera and hopes to purchase a portable sprinkler system.

Eric also suggested that when doing renovations, it is important to be aware of the materials that you use especially ones that might be less combustible. Access to cottages is restricted in some areas. Inspect culverts to ensure that they are in good shape to allow the tankers access to your cottage. Make sure that you allow a buffer on your road so the fire truck that can access your road. Make sure that you have a smoke alarm in your cottage. A fire can go from an ember on a couch to a full burn fire in 3 minutes. They hope to purchase ice water suits and a new system that will put out fires very quickly with foam. Questions were asked about cost of purchasing a pump and a hose as well as sprinkler systems. A recommendation of personal fire extinguisher for cottages was one that is about 3 – 5 lbs. They must be serviced every month and inspected every year. It is recommended that you turn the fire extinguisher over to move the compound that is in, and to check the hose for spiders etc. The best advice is to get out.

The fire department is always looking for more volunteers; they are updating their equipment as quickly as they can. A donation of \$500 was given to the Clarendon Miller Volunteer Fire Department on behalf of BGLEECA.

Ken thanked the Phyphers for allowing us to have our AGM and picnic. Ken also thanked Nature Clean products for donating gifts for the draw, area reps of Areas 1, 2, & 3 for organizing picnic and Dave Cox for making a new BBQ for the Association.

Ken also mentioned that newsletters can be received by email if so desired.

The minutes from the 2009 AGM were moved by Vince Vella, seconded by Frank Silkman. The motion was carried.

Ken spoke to the Revision to the Charter of Incorporation of Big Gull Lake East End Cottage Association. Ken gave some background information regarding the name of the spraying account. It is also proposed that we maintain a balance of

\$7500. The motion that the Charter be revised to change the spray account to the Environmental Emergency Account was moved by Jim Commerford, seconded by Bryan Howe. There are two parts to this revision as page 2 of the AGM Agenda. The motion supporting the charter change was accepted unanimously by the membership present at the AGM.

Ken discussed the contest to rename Garbage Island. The intent is to ensure that all islands are being named for emergency purposes. The Past Presidents acting on recommendations from the BGLEECA directors, proposed to change the Name of Garbage Island to Bowman Island. Ken will forward the information to an affiliation of the MNR. Ken acknowledged the passing of Paul Kiss, Jack Prior and Shirley Carr and asked for a moment of silence.

Reports from the Directors

Vice President Nancy Kingston: Nancy spoke about the 2010 calendars and thanked the Wagner family and mentioned that Tom Symes has agreed to do the calendar for 2011. Photos are to be emailed to Nancy and then will be sent onto Tom Symes. Nancy asked for ideas for new businesses that might want to advertise in the Calendar. Distribution of calendars will be done the same way. If you arrive early to the cottage, call Nancy directly. Extra calendars are available. Nancy Introduced and 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 2011 will be organized by Areas 4, 5, & 6. Nancy asked that everyone check to ensure that their address information is correct.

There were 2 honorary members in attendance. Frank Damude and Carol Fraser. This is an election year. Nancy noted that we will have mail in ballots. The Mayor will be acclaimed. There are 3 people running in our Ward.

Bulletin Boards being used for all of the Lake news. The one at Cedar Crest Lodge has been moved to the junction of Lemke Lane and Cedar Crest Lane. Ken asked for acknowledgement of Nancy's work on the ads for the calendar.

2. Stewardship report: Ken discussed some of the environment events on the lake: the height of the lake is right at the targeted levels. Check out the website of Mississippi Lake Conservation Authority. Mississippi Valley Conservation would be willing to put a stationary water level recording gauge on a cement dock. Ken also spoke about the invasive species of Giant Hogweed on the Lake. It looks like poison ivy burn and can be serious enough to send people to the hospital. Check the FOCA website. We did have an oil spill on Lemke Creek. We had a fish survey, invasive species survey. On some of our roads some people are dropping garbage. Gypsy moth traps are still available from Ken.

Ken and David attended the Mazinaw Lanark Logging Association open house. We asked for the logging plans for Big Gull Lake. There are plans for logging adjacent to the North Shore Road system in 2016. There is a map available. There are no buffer zones with regards to the roads.

3. Treasurer's Report: Larry Glass, Treasurer, was unable to attend the AGM so Karen Saer will collect dues. An audit will be completed this year and given at the 2011 AGM.

4. North Shore Road report: Dave Cox reported on the North Shore meeting. Dave has a report of the work done on the Road and the expenditures. \$8510.21 has been spent this year. Marshview Road was extended to accommodate a new member, the cost of which was paid by that member. The road fee for 2011 will be \$175. There are 3 culverts that need attention. Special thanks to those who help to keep the beavers under control. A special thanks to Harold Krieger for helping collect the unpaid dues. Dave is going to try to get a buffer zone for North Shore Road.

5. Director-at-Large: Ken reported on behalf of Nancy Gibson.

Reports from Association Events:

1. Golf Tournament: Jim Kuhr reported that the 12th Annual Golf tournament was held on August 6 at Hunter's Creek. 22 people attended. The tournament will be held in the early part of August in 2011.

2. Fish Derby: Gord Erickson reported that the fish derby went well. There were 32 registrants for the derby with 27 checking in with fish. CJ Millbank won the largest fish award. Gord mentioned that the registration was done by phone, email and the community boxes. Gord thanked the cooking and cleaning crew for all of their hard work. A new sponsor gave \$300 worth of prizes. The major prize was an Ipod Nano, thanks to Future Shop.

3. Sailboat Regatta: There was no wind, lots of sun. Lots of fun was had by all.

4. 2nd Annual Family Triathlon: Jim Commerford reported that the Triathlon went really well, in spite of the change in date. The Gibson boys won this year. A trophy was given to the winning team, with all participants receiving a prize.

Election of Officers:

The positions of Lake Steward, Treasurer and Director-at-Large were vacant. Attendees were asked for nominations from the floor for the vacant positions. Ken Grant (Lake Steward) and Nancy Gibson (Director at Large) were elected. Larry Glass (The Treasurer Incumbent was extended for one year)

The nominations and seconders were as follows: Bev Williams/ Lucy Jones (Lake Steward), John Commerford/ Julie Carty (Director_at_Large), Dave Pattenden/

Mel Thompson (Treasurer – Larry Glass – extended one year) . All motions were passed unanimously.

Any other business: the issue of renaming Garbage Island was raised. A motion was put forward to see if the members of the association were in favour of changing the name (Moved and seconded by Jack Commerford and Bev Titus). Motion was carried. Events of the vote will be discussed at the Fall Directors' Meeting.

Door Prizes: Draws were made for the prizes donated by area businesses and some members.

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