

Lois and Big Gull Lake East End Cottage Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2015

1. Introductions

The members of the BGLEECA executive were introduced:

- **Vice President**, Donna Commerford, looks after our Area Reps, the Calendar, and stands in for Ken when necessary
- **Treasurer**, Debbie Bird, handles our fees, financial reports, addresses and emails lists,
- **Secretary**, Janet Sidey, keeps the minutes and manages our BGLEECA website
- **Lake Steward**, Lynda Corkum, fisher, invasive species, water quality, fish survey, loon survey, and when not busy sits on the FOCA board of Directors
- **North Shore Road Manager**, Dave Cox, sits as a director and is the manager of the North Shore Road system

2. President's Remarks and introduction of Guest Speaker Paul Lehman General Manager, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority

i. Water levels:

- Low this year. Somewhat better now, but not as high as liked.
- Need 144 mm (6") of rain to bring the lake up 0.8m across the entire drainage area. The lake surface is approximately 24 km².
- Options were discussed about changing how the lake levels might be changed in future
- Tom asked if they could remove one less log in the spring. Paul said that is a possibility, but need to understand what problems this action might create downstream before making the decision. Paul said the logs are usually taken out right after Thanksgiving. MVCA would like feedback from residents on any repercussions. Let Ken know of any concerns, comments, and he will pass them on to Paul at the MVCA.
- Murray asked about the timing of when the logs are put back in the spring. Paul says they can't go back in too early of the ice could damage docks, etc., on the lake. The dams are monitored at least weekly, sometimes more often than that. (253.4 is the target level on the BGL dam.)
- Bill K identified difference between impacts on north and south shores. The ice/snow melts on the north shore well before the south shore, so this needs to be considered.
- Island Lawyer Guy is advocating for change to the current policy. Doesn't think science has the answers.

ii. Climate Change

- MVCA is looking at impacts of climate change, and have a project underway to come up with better / different ways to predict conditions in the future
- Good info available in MVCA's watershed reports that can be found online.

iii. Condition of the Lake Report

- Big Gull Lake's water quality is pretty good
- There are some invasive species, but not too many

iv. Doc Work

- You may or may not require a MVCA permit when building or maintaining your dock. Contact the MVCA to find out what should and shouldn't be done.
- Tom asked about floating swim rafts. Maximum distance from shore is 300 feet.

3. Review of 2014 Minutes

The minutes from the 2014 AGM have been available on the website.

Motion to accept minutes as is: Jim Commerford

Seconded: Bernie James

Passed

4. Dues: Dues for 2015, collection of outstanding dues, payment of dues for 2016

- \$30 annually (and \$10 for associate members)
- Travel allowance for approved BGLEECA business is \$0.40/km
- Gypsy moth kits still available; see Ken if you want to purchase one
- Weed cutting in front of your dock still available at \$25/cottage. Note: Looking for volunteers to help. Please contact Ken if interested.
- Insurance premiums for cottage association for director liability and for BGLEECA events on the lake are approximately \$6/cottage/year.
- FOCA membership is \$3.25/cottage/year
- You can rent the large tent (seen over the pot luck tables) for special events at a cost of \$20 per rental. Renter is responsible for any damage to the tent.
- T-shirts, hats, recipe books available.

5. Cottagers leaving, new cottagers arriving, cottagers who have left us (memorials)

Moment of silence held for Pauline Jones

New cottagers:

- Carol and Roger McFarlane on Pine Point Way
- Steve Chiz and Kelly Barnett on Belcham Lane West
- Allister and Sheila MacIntyre on Cedar Crest Lane
- Murray and Susan Finch on Zimmer Lane
- Susan McKean on Coleman Lane
- Linda and Rob Gibson on Jones Lane
- Jerry and Anne Racicot beside Dave and Pam Cox

Leaving the lake:

Lois and Ed Braunsdorf who have cottaged on BGL for 44 years. Ed had some nice words to say about the lake and the people.

6. Directors' Reports:

President (Ken)

- Discussed date change of AGM from Labour Day weekend, and we plan to keep this new date (on the Saturday, 2 weekends prior to the Labour Day weekend).
- He encouraged people to visit the website at bgleeca.ca
- North Frontenac Happenings:
 - OPP costs have been downloaded to municipalities and your tax bill will be higher
 - Wind turbines: North Frontenac council voted against them but that doesn't mean we won't get them. There is some interest in solar farms in North Frontenac
 - FOCA succession planning workshop: some BGLEECA cottagers have attended this in the past and found it useful. It's a webinar, and is coming up this fall.
 - There is a forestry / forest management concern on the north shore. See Dave Cox for more info. There will be some logging on Mosquito Lake Parkway, East Belcham and #10 in the next couple of years.

