



Buck Lake Association Inc.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday, July 7 2012

Perth Road Public School

1. Welcome

President Peter Dawe welcomed everyone including Mayor Gary Davison, Councillors Ron Vendewal and Mark Tinlin, as well as Brian Osborne our guest speaker. The meeting was called to order at 9:10. 42 people attended.

2. Approval of Agenda (Included in meeting summary attached as **Annex A**)

Moved by Peter Dawe to accept agenda, seconded by Crawford MacIntyre. Carried

3. Approval of the Minutes

Peter mentioned that there were copies of the minutes and these were handed out as requested. (A copy of these minutes is attached as **Annex B**)

Moved by Grayden McClurg, seconded by Anna Fummerton, that the 2011 AGM minutes be adopted as presented. Carried

4. President's Remarks (A summary of his remarks is included in **Annex A**)

Peter began his remarks by reminding attendees that a strong community is important, certainly for our voice to be heard in local governments. In order to achieve this, we have to increase our paid up membership. To accomplish this, we need to reach out, canvass our neighbours, be generally more active and to be more relevant. He noted that we presently have 105 members out of a potential 450 and that at our peak we had 165 members. He then reviewed a series of activities included as Annex A to these minutes. He noted that activities such as the Boatilla, the annual picnic, the Rider Cup and our first Winterfest are important to keep our community together. We all have to be on the same page and to work together.

Peter then spoke about the incredible effort put forward by the members of the Friends of the Lake Committee for the timely completion and printing of the first copies of the Buck Lake Plan; a plan designed to keep our lake healthy and to engage all residents in that endeavour. He noted that Barbra Rose Perry would make a presentation of the major features of the plan later in the meeting.

5. Remarks and Discussion with South Frontenac Mayor Gary Davison

Peter then introduced Mayor Gary Davison. Mayor Davison commented on the value of the Buck Lake Plan, stating it will help guide decision making in the County of South Frontenac. He addressed two long standing issues the BLA raises from time to time. The first, high speed internet service, is likely to improve gradually over the next two years due to a provincial and federal initiative. However, cell phone coverage, the second issue, will not likely improve.

Mayor Davison then talked about the Algonquin Land Claims. He noted that the issue would be the subject of debate for the next few years and is expected to involve the transfer of Crown land. The claim includes land in the area that extends from the Pembroke area to Ottawa to the St Lawrence River and finally to the Trent Severn Waterway. Apparently only previously unused Crown land will be considered and no parks will be involved.

There will be no local government input at these meetings. Mayor Davison promised to keep us informed as he receives more information.

Duncan Sinclair asked if the hearings would be public. Mayor Davison was fairly certain it would be open but would find out and put the details on our website. Ron Kramer suggested this might involve land in our area and communication should go out to all the members.

Mayor Davidson concluded his address by announcing that the municipal government offices are now located in downtown Sydenham at the new library building.

6. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Grayden McClurg presented his report included in **Annex A**. He noted that we received a \$1300 grant from the County of Frontenac to offset some of the costs associated with producing the Lake Plan. He then spoke to the proposed budget for 2012, again included in Annex A..

Moved by Duncan Sinclair, seconded by Anna Fummerton that the Financial Statements and the 2012 Budget be adopted as presented. Carried

7. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Directors

Crawford McIntyre explained that directors are elected for two-year terms and can serve a maximum of three terms. By-law 1 requires there be minimum nine and no more than 12 directors. Crawford noted that he has completed his three terms and is thus now retiring from the board.

He reviewed the status of the current directors. Anna Fummerton, Wayne Myles and Sandra Rider will retire in 2013. Peter Dawe has completed three years. Maureen McLellan has completed her first term and has agreed to stand for a second term. Terry Demers, Lynne Hendry, Jana Johnson and Grayden McClurg have completed the first year of their first terms.

Crawford then proposed new directors Ross Beardall, Donna Neumann and John Richards for election.

