

**BIG GULL LAKE EAST END COTTAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING (AGM)  
MINUTES AUGUST 27, 2022  
TIME: 10:30 - 12:00**

**In attendance - 28 members.**

- 1) Introduction of BGLEECA BOARD**  
Donna Commerford introduced members of the Board.
- 2) Review and Approval of 2021 AGM Minutes**  
Virginia Grant moved to approve the 2021 AGM Minutes. Second by Debbi Burnie. Carried.
- 3) Cottagers' Update: Memorials:**  
Donna acknowledged the passing of Marian Commerford, a long time BGL cottagers.
- 4) Guest Speaker: Lynne Hughes Marsh**  
Lynne presented suggestions for first aid preparedness supported by a hand out. A discussion of AEDs by members occurred. The Board will discuss the merits of sending a survey to our membership to ask who has an AED on site and is willing to publish their location on a map.
- 5) Director Reports:**  
**President's report - Donna Commerford**  
Donna mentioned that Doug Carr, chief negotiator for the Provincial government on the White Duck Provincial Park negotiations and some of his team toured the lake.

**Municipal elections:** Donna mentioned that cottagers are eligible to vote. BGLEECA members are in Ward 2. If members are interested in voting confirmation on the voters list will be needed.

**Taxes: In June 2020 the underused housing tax came into law. The impact on US owners was not mentioned. Cottages are exempt, including unused cottages.**

**Vice President - Greg Best**

**Calendars - 200 - 225 printed, most distributed.**

**Keith Rowe brought in new advertisers. Debbie Bird helped with calendar layout and collecting advertising \$.**

**Greg has welcome kits for new cottagers.**

**Fire safety brochures we're available at the registration table.**

**Treasurer - Debbie Bird**

**Debbie advised that the financial report for BGLEECA was reviewed by Linda Radtke. Donna read Linda's audit comments. Of note was the \$13,500 sitting in the Environmental Fund, which for a nonprofit organization was reaching the upper level of what would be acceptable. Ken Grant stated that Linda's comments we're legitimate and the Directors will discuss how these funds could be allocated to the benefit of the membership. Some of these funds would have been used to support various Association activities that have not been held for the last couple of years hence in part contributing the larger balance reported.**

**Debbie Bird moved that the financial reports be approved as presented. Second by Debbi Burnie. Carried.**

**Greg Best moved that Linda Radtke conduct the financial review in 2023. Second by Virginia Grant. Carried.**

**Roads: Murray Finch, Jim Commerford**

**Murray had nothing to report.**

**Jim Commerford thanked Keith Rowe for maintaining Helene lane.**

**Environment: Ken Grant.**

**Ken mentioned that the North Frontenac Lake Alliance ( 22 lakes) is encouraging the municipality to change from voluntary septic system inspection to a mandatory one. In 2021 only 38 inspections**

completed over a 22 lake area. The municipality does not see this as a problem with push back from the current mayor. Of note that 85% of the municipal tax base is from cottagers. Other issue being discussed at Council is short term rentals. One of the candidates running for Council is Roy Huetl who has an environmental focus.

#### **Director at Large - Keith Rowe**

Keith mentioned that No Wake signage was available for distribution to interested members.

Keith encouraged members to support local businesses that advertised in the BGLEECA calendar.

#### **Elections**

As the entire slate of Directors were re-elected at the 2021 AGM, Donna informed the members that there was no need for an election of any of the Directors.

#### **Volunteer Thank You**

Donna thanked all the noted volunteers listed on the agenda for their time and contributions in support of their fellow cottagers.

#### **Other Business**

Will Egan has volunteered to run the 2023 Fishing Derby.

Terry Fenton informed the membership that a change to the North Frontenac Township bylaws, as of April 29, 2022, allows Campsites to be rented for a full season meaning a commercial enterprise like the Finaddicts Fishing Camp can set shop for the summer as they have done at campsite 16.

Cottagers who are concerned about this commercial venture being on BGL should contact the Township to express their opinion. The message here, as discussed, is to vote in the municipal election.

Of particular interest is that the campsites located on BGL are part of the Hungry Lake Conservation area and run under contract for them by North Frontenac Township.

**North Frontenac Township.**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Jim Commerford moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Susan Best. Carried.**