

Big Gull Lake East End Cottage Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2016

1. Introductions

The members of the BGLEECA executive were introduced:

Vice President, Donna Commerford, **Treasurer**, Debbie Bird, **Secretary**, Janet Sidey our secretary of last year resigned and Donna and Lynda have been keeping the minutes;

Lake Stewart, Lynda Corkum, **North Shore Road Manager**, David Cox, and **Director-at-Large**, Keith Rowe,

2. **Guest Speaker**, Eric Korhonen, North Frontenac Fire Chief. Eric lives on Gull Lake and supervises forty-five volunteer fire fighters. Eighty percent of North Frontenac emergency calls are first medical response. Eric explained the twelve criteria areas that determine when a Fire Ban (meaning any open flame) is determined and removed. Provincial Parks are equipped with their own fire fighters; therefore, determine their fire bans independently. Among questions for Eric, concerns about burning fires from daily permit holders during a fire ban (response: call 911). Eric explained the expected response time for fire and medical calls. The message for everyone was to always have working smoke alarms and get out quickly if a fire starts.

3. Review of 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept minutes as is: Jack Commerford

Seconded: Doug Murray

Passed

4. Dues for 2017

- Dues will remain at \$30 annually (and \$10 for associate members)
- Weed cutting in front of your dock remains at \$25/cottage. Please contact Ken Grant or Dave Cox if interested.

5. **Presidents Remarks:** Some discussion, explanation about the reason for changing the AGM meeting date and Ken asked for feedback—non forthcoming.

- **Keeping up-to-date:** Website www.bgleeca.ca (see Ken for web magnet) includes: past newsletters, history, links to interesting documents like "Cottaging in a changing climate", Fish Derby results and pics, due sheets, Directory, calendar, etc.

- **Thank you** to:
 - Jim Kuhr for looking after the shoal light
 - Judy Petrusiak for the Calendar production
 - Hindsons for the Sailing Regatta
 - Donna & Jim Commerford and Nancy Gibson for the Triathlon Event
 - BGLEECA directors who pitched in at the last moment to run the Fishing Derby
 - Leslie Maitland for production of/editing the newsletters
 - Bev Williams and Virginia Grant for water quality sampling (Secchi Disc Readings)
 - Janet Sidey for maintaining the website
 - **Special Thank You** to Shean Goonetilleke for donating their property for both the Fishing Derby and AGM
 - **Special Thank You** to Jim and Joyce Kuhr who have organized the BGLEECA Golf Tournament for the last nine years.

- **North Frontenac Happenings:** Bon Echo Area Residents Against Turbines (BEARAT) were successful along with the Municipality of North Frontenac in lobbying against a Wind Turbine proposal. Our municipality is looking for ideas to enhance its tax base which could include going to the Province to free up more Crown Land Lake Shore properties. Message is that we should not be overly complacent because we live on a lake that has no commercial land available.
- **Lynda's Loop:** Looking for volunteers to help brush out and mark this trail. Work is being done by a combination of Canoto Lake Volunteers, North Frontenac and Rideau Valley Trails Association. Ken asked for interested volunteers to contact him directly.
- **In Memory:** Richard Symes, a long time Big Gull cottager, a past President, active dues collector, fast boater, and an organizer for the development of the North Shore Road system.
- **New Cottagers:** William Eagan in area 6 and Richard MacAvery

6. Directors Reports

Vice President, Donna Commerford

- thank you to Area Reps for getting communication to everyone
- if dues are paid, you get the calendar and telephone directory.
- Area 8 were late in receiving their spring newsletter, calendar and phone directory.
- Winners of Family Triathlon, Fenton Family
- Sailing Regatta winners, McIlveen family

- Golf Tournament at the Blue Heron Golf Course attended by over 30 people. Next year the tournament will be on the first Wednesday in August (Aug.2) and will be organized by Mark Radtke
- The Fishing Derby was enjoyed by too few entrants this year; we need more participation to continue this event next year. The Derby works best if kids come with friends. Thank you Bill Kuepfer for cleaning the fish.

North Shore Road Report, David Cox

The roads are in good shape mostly because we had the grader this year. The road fees will not change this year. Discussion about electronic payment for fees will be discussed at the next road meeting on August 27th at the Cox Cottage.

Treasurers Report, Debbie Bird

The Financial Statement was made available to the members. Copy is attached.

Motion to accept Financial Statement as is: Bev Titus

Seconded: Frank Silkman

Passed

An audit was completed by Robert Jelking and everything found in order.

Environment Lake Steward, Linda Corkum

- changes in temperature affecting fish habitat.
- different species are moving north because of warming temperatures at about 18k per year
- Walleye should only be kept between 15" - 19"

Director at Large, Keith Rowe

- Keith described the Newsletter addition this year entitled: Listen, Look & Learn. We have been receiving positive feedback.

7. Elections: Openings: Secretary, Vice President, President

In year two of two-year term: Treasurer, Debbie Bird

South Shore Director at Large, Keith Rowe, and
Lake Steward, Lynda Corkum

Agreeing to stand: Ken Grant, President

Donna Commerford, Vice President

Anne Racicot, Secretary

Motion to approve positions: Mark Radtke

Seconded: Fern Murrary

Passed

8. Door Prizes and a barbecue picnic were enjoyed by the forty-nine cottagers who attended the meeting.

Big shout out to Dianne Rowe for organizing a scavenger hunt for the children who attended the meeting.

Thank you to North of Seven for donating a cake to the picnic, and to Nature Clean for donating door prizes.

Submitted by: Anne Racicot