

## AGM MINUTES Sports Club July 7, 2018 10 AM

### WELCOME

From Dale the President, note a big turnout this year to the AGM.

- Thank you: to G. Crepin, the Lemieux family and the Sports Club for the last minute change in venue - due to expected record highs and humidity.
- Welcome Guests and New Members - 2 new families this year.
- Acknowledge Proxies and Assure Quorum achieved - Dale has 7 proxies. A quorum was easily established.
- Dale introduced the Executive.
- Note Translation and Recording - asking if anyone who does not speak English and Dale would do in both languages as required.
- Note bulletin board items - people will get chance to make announcements
- Plan for the day, Mayor's comments/questions from the floor - Mayor will not be attending. No questions from the floor that would not be addressed later in New Business Arising.

### 2. APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Peter Kearns

Seconded by Siobhan Devlin

Unanimously approved

### 3. APPROVE MINUTES 2017 AGM (CIRCULATED WITH SPRING NEWSLETTER)

Moved by - Paul Butler

Seconded by - Jim Nicol

Unanimously approved

### 4. REPORTS

- TREASURER (GARY BEACH): Financial report, waiver of annual audit of financial statements and approval:

May 31st fiscal year-end report presented.

\$62,280 last year opening balance

This year \$64,536

GIC value \$61,509.

Explanation from Gary on the separate reserve allocations. Financial statements approval... moved by Brian Reynolds and seconded by Siobhan Devlin - unanimously approved.

The waiver of audit, moved by Jim Nicol seconded by Tom Martin. Dale noted that it is customary for small associations to waive the audit and expense but the corporate requirement is that there be a vote to do so.

- MEMBERSHIP (ROSALINE FRITH) approval of current annual dues schedule: Given the current state of the finances the annual fees will remain at the current level - Dale pointed out. Rosaline is trying to get all emails up to date. Please inform her of changes in email addresses. Email has become the primary contact now as there are just a handful who have to be contacted through mail. Currently 75 people have signed up for membership. This includes Green Lake as well. It was suggested that road associations might be the first to know about new cottagers, who could then be contacted about membership.

There are an estimated 221 cottages on the lake. 187 paid last year, which was a challenging year, in a transition on membership group. Dale thanked Rosaline for taking over such a time consuming role as membership! Dale also noted that approximately 35 cottagers prefer communications in French.

- ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Water testing: Tim Frank has done the water testing the past few years, and Tim reported that the phosphate testing done in spring as soon as possible once the ice goes out. The protocol used was developed by Brian Reynolds. This year there was an "outlier" test discrepancy in one of the three tests done in the same area in the south end of the lake. The very high testing reading was most probably equipment related. Currently the lake association is spending about \$300 a year on the testing. The standard "best practice in Ontario" is testing once a month for the summer (5 months). Currently spring test is for phosphate while late summer August testing is for e-coli.

After discussion of alternative testing frequencies and related costs, Tim proposed a motion to testing program for phosphate and e-coli to 3 phosphate tests (ice out, mid summer and Sept) and 2 e-coli one for early July and again late August. So 5 tests a year in total, which be about \$2,000 (v.s. the current \$300). The motion was seconded by George Avon. Unanimously approved.

Federation of Lakes: Tim also represents Grand Lake at the Federation of Lakes. Tim had no comment at this time as he was just starting position, but mentioned that the Federation has an excellent web site.

Eurasian Milfoil Developments: Dorothy Laflamme established a committee and introduced committee members Sarah Maize and Jill Toll. Jill presented a 6 page report, noting that Milfoil is an invasive species and what can be done about it. Having entered Que via the St Lawrence Seaway, it is currently in most Quebec lakes. It grows best in clear lakes, can survive ice and needs only a 15 C temperature to activate growth. As it is rather fragile it can shed fragments and grow exponentially. The lake association has completed a first step which is the mapping of weeds in the lake. The mapping shows the downstream distribution you would expect, collecting in bays and shallow areas. All lakes in the area have been mapped and heavily infested areas can then be marked with buoys so that boats can avoid disturbing and spreading the weeds. All methods of control have been expensive and not entirely effective - and there are provincial regulations and licenses to implement any such procedures.

