

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Of
Buck Lake Association Inc
Held at
Perth Road Public School
On
Saturday, July 10, 2010

1. Welcome and Introductions

Tricia Waldron, President, introduced herself, calling the meeting to order at 09:05 and extending a warm welcome to the approximately 55 members and guests in attendance.

The following members of the 2009-2010 board of directors were in attendance: Nancy Daugulis, Peter Dawe, Anna Fummerton, Maxine Lemieux, Crawford MacIntyre, Roy Mills, Wayne Myles, Saundra Rider, Stephen Roughton, Cheryl Savery and Ralph Wirsig. Tricia introduced each during her “President’s Remarks”.

2. Greetings from South Frontenac Council

Tricia welcomed South Frontenac Township Mayor Gary Davison and his Councilors to the AGM and invited each to say a few words and take questions.

Mayor Davison said Council is aware of the BLA’s concerns and is addressing as many as possible. In particular he spoke of parking at the culvert and noted Council had caused signs to be installed. He went on to talk briefly about the study Council authorized on the future of Perth Road, telling his audience that a public meeting will be held July 22nd to present the consultant’s report. In conclusion he expressed appreciation for the work being done by the BLA, indicating that its initiatives are helpful to Council.

Ron Vanderwal (Loughborough District Councilor) confirmed his name will be on the October election ballot. He, too, spoke of the forthcoming July 22nd public meeting on the future of Perth Road. The Councilor acknowledged there had been confusion last month concerning garbage/recycle pick up dates and assured everyone the schedule, as posted, would be adhered to this month. He indicated schedule copies had been conveyed to this AGM and invited interested persons to pick one up.

David Hahn (Bedford District Councilor) confirmed his name will be on the October ballot. He encouraged everyone to vote in the South Frontenac election AND at the poll for their residence if they are seasonal residents of Buck Lake. David spoke at some length on the effect of replacing area ratings for Township services with a uniform, harmonized, rate. He confirmed that garbage pick-up

will be at County Roads, not Lane locations (except where existing Lane pick up sites have been grandfathered) commencing this fall. Lane associations, he suggested, may wish to build garbage boxes for placement at lane intersections. Alternately, he invited them to purchase boxes from the Township at the subsidized cost of \$630 for a box measuring 8' X 4' X 4' or \$380 for a box measuring 4' X 2' X 2'. These will be available to lane associations in September. The Councilor invited comment from island members of the BLA saying it would help to formulate appropriate policy for garbage/recycle serving their needs.

Allan McPhail (Loughborough District Councilor) confirmed his name will be on the October ballot. He briefly expressed appreciation for the work being done by the BLA.

Tricia asked members if they had any questions/comments for the above members of Council. In response to her inquiry about high speed internet service, Mayor Davison indicated that potential service providers have been identified and a decision on which to approve will be made soon. Officials from 11 towns and smaller municipalities have been engaged in solving high speed internet problems. The service chosen will likely provide service at a fee in the \$46 to \$48 per month range, he said. The Mayor indicated cell phone deficiencies are well known and held out hope the selected internet service provider may also be able to address this issue.

Richard Linley, and others, commented on the problems faced by seasonal cottage owners who, in spite of paying tax to have garbage collected, receive no service. He cited the situation where people, having spent the weekend at their cottage, exit their cottage land and leave garbage to be picked up later in the week on Perth Road. The mess created when bags are ripped open by animals is an eyesore and of special concern to those occupying property on which the bags have been placed. The only solution offered by Councilors: garbage bins acquired or purchased by land associations and placed at the intersection of lanes and County Roads.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2009 AGM and Business Arising

Prior to the presentation of the minutes, Tricia indicated she believed any items arising from last year's minutes will be dealt with under today's agenda.

Stephen told members the 2009 AGM minutes were posted on the BLA web site and that copies are available today for those wishing them. Members were asked if they would like the minutes read. When no-one indicated the reading was desired Stephen moved, and Duncan Sinclair seconded, a motion for approval of the minutes of the 2009 AGM as circulated. The motion was carried.

4. President's Remarks

It is an honour to be here at this AGM addressing you as your President. As you know if you read my messages in our newsletter, I consider it a privilege to live on Buck Lake. I consider it even more of a privilege to be President of the BLA and I thank you for your confidence in me.

It is also a privilege to work with the terrific bunch of individuals who make up the Board of Directors. Since not all of them will have the opportunity to address you today, I would like to take a couple of minutes to introduce each of them. Starting with ..

