

Big Gull Lake East End Cottage Association

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Annual General Meeting August 24, 2019

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Donna Commerford called the meeting to order welcoming everyone in attendance. She introduced the 2019-2020 Board of Directors, (Donna Commerford - President, Greg Best - Vice President, Debbie Bird - Treasurer, David Marsh - Acting Secretary, Ken Grant - Environment (Lake Steward), David Cox - Road Manager - North Shore, Murray Finch - Road Manager -South Shore, Keith Rowe - Director at Large, Steve Burnie - Director at Large.

Donna thanked Debbie Bird for the research done on AEDs in order to support the discussion on the subject at the AGM. Guest speaker Eric Korhonen- Director of Emergency Services /Fire Chief/CEMC nor his alternate could attend the meeting due to prior commitments. Donna Commerford provided background on AEDs for the potential distribution around the lake. A decision was taken by the membership that it was not the role of our Association to place AEDs on the lake. Eric did offer to run CPR/AED training if enough people expressed interest.

Special mention was made of Dave's Cox's commitment and dedication over the last 19 years to manage and care for the up keep of our North Shore access roads. The participants at the AGM gave him a standing ovation for a job well done.

2. Review of 2018 AGM Minutes:

Minutes of the 2018 AGM were presented and reviewed.

It was moved by Debbie Bird to approve as presented, seconded by John Fenton and carried.

3. Cottagers: Memorials- a moment of silence was held in memory of Peter Coleman and Bill Keupfer.

New Arrivals: Michael Fein and Jake Ruiter, 1044 Oak Ridge Pt Ln and Kevin Wright and Jasna Robinson-Wright, 1033 Cedar Crest Ln were welcomed to the lake.

4. Director's Report:

Vice-President - Greg Best mentioned that new by-laws for North Frontenac Township had passed and could be viewed on their website. With regards to the BGLEECA calendar, it will Judy Petrusiak's last year to be responsible for producing the artwork. Karen Saer has agreed to assume the role. Greg thanked all the area reps for distribution of this year's calendars.

Susan and Greg Best organized the 2019 golf tournament which was well attended and enjoyed by all. Special mention and thanks was given to the previous multi-year organizers, Jim and Joyce Kuhr and Frank and Jean Silkman.

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Treasurer - Debbie provided copies of the budget and financial report for the year stating that the Association is on solid financial ground. Auditor Robert Jerking is stepping down. A search for a replacement is underway.

North and South Shore Road Managers - David Cox (North Shore) reported that the road is in good shape. Murray Finch (South Shore) indicated the same for the South shore area. It was announced that with Dave Cox's retirement Murray Finch has taken over looking after both North and South Shore cottage roads. Murray also indicated he had purchased a mower for the tractor for \$7,000.

Jim Commerford commented on Helene Lane flooding this spring and mentioned that after the Township was contacted by Keith Rowe they were on site within 48 hours to fix the potholes.

The annual road fee will remain at \$200.00.

Environment (Lake Steward): Ken Grant has been our outstanding Lake Steward for the last 18+ years. He asked the membership to become their property Lake Steward distributing 2 publications: 1) Lake Protection Workbook, A self Assessment Tool for Shoreline Property Owners by Lake Links, 2) Take the Plunge, A guide to Stewardship of Ontario's Waters by FOCA. He also provided an overview of the Gypsy Moth trap which are available for \$12ea or 5 for \$50.00. He encouraged people to visit the Assoc. website for more information. He had a question about spraying and indicated that there was no support for this course of action as it is a big job and a detriment to the environment. In response to a question about ticks in the area, he said he has not heard anything.

On the subject of Milfoil cutting Ken and Dave Cox's boat is no longer available. They are looking for volunteers to providing cutting service, if no one found then cutter will be sold.

FOCA: Electricity charges at the cottage are going up as Hydro One is removing the Seasonal user designation. Township installing more dry sinks in the area for fire department tankers. If you are close to one, your insurance rates could go down.

The Association continues to use the Water Rangers as it has for the last 2 years to test Big Gull Lake water. Results can be found on their Website.

Directors at Large: Keith Rowe reported that this year's Kid's Fishing Derby will be the last due to lake of interest. He suggested that folks with young children and interested in

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fishing need to band together to keep it going. Steve Burnie was thanked for being a Director at Large but is stepping down from the position going forward. NOTE: The Family Triathlon event of past years is still on the shelf due to lack of interest.

5. **Elections:** The following were presented as members of the 2019/2020 Board of Directors. There were no nominations from the floor.

Donna Commerford - President

Greg Best - Vice -President

Debbie Bird- Treasurer

David Marsh - Secretary

Ken Grant - Environment (Lake Steward)

Murray Finch - Road Manager for North and South Shore Roads.

Keith Rowe - Director at Large

It was moved by Linda Corkum, seconded by Ann Marie for approval of the Board as presented. Motion carried.

6. **Volunteer Thank You and Changes:**

Donna Commerford thanked the numerous volunteers for their efforts on behalf of the Association in helping to make BGLEECA a success.

Robert Jelking - Review of financial statements.

Judy Pietrusiak - BGLEECA calendar...Karen Saer will be taking over.

Brydon Gibson - Cox's point shoal light installation and removal.

Bev Williams/Virginia Grant - Water Ranger/Lake Partner Water Quality.

Elizabeth Jones - Picnic tents and table storage.

Janet Sidey - Website

Leslie Maitland - Newsletter to be replaced by Wayne Bird.

All Event Coordinators - Kid's Fishing Derby, Sailing Regatta, Golf Tourny.

Picnic Site Hosts - The Goonetillikes.

Picnic Site set up soldiers - You know who you are.

7. **Other:** Nancy Kingston mentioned the 506 waste site is taking unwanted reusable items. Check Township website for details.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

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Financial Report

Balance Sheet	31-Jul-19	31-Jul-18	
Assets			
			<i>Changes</i>
Cash in Bank	41,081	36,431	4,649
GICs	15,128	15,128	-
TOTAL ASSETS	56,209	51,559	4,649
Liabilities			
TOTAL Liabilities	-	-	
Fund Balances			
			<i>Changes</i>
General Fund	14,897	12,992	1,905
Calendar Fund	4,752	5,478	(726)
Environmental Fund	17,858	17,858	-
Association Funds	37,507	36,329	1,178
North Road Fund	19,730	15,231	4,500
	57,238	51,559	5,678

Fund Activity Summary, August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019

	General Fund	Calendar Fund	Environ. Fund	Totals	North Shore Road Fund
Beginning Balance	14,686	3,818	17,858	36,362	16,226
Total Revenues	5,659	2,480	-	8,139	11,300
Total Expenses	5,448	1,545	-	6,994	7,796
Current Balance	14,897	4,752	17,858	37,507	19,730

General Fund Income Summary

Dues from 122 members	3,840
Bank Interest	259
Sales of Hats & Ts	840
Miscellaneous	-
Miscellaneous in*	720
Total	5,659

*Fees received in error - forwarded to correct.

General Fund Expenses Summary

Activities	1,486
Bank Fees & Cheque Printing	98
FOCA	587
Insurance	1,236
Misc	553
Newsletters, Website, Signs	496
Picnic & AGM	212
Directors Expenses	60
Miscellaneous out*	720
Total	5,448

Prepared by **Debbie Bird**

Financial Review completed by **Robert Jelking** on August 11, 2019.