Crawford called out three times for further nominations with no response. Nominations closed.

Moved by Crawford McIntyre, seconded by Peter Dawe, to accept new directors Ross Beardall, Donna Neumann and John Richards, and to continue the terms of currently serving directors. Carried

8. Report of Friends of the Lake Committee

Barbra Rose Perry presented the Buck Lake Plan stating that Wayne Myles, the president and a key person of the committee could not be present. She introduced the members present - Kathy Wirsig, Ron Dickey, Lynne Hendry, and Margaret Fisher as well as acknowledging other members not present - Mike Gemmell, Allistor Mathers and Liz Whelpdale.

The idea of a lake plan started in 2003 when James Nolan and Fred Johnson were on the BLA Board. In 2006 steps were taken and information gathered through the “Dock Talk” survey and in 2008 a subcommittee was formed with Wayne Myles as the chairperson. In 2011 the “Friends of the Lake Committee” was designated as a standing committee.

With a community based approach and information gathered from FOCA, OMNR, other lake plans and government sources the Vision Statement was put forth: “To preserve and enhance the health of Buck Lake and its watershed for generations to come”. Anthony Hommick, a summer student, was hired by the committee to do research.

This plan is only a beginning since there will be ongoing studies of lake trout, water quality, invasive species, frogs, turtles, etc. The plan will be updated continually as parts are added and improved. The overarching aim of the plan is to ultimately educate lake residents with the goal to promote and protect the health of our lake. Concerns will be addressed as they evolve. Further, this plan is a great opportunity to involve the community. An executive summary was handed out at the beginning of the meeting and the plan is available on our website: www.bucklake.ca.

Ron Kramer asked if copies would be available and what would be the cost? Barbra Rose said copies were not available for purchase at this time and that the intent is to not produce large numbers because the plan, as noted earlier, would change continually. Therefore making the report available in electronic format makes a lot more sense.

Kathy Wirsig mentioned that volunteers would be welcome on the “Friends” committee and to assist with activities.

Duncan Sinclair thanked the committee for their hard work.

9. Report of the Community Outreach and Social Committee

Sandra Rider and Anna Fummerton reported that the Boatilla held on June 30 raised \$20,012 in support of Camp Merrywood to date. A total of \$86,000 has been raised since

the event started eight years ago. This is the Easter Seals biggest fundraiser; the organization's 2011 "Spirit of Giving Award" was presented to the Boatilla Committee. Our first Winterfest was held on the coldest day of the year and was a success. The annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 18. The Rider Cup will be played September 9. Welcome pails have been delivered to new residents with a one year free membership to the BLA. This is a good opportunity to promote and educate.

10. Guest Speaker Brian Osborne

Duncan Sinclair introduced Brian Osborne, highly praising his books on the history and geography of our area. Mr. Osborne's presentation titled "How does Buck Lake Fit Into the 21st Century?" gave us a very complete idea of how the area has evolved since early settlement up to the present. Mr. Osborne provided us with a copy of his presentation and a copy is available on the BLA website.

11. Other Business

- a. The timing of the AGM was discussed. Peter noted that it had been held at the annual picnic at one point in the past. Recently it has been conducted in its present format at the Perth Road School where advertising has appeared in advance of the meeting. Ron Dickey mentioned that we could improve advertising. It was suggested that we could post notices on side road entrances and on garbage bins. Kathy Wirsig suggested we contact Sydenham High School to make sign posts. In the end an informal show of hands confirmed that the AGM should continue in its current formal format.
- b. Roscoe Trudel suggested that next year we all bring one neighbour with us. Most people agreed that this was a good time to hold the AGM.
- c. Don McLean voiced concern over the chemicals from fireworks that land in the lake.

12. Adjournment

Anna Fummerton moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Terry Demers

Peter Dawe, President

Attachments

Annex A – Summary of AGM Proceedings

Annex B – Minutes of 2011 AGM