Crawford MacIntyre as VP ensures we are covered legally when we host events such as this one, organized many of our events including the CPR courses this spring, represents us at Souch Frontenac Township Council, etc.

Cheryl Savery our Treasurer and master of the shoal markers.

Stephen Roughton, who has done an amazing job as secretary, archivist, chair of the nominating and constitution committees, is stepping down and will be sorely missed.

Next is Roy Mills, newsletter king. Roy ensures that we don't miss anything going on around the community.

You all know Ralph Wirsig who helps Roy with the newsletter, acts as principal photographer around the lake and maintains our membership and advertising records.

You will hear from Wayne Myles on the amazing work being done by the Friends.

Saundra Rider works with Anna Fummerton and Maxine Lemieux to ensure we are treated at our various social events. Maxine is retiring from the Board this year so we extend our thanks for her great work with this group. Maxine is a quiet and hard worker who can be counted on to deliver.

Nancy Daugulis, chair of the history project, has put out a request to you all for ideas and volunteers to work on capturing the history of Buck Lake.

And the inimitable Peter Dawe – a man on a mission to ensure we are safe in our Buck Lake homes. He is determined that we will have broadband and cell phone service in the area.

Everyone has a part to play and I hope you will agree that our community is strengthened by the good work of this team.

Over the past year, we have:

- Completed a series of offerings of a Boat Operators Course. Hopefully all of you are now licensed to operate your motorized boats.
- Conducted a survey around the lake. The Friends of Buck Lake prepared packages to be deposited on each dock complete with ingenious means for attaching them. Together with a number of volunteers, the surveys were successfully delivered to everyone and an excellent response was received. Wayne will tell you more in his report.
- Published at least 6 issues of the newsletter – all of excellent quality. The addition of photographs has really upped the ante for this publication.
- A number of social events throughout the year – last summer's education session and BBQ, the annual Margaret Fisher Pot Luck. Of course, many of us also participated in the Boatilla organized by the Community Watch.
- Thanks to Crawford, we hosted two CPR training sessions this spring. Hopefully we will be able to do a couple more this fall.
- Shoal markers around the lake have been either added or renewed and Cheryl has created a map indicating where they are all located. Some of them still need caregivers so please check in with Cheryl if you can assist with this important task.
- Our membership is in good shape. Ralph will tell you more in a few minutes.
- And our coffers are also full. Cheryl will give you this report.
- The Government Relations Committee made a presentation to township council recently focusing on safety issues, particularly the problems with parking at the boat launch.
- The Friends of Buck Lake have also been busy producing and selling maps as well as planning for another education session and generally advancing the Buck Lake Plan. Wayne will have a lot more to say on this group's work.

A group of committed individuals can certainly make a difference and the Buck Lake Association Board of Directors is no exception.

Thanks again to each and every one and to our membership who have turned out today in such numbers.

5. Report of the Secretary Treasurer

Cheryl presented her report via PowerPoint, commenting on each of 6 slides. She provided supplementary comments on various items within each slide.

The first 2 slides provided December 31, 2009 data for:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	10,100.00	10,884.34	784.38
Expense	<u>11,800.00</u>	<u>12,317.39</u>	<u>(513.99)</u>

Excess of Revenue/Expense	(1,700.00)	(1433.01)	(266.99)
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The 3rd slide, the Balance Sheet, indicated December 31, 2009 member equity of \$6,595.53.

The 4th slide presented the 2010 budget, showing projected Income of \$10,100 and Expense of \$9,850.

The final two slides provided June 30,2010 data for:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	10,100.00	4,058.50	6,041.50
Expense	<u>9,850.00</u>	<u>2,905.66</u>	<u>6,944.34</u>
Excess of Revenue/Expense	250.00	1152.84	(902.84)

On motions by Cheryl and Richard Linley the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer was approved.

A copy of the full, detailed report has been filed with the written copy of the minutes of this AGM.

6. Membership Report

Ralph presented his report via PowerPoint. As of July 7, 108 members have paid the 2010 fee, while 14 are paid up to the end of 2011 and one to the end of 2012. Several renewals were received this morning.

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7. Report of the Nominating Committee and election of Directors 2010/11

Stephen reported that the Nominating Committee Report had been included in the June 2010 Buck Lake Newsletter. He then read the report, asking first time nominee Maureen McLellan to rise to be recognized by attendees. The second first time nominee, Ross Trudel, was unable to attend the AGM.

