



# Buck Lake Association Inc.

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 6 July 2013

Perth Road United Church Hall

### 1. Welcome

President Peter Dawe welcomed everyone including Councillor Ron Vendewal. The meeting was called to order at 9:00. 35 people were present at the start of the meeting.

### 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. Remarks and Discussion with South Frontenac Councillor Ron Vendewal.

Ron spoke to a variety of subjects including the recent improvements to the road network in Perth Road Village, changes in landfill rules, and the private lane subsidy program. He mentioned that steel garbage bins are available for sale from the township.

To a question about the lack of cell phone coverage, particularly as it pertains to public safety, he agreed that this is a problem as already noted by police and fire officials. He promised to look into the matter. To a question about road upgrades and the marked increase in volume of commercial traffic on Perth Road, he answered that it is the township's responsibility to decide on priorities. He noted that there was no way to control the usage of the road. He said that setbacks from the lake were still set at 30 meters. To another question, this time about severances, he said that there was no thought of limiting the number but that each application must meet strict criteria. To a point about apparent contraventions of by-laws, he noted that the best way to deal with this issue is to report incidents to the township.

Peter thanked Ron for attending

### 4. 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 Anna Fummerton, seconded by Donna Neumann that the 2011 AGM minutes be adopted as presented. **Carried**

## 5. **President's Remarks**

Peter remarked that the lack of reliable and complete cellular and internet signals is still an important issue on Buck Lake and that our community, through the BLA, needs to be even stronger if we expect to improve services like these. He noted that the board intends to keep all BLA property owners and residents better informed through the construction of good signage at the entrance to Norman Lane, Opinicon, Hidden Valley and Massassauga roads; the boat launch already has a notice board albeit not useful to people passing on the highway. Peter requested that people become more involved with the association including volunteering to serve on the board.

## 6. **Report of the Secretary-Treasurer**

Grayden McClurg presented his report included in **Annex C**. He spoke to the proposed budget for 2013, again included in **Annex C**. He noted that BLA members are eligible to receive FOCA newsletters simply by asking. He noted that shoal markers are available on request but that the controller of these buoys is Cheryl Savery. He noted that the BLA carries insurance through FOCA that covers board members and members engaged in BLA activities.

Discussion about membership suggested there should be a more convenient way to pay other than by cheque. Peter stated that it was a board decision to allow anyone to read BLA newsletters with the hope more folks would formally join. It was suggested a list of members in good standing be published so that non-members would be encouraged to join. Wayne Miles noted that BLA membership wasn't just about connecting for social events; the more members the stronger our association to lobby government about issues that positively affect our lake.

Moved by Ron Kramer, seconded by Jana Johnson that the Financial Statements and the 2013 Budget be adopted as presented. **Carried**

## 7. **Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Directors**

Peter noted that he and Anna Fummerton had been acting as the nominating committee. He noted that John Richards and Lynne Hendry had retired from the board for personal reasons. As well, Wayne Miles, Sandra Rider and Anna had completed their six years of service.

Peter then proposed new directors Mark Nicol and JoAnne Hopkins and invited nominations from the floor. Duncan Sinclair moved that nominations cease, seconded by Wayne Miles. **Carried**

Moved by Peter Dawe, seconded by Anna Fummerton, to accept new directors Mark Nicol and JoAnne Hopkins and to continue the terms of currently serving directors. **Carried**

## **8. Report of Friends of the Lake Committee**

Wayne Miles presented a report about the activities of the Friends of the Lake Committee. He noted that the committee is very much a subset of the BLA and started as a tool to educate folks living and using Buck Lake. Since then, they have produced a lake plan that is very well regarded by other lake associations. That plan is available in hard copy for \$30 or can be accessed on line on the BLA web site. He stressed that the time is now to enact some of the recommendations contained in that report. He went on to note that two lake map versions have been produced to date and that sales have been strong. The committee is considering a third version that would contain more information about life on the lake to include details about fish, birds and reptiles. He suggested that counts need to be done to confirm current thought about wildlife populations. He noted that the education session on carnivores in our region was well attended. He welcomed people to join the committee. In response to questions it was noted that there is no evidence of the presence of zebra mussels in the lake yet although the conditions appear to be perfect for them. Geese can be discouraged from invading waterfront property by naturalizing that shoreline with shrubs and the like. The presence of algae blooms was noted and the cause identified as leached nutrients from the land entering the lake. Duncan Sinclair noted that the water seems to be getting clearer after his observations from testing; he would like to see the reason for this explained.

The Love Your Lake program was discussed. This is an initiative of the Rideau Lakes Conservation Authority (RLCA) and the Federation for Fish and Wildlife and the aim is to ensure sustainable shorelines for the future. Lynn Preston is the point of contact for us. A necessary first step would be to undertake a shoreline survey from the water with volunteers from our lake under the supervision of the RLCA. Buck Lake has applied to be considered for this project but has reserved the right to actually commit to it pending a survey of its members and their majority consent. The challenge will be to properly educate residents about the program with the intent of getting their support. The program should provide water front property owners with non-binding recommendations to improve or maintain their shoreline. Peter stated that the BLA will try to get feedback from other lake associations that have undergone this survey in order to avoid obvious pitfalls. Peter thanked the committee for its valuable work and noted that while Wayne was leaving the board he would remain as chair of the Friends committee. Terry Demers will be the committee's representative on the board.

## **9. Report of the Community Outreach and Social Committee**

Maureen Mclellan announced that planning for the annual picnic was proceeding well for Saturday 17 August 2013. She noted that children's activities were in place and that a band had been hired. The event will start at 4:00 PM. She encouraged everyone to bring chairs, drinks and a friend or two

## 10. Other Business

- a. Crawford MacIntyre reported on the 2013 Boatilla. He noted that the committee consisted of seven residents and two Easter Seals representatives and that this was the ninth year of operation. This year saw \$21,450 raised making the total to date \$107,594 making Buck Lake the single biggest contributor to Camp Merrywood. He singled out efforts by Liz and Ross Trudel as well as Dakota from the Perth Road store and the girls who contributed to the bake sale. He ended by saying taht the spirit of community engagement is incredible.
- b. Donna Neumann spoke regarding a new initiative.....a calendar with pictures contributed by Buck Lakers.. It will be for sale for Christmas. She and Anna Fummerton are working together.

## 11. Adjournment

Donna Neumann moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Anna Fummerton.

Carried

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JoAnne Hopkins

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Peter Dawe, President

## Attachments

**Annex A** – Agenda for 2013 AGM

**Annex B** – Minutes of 2012 AGM

**Annex C** – 2013 Financial Statements