What can cottagers do?

- 1) Avoid areas of high weed and reduce speed when boating nearby.
- 2) Remove and dispose of weeds responsibly. Even when the weeds dry out if left on land or your dock they can be blown by the back into the water by the wind and re-root again once in the lake.
- 3) High traffic public areas can be dealt with if municipal approval is given, but it was noted that it is not allowed for individuals or in private areas, to have mats or other solutions.

There are an estimated 300,000 sq. meters of milfoil in Grand Lake currently. The most infested areas will be determined, and it was proposed to mark these areas off. 5 meters and shallower is the milfoil environment. Some narrow channels are heavily infested and causing problems as traffic moves through. In other areas the current moves filaments through naturally and those areas are problems as well. Dam Lake is starting to mark areas and using green buoys. Jill Allen is the contact for that group and will be met with. There was considerable discussion about boaters making significant wakes between the bridge and the Lemieux home. Some believe that more buoys will help, others that it is more a matter of education of the few who ignore boating regulations anyway. Eventually motion by Janice Dempsey, seconded by Dorothy Laflamme to move the No Wake marker going into Dam Lake further out to reduce wakes. It was noted that Dead Slow buoys are about \$500 each. Education is the real solution. Motion passed.

Special Committee

- WEBSITE (PAUL BUTLER)

The web site is up to date .... most recent items are the 2018 sailing schedule, Canada Day photos, some of the road association data on the Community page and a number of real estate listings which were added this month. Members are reminded that they can advertise for free on the website which includes listings for sale or cottage rental. The

website isn't set up for long pages of photos so it is best to have an external link to a real estate or Kijiji listing so that you can arrange the photos and do the layout that you want.

The home page has the breaking NEWS and this past month has included notices for the late June Watershed Initiative meetings, the new Municipal Garbage notice, Canada Day events, most recently the 2018 Spring Newsletter was posted, also the 2017 AGM Minutes and 18 days ago a notice for this meeting ... including a change of venue to the Sports Club 3 days ago.

Coming soon the current Sailing Club race results ...

Paul noted that we are always looking for content that would be of interest to cottagers and welcome contributors and volunteers.

- **DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES (GEORGE AVON)**

George reported on the Crouch Rd project and another for P. Bourque. If a lake is more than 65% developed George reported, that no more Crown Land would be sold - the lake is "at capacity". Phil Bourque has been looking for Crown Land to get 150 feet of shoreline to augment a small land locked piece - at the corner of Canotier and Ch du Lac Grand. This was approved by the Municipality and the provincial MRC but was eventually denied by (MERN) Natural Resources in Quebec City. Exceptions would be made to increase acreage to accommodate e.g. a septic field to be conforming but not for waterfront access. That should be the end of the matter.

Proposed development at the South end of the lake; shown in a Map presentation by George noting there were 50 Acres zoned for residential lots with a 12 foot access road which could potentially become common lake access for these lots. New owner is a developer by the name of David MacDonald. George read into the record his July 2nd letter to the Mayor regarding the Crouch Rd development. Developer has stated in an email that they have confirmed they have no interest in providing lake access, private nor public. However to ensure such, the GLA will investigate the purchase of this small piece, if the abutting neighbour does not want the land, as it had been offered for sale to them by the developer.

- **BOATING and WATER SAFETY (GARY BEACH)** buoys, boating guidelines. As this had been reported extensively at other meetings and alluded to throughout, Gary did not make any additional report this year.

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (DALE SMITH)**

There was a moment of silence for members who have passed since last announcement ... Reo Belhumeur, Mary Margaret Davies, John Monroe Bogie and Hugh William Campbell.