Stephen then inquired if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

On a motion by Duncan Sinclair, seconded by Amy Rossworm, it was moved that nominations be closed. Carried.

On a motion by Stephen, seconded by Tricia, the Report of the Nominating Committee was approved and President Tricia declared Crawford MacIntyre and Roy Mills duly elected to serve their 3rd two year term, and Maureen McLellan and Ross Trudel duly elected to serve their initial two year term.

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8. Report of Friends of the Lake and Introduction of Guest Speaker

Friends of the Lake Committee Report – AGM 2010

1. Committee Membership

- Grown from 5 to 8 members
- New volunteers gathered from survey = approx 30

2. Activities – 2009

Map

- Sold all of issue 1 – 110
- Sold approx. 20 from issue 2
- Price increased from \$15 to \$20 per map
- New map being planned – depths, shoals, buoys

Educational Event

- July 17, 2009 – Matt Ellerbeck, “Turtles, Snakes and Scorpions”, attended by about 60 people.
- July 15, 2010 – Kristen Keyes, “Birds of Prey on Buck Lake”, 7pm Perth Road Hall

Communications

- Newsletter – articles in each edition featuring updates and results
- Identified contacts with Road Associations to use in surveys

Lake Plan

- Lake Survey 2009 delivered to almost all docks, with 160 returned. Gigi Foster analysed survey responses and wrote updates.
- Water Quality Study – Reg Genge researched the date and reported to the Committee. He presented plans at the 2009 AGM and will present results at the 2010 AGM.
- Draft Lake Plan is in progress. The aim is to provide a draft outline to the Board in the fall of 2010, and proceed with various projects over the next 2-3 years. Draft plan will be circulated to residents so they can help guide our activities on the lake to preserve and enhance its environs.
- MNR granted \$1500 towards projects including Oxygen/temperature study; Wildlife studies and Fish surveys.
- Other projects include a loon study and secchi disc/phosphorous measurements.

3. 2010 Plans

- Working with MNR and proceeding with the Lake Plan.

Committee member Barbara Rose Perry introduced guest speaker Reg Genge, citing his expertise in the lake planning field over many years and his past association with the MNR. She drew the attention of members to the Lake Planning Report which Reg, as BLA's consultant, completed late last year.

9. Guest Speaker – Reg Genge

Reg described lake sensitivity as a function of dilution and assimilation capacity. Small lakes have less volume than large lakes, and lakes with small watersheds are generally more sensitive than lakes with large watersheds. Large watersheds provide more runoff for lake flushing. Lake shape is also a factor in sensitivity, because it affects the ratio between the volume of warm surface water and the cold deep waters that are the decomposition zone. Saucer shaped lakes are more sensitive to oxygen depletion than bowl or vase-shaped lakes.

Buck "Lake" is really two distinct water bodies separated by a small stream. The north and south basins are different sizes and shapes with different watershed sizes and types, and therefore experience different water quality. The volume and flushing rate of the South Basin are more than twice that of the North Basin. Neither side of the Lake is at risk of becoming acidified.

Reg made the following recommendations:

- The BLA should acquire a complete ice-free season surface and bottom water nutrient sampling.
- Continue with the water clarity recordings twice monthly.
- Complete ice-free season surface to bottom oxygen and temperature profiles.
- Educate property owners regarding the threat of zebra mussels and maintain signs at public boat ramps.
- Be vigilant about nutrient control. Get rid of lawns, get septic tanks pumped and maintain natural treed shorelines. This will help to reduce the possibility for filamentous algae blooms.

10. Other Business and Open Question Period

Tricia took the opportunity of warmly thanking Richard Linley for superbly performing his duties as the BLA Web Master. She said his role is one without a high profile but it is very important to the success of the Association.

Ron Mattey reported on this morning's "pass the hat" event in support of this year's Boatilla. He took delight in announcing "hat" contributions had brought the total raised over the years to within \$98 of \$50,000 and guaranteed that the \$50,000 figure would be attained by Monday.

Roy told members that the OPP Marine Unit had been invited to attend the AGM but was unable to do so. Their two boats are staffed by four officers. While they have not patrolled Buck Lake to date this year, Roy encouraged everyone to abide by the rules detailed in the Boat Operators Course, especially those recommending that flotation devices be worn at all times.

Crawford commented on the two CPR courses sponsored by the BLA this spring and suggested that anyone interested in attending a future course contact him.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Roy, the 2010 AGM adjourned at 11:35 a.m.