- Thanks to volunteers:
 - Jim and Joyce Kuhr for the golf tournament and shoal marker
 - Judy Pietrusiak and Donna Commerford for the BGLEECA calendar
 - Jeff Burzynski and family and volunteers for running the Kids' Fishing Derby
 - Shean and Angela Goonetilleke for hosting the Kids' Fishing Derby *and* the AGM
 - To all organisers and participants of the sailboat regatta. Please contact the Hindsons for more info if you want to participate next year.
 - Donna and Jim Commerford and Nancy Gibson for the Triathlon
 - Nature Clean for AGM door prizes
 - Steve Cox at North of Seven restaurant for the AGM cake and for the use of BBQ
 - Robert Jelking who audits the BGLEECA finances
 - Leslie Maitland for putting together the BGLEECA newsletter

a. Vice president (Donna)

- Also thanks to Kevin and Terry Rowe for donation of prizes for the Triathlon
- Thanks to Area Reps. They do so much, and they improve the level of communication between the executive and the board members of BGLEECA
- Calendar - A fabulous job done with creating the 2015/16 calendar. There was a different focus on the photos this year, and an effort was made to include BGLEECA events along with the beautiful scenery.
 - Please send photos to be considered for the next calendar to Judy Pietrusiak at ajaj@rogers.com
 - The ads in the calendar were obtained via the efforts of the BGLEECA executive members along with Terry Fenton. When doing business with our many advertisers, please mention that you saw their ad in the calendar
- AGM Picnic changes - traditionally the AGM and Picnic was organized by the Area Reps, but starting this year the BGLEECA executive will do the organizing. Please volunteer! We'd love the help.
- Thanks to Ken Grant. He does a lot for us on Big Gull Lake, and is also very involved with FOCA and is associated with MVCA. Not every lake association is fortunate enough to have such a strong president representing our interests and needs.

b. North and South Shore road systems

- The North Shore roads (Dave Cox)
 - The roads are in good shape. The road fees haven't changed this year.
- South Shore Drive and associated roads (Steve Burnie)
 - Steve recently took over the position of Road Manager from Bob Jones. The South Shore road system will be graded in the spring. The road group is looking for a treasurer, so please let Steve know if you're interested in volunteering.

c. Treasurer (Debbie Bird)

- No issues.
- The Financial Statement was made available to the members.
 - Motion to accept Financial Statement as is:* Larry Glass
 - Seconded:* Debbie Burnie
 - Passed
- Robert Jelking, the auditor, will give us a written summary of his audit. No issues were found with the Financial Statement.
- Robert Jelking will be asked to stand as the BGLEECA auditor again next year.

d. Lake Steward (Lynda Corkum)

- Lynda has taken on the task of doing a Loon Survey in the east end of Big Gull Lake. It was last done in 1990. Lynda identified all of the volunteers from the different areas who helped with the survey and thanked them.
- Lynda also administers a Creel Survey. Thanks to Keith Rowe for providing so much data to the survey. Keith was presented with a Canadian Tire gift certificate in appreciation of his efforts.
- Lynda is participating in an Aquatic Invasive Species survey on the lake as well. We have zebra mussel velagers and spiny water fleas. Thanks to Ken and Virginia Grant who used to do the surveys. And thanks to Jan Ciborowski for helping this year.

7. Elections:

President Ken Grant in year two of two year term; Vice President Donna Commerford in year two of two year term; Secretary Janet Sidey in year two of two year term; Lake Steward Lynda Corkum in 1st year of two year term.

Up for election: Treasurer Debbie Bird; and Director-at-large, Keith Rowe has volunteered to stand for Director at large director position and Debbie Bird agreed to stand as Treasurer for 2 more years.

Ken (President), Donna (VP) and Janet (Secretary) will continue in their positions.

Keith Rowe had been nominated as Director-at-Large

Debbie Bird has agreed to stand in her position

Motion to accept Keith Debbie in their respective positions: : Steve Burnie

Seconded: John Fenton

Passed

8. Door Prizes

Various door prizes were awarded and the picnic was enjoyed!

Handouts available: Agenda, Financial Report, Road Report for North Shore Road residents

Items available for purchase: Cook books, hats, T-shirts, Gypsy Moth kits, a few 2015 calendars