Dale thanked the Board members and other members who organize various associated activities for the lake (golf, sailing, Poker Run, trails, translation, Canada Day, fireworks, etc).

Water quality (milfoil control), boating safety and lake capacity (including Crown Land protection) are the main focus of the Board currently.

#### 5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT and RECOMMENDATIONS (BRIAN REYNOLDS/DALE SMITH/ROSALINE FRITH)

Last meeting in June Dale announced Jim Nicol Sr. will become new President. Dale once again becomes a past president!

- Vote on Director to fill 4 incumbents George Avon, Roger Paul, Ron Andrews and Jim Nichol Sr., whose three year terms expire at the AGM. Brian Reynold's and Dorothy Laflamme's one year appointments by the Board also expire effective this AGM. Ron Andrews and Roger Paul have decided not to stand for reappointment and were thanked for their service.

Nominations – Rosaline Frith, Ray Otten and Dorothy Laflamme appointed for a 3 year term and Jim Nicol SR. for a one year term. This will synchronize the Directors with the three each year term expirations - a laddered approach to promote continuity.

Jim Nicol moved to approve this slate, seconded by seconded by P Butler for these four, which complete the member appointed slate of 9. Unanimously approved.

Motion to add 1 more member for Director one year board appointments (increasing from 2 to 3), moved by Dale, seconded by Jim and unanimously approved by members as required in the by-laws.

Moved by Tom Martin, seconded by Siobhan Devlin, that Dale Smith be appointed an Honorary Member of the Board, which is a permanent appointment, allowing these Honorary Members to attend Board and Member meetings even if they are no longer residents of Grand Lake. Currently other such members are Brian Reynolds and Harris Boyd.

#### 6. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

CANADA DAY (Dale);

There were 57 boats this year in the flotilla and a special thanks to Brian for the Snowbirds appearance once again. It was noted that once again there were great fireworks in the evening and a thanks to Mike Avon for the display!

Decorated Boat Winners 2018, in no specific order:

Tom Martin, Dave Helgason and Eva Kmiecic/Paul Migas

Trophies being delivered by Dale.

#### HIKING TRAILS (ABBY HOFFMAN) ,

Abby Hoffman - lots of year round traffic on the trails this year - so well used. The Trail to Culbute is not in good shape after the logging operation. July 29th Sunday work party planned for clean up and planting - another Thanksgiving weekend. Perhaps the lake association can get trees for replanting. The official markers are the white metal blazes.

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT last Friday in July (DALE SMITH);

Sign up at the meeting here for tournament - 55 signed to date and another 25 signed up for the dinner. Sponsors this year (\$3,000) for jerseys - 25th anniversary edition. Even dinner only guests get a \$50 jersey!

#### SAILING (SARAH POTHECARY or IAN MACLAREN),

Ian reports new events this year including the Tall Cup flotilla this year, which is any "man powered" craft. This is not a race per say, but a simple circle of the entire lake the Monday August long weekend. Sarah has map handouts for the start points.

#### POKER RUN (SUSAN GOODWIN);

Once again it is planned for the September Labour Day long weekend at Goldberg's cottage (formerly Brian Reynold's). Joe Houghton's will again be the first dock for cards and payment. There will be the usual BBQ and prizes. If there is inclement weather Saturday, the rain date would be Sunday.

#### WINTER PATROL (GARY BEACH);

James Levesque is doing winter patrol again this year and James reported that there are on average about 65 cottages in the patrol. Depending on the weather it takes about one day each weekend to do the rounds and deliver slips. Permanent locked gates and deep snow makes it difficult to deliver slips. Itinerary is weather related.

LOST & FOUND (NATHAN COOPER) – Dale reported for Nathan who could not attend. Nathan just wanted to remind members to contact him to report lost and found, which is kept up to date on the website.

7. OTHER BUSINESS - none.

8. ADJOURN AND BBQ