

Minutes of the AGM 2011

1 Introduction of Guests and BGLEECA executive:

Ken introduced the BGLEECA executive with a special welcome to Harold Kreiger and the Mayor and two councillors.. Mayor Bud Clayton spoke about stewardship and lake sustainability and the importance of keeping our lake healthy. Two things, sediment runoff and phosphorous items in the lake and improper septic systems can damage the health of the lake. We need good septic systems and the “ribbon of life” to keep the lake healthy. As an owner of a cottage, the Mayor suggested that we need to vote in the township elections and take part in the township business. Attend those public meetings. Send your input to the township either by phone, email or in person. This information can be found on the township website, northfrontenac.com.

2 Review of AGM 2010 Minutes: The minutes were approved on a motion moved by Frank Silkman, seconded by Fern Murray.

3. Report on BGLEECA Membership: 150 out of a possible 170 cottagers are members, which is outstanding in terms of the other cottage associations.

Ken thanked everyone for taking part in the activities at the lake.

4. Dues: Any outstanding 2011 dues will be collected today with 2012 dues also being received. See Karen Saer. What do you receive for \$30: 2 newsletters, one calendar, and sponsorship of events including kids' fish derby, sail boat race, golf tournament, triathlon, and AGM. It also includes FOCA membership \$1.75 per cottage and a flat fee of \$75. For this we receive monthly ELERTS, 2 newsletters, subscription to a Boater's magazine, & Group rates on Directors' and Event Liability Insurance. The

cost for energy for seasonal residents is about 40% more. FOCA is working on this on behalf of the cottagers.

5. New Cottagers: Ken welcomed the new cottagers to the Lake.

6. Ontario Volunteer Service Awards: Ken introduced Jack Commerford, Eric Williams, Dave Cox, Doug Murray, Nancy Kingston and Ken Grant as recipients of the Volunteer Service Awards.

7. Change in BGLEECA Fireboat Agreement: Ken addressed the change in the Fireboat Agreement and read the letter from Steve Riddell, the Fire Chief. The proposal is that the boat will be stored at the Fire Station where the fire personnel have to go there first. It will also allow the boat to be stored in a protected area to extend the life of the boat. The motion to store our Fire Boat at the Fire Station was passed, moved by Jim Commerford, seconded by Chuck Carolan. A discussion about the response time ensued. Ken will discuss the issue with the Fire Chief. Bill Kypher mentioned that the fire numbers for the island are available.

8. Directors' Reports

- Vice President: Nancy Kingston addressed the state of the calendars (60 paid ads, just under \$3000 – cost was \$2200). Please support our advertisers in the calendar. Tom Symes agreed to look after the calendar again. The calendar will be a 12 month calendar again. Photos are to be submitted to Nancy Kingston, either by mail or email. The calendars will be distributed in early June after the Area Rep meetings. Nancy introduced all of the area reps and thanked all of them for all of their hard work. Nancy mentioned the “new cottagers” welcome kit and asked the Area Reps to hand these

out to the new cottagers. She also asked that they get all of their pertinent information and send it to her.

Nancy thanked the picnic committee for their work on arranging the picnic. Next year it will be areas 7, 8 and 9.

Nancy gave special mention to the honorary members, both in attendance and in absentia.

Nancy showed the crowd the reprinted Big Gull Cookbook.

They can be purchased for \$10. Nancy also acknowledged the sponsors of the door prizes.

- North Shore Road: Dave handed out copies of the North Shore Road Activities. To date, the committee has spent \$6,664.50. It was agreed that the road dues will be \$200 next year.
- Treasurer and Audit: Karen Saer gave an account of the finances of the Association. Total assets are \$31,476.33. Karen also discussed the amount of monies in the various accounts. There are handouts outlining all of these revenues and expenses. Karen thanked Eric Williams for helping with the Audit.

Eric spoke about the last year's audit for 2010. The financial statements reflect accurately the state of the accounts. The audit for 2011 also showed an accurate accounting of financial records.

- Environmental: Ken spoke about the stewardship of the lake. Ken reviewed the items that are listed in the newsletter. Ken spoke about Asian Milfoil in the bays. It has recently found out about Milfoil Weevils that will actually kill the Asian Milfoil.

Ken has contacted Mississippi Conservation Authority to see if we could investigate using this method of control.

Ken also spoke about the Eastern Ontario Regional Network to bring broadband service to Eastern Ontario. They are looking at widening the broadband and erecting towers to ensure both high speed internet and satellite service. The goal is to take Big Gull Lake up to 10 mgs. The completion date is 2014.

Ken spoke about the spawning beds for Pickerel. A tour of the 8 spawning beds showed that spawning beds still look great.

We are applying for \$1000 grant with the Cottage Association matching this amount. We will work with the Junior Rangers to load the rocks on boats to put the rocks to various locations on the lake.

- Special Events: triathlon, golf, sail, fish derby:

Jim Kuhr gave a report about the Golf Tournament. The tournament had 33 people participate; dinner followed. It was held at the Blue Heron Golf Course. Jim gave a rundown of the winners.

Fish Derby: Gord Erickson gave a report on the fish derby. 26 kids turned in fish this year. Total weight was 26 lbs 6 ounces. Gord thanked the Cottage association for its funding and all of the sponsors of the prizes. He also thanked Nancy Gibson is retiring this year. Gord has one new volunteer and asked for anyone else interested to contact him.

Family Triathlon - There were about 27 participants this year. Jim Commerford reviewed the route and how the winner was

determined. Jim introduced the winning team of Keith Rowe and reminded everyone to take part next year.

SailBoat Regatta –Norma Hindson reported that there were 5 boats – Janice Papineau and her daughter won the single boat category with the Dickinsons winning the 2 boat race.

9. Elections: President, Vice President, North Shore Road Manager: A motion to elect Ken Grant, Nancy Kingston and Dave Cox was passed, moved by Larry Glass, seconded Frank Silkman.

South Shore Director- at- large: Janet Sidey was elected as Director-at-Large, moved by Peter Coleman, seconded by Tom Symes

Treasurer: Debbie Bird was elected as Treasurer, moved by Eric Williams, seconded by Karen Saer.

10. Ken thanked Nancy Gibson, Karen Saer and Larry Glass for all of their hard work. Larry Glass was presented with a token of appreciation, a hand carved Loon, on behalf of the Cottage association

10. Thank you to our hosts and gift sponsors: Ken thanked the Phypers for providing the spot for the picnic.

11. Door Prizes and picnic began at 11:55.