

**HORSESHOE LAKE ASSOCIATION  
2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AUG 27, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**1. Meeting called to order at 10:20 a.m.**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Approval of agenda as presented – Motioned by Dave Fullerton, seconded by Ron Babin. Passed.

**3. Adoption of 2015 AGM Minutes**

2015 AGM Minutes were provided on the website and as a handout at the meeting. Adoption motioned by Frans Brinkman and seconded by Cathy Cederquist. Passed.

**4. Water**

3.1 Quality – Frans Brinkman outlined the continued monitoring program for phosphorus concentrations and water clarity. Levels have remained fairly stable.

3.2 Level – Frans also outlined water levels for the summer month on average and over the last 3 years. Water levels have been within an inch of lowest recorded marks due to another dry summer. June was particularly dry with only 26.6 inches of rain vs an average of 74.3 inches and set us up for a summer of low water levels as July and August continued to be below average rainfall.

3.3 Weir – The large connected rocks added to the weir by the township last fall will help to stabilize and protect it. The HLA will write a letter to Peter Kopisch officially thanking him for his design and implementation. This fall the HLA, as the land use permit holder, will undertake basic maintenance to maintain the height of the weir and clear the culvert of debris to ensure clear water flow.

**4. Awareness**

4.1 Fires – All noted how dry this summer has been with a high fire rating for much of the summer. There was a request that the HLA speak the township about having more fire rating signs - specifically on North Sandy Plains Rd and potentially Allen Cres.

4.2 Bears – The dry summer significantly reduced berries so bears have been looking for other food sources and bear sightings have increased. All are encouraged to take care with garbage and other items that may attract bears and take measures to be heard when on trails.

4.3 Boats – Safe and courteous boating practices are always encouraged. We encourage all who see unsafe behaviour to record it with video and report it to the OPP.

**5. Social**

5.1 There were a couple of attempts to start up social events this winter and summer. Rob Gallagher was thanked for his efforts with the Regatta.

5.2 Bob Overholt suggested that a group of cottagers are looking into planning a picnic for next summer. Sounds good.

- 5.3 A horseshoe tournament was suggested as an adult event. Potentially at the Marina. Sounds good.
- 5.4 Keith Page again gave an impassioned speech about learning from all the troubles outside of Canada and the need to build connected communities. We are hopeful the HLA may play a part in doing this through the affiliate association program outlined next.

## **6. Membership**

- 6.1 Affiliate Association Program proposal. Trevor Wilcox outlined the program to encourage members in other associations to join the HLA. The program has the following elements:
- Open to Associations with 15 members or more
  - Each Association must opt in with all of its members
  - Updated member list with lake address and email contact is provided annually to the HLA
  - Dues are collected by the Association and remitted to the HLA Treasurer annually
  - Dues are \$15 per member/year
  - Program members receive full membership privileges
  - Each Association will have one HLA Board position for the Association President or other designate
- Approval of the program motioned by Roger Garland and seconded by Frans Brinkman. Passed.
- 6.2 Trevor welcomed the Christie Bay Road Association with its 25 members as the first affiliate association members. Mark Kocaurek is the current president and he or a designate will join the HLA board.
- 6.3 Trevor Wilcox also proposed that the standard membership dues be reduced from \$40 to \$30 per year for next year (2016-17 year) in anticipation of the increase membership. Fees are set to cover costs which are kept to a minimum. Approval of the new dues motioned by Dave Fullerton and seconded by Bill McMillan. Passed.

## **7. Board Elections**

After discussion and confirmation of acceptance to stand the following members were proposed to be nominated to the board:

David Thacker – returning for another term  
Cathy Cederquist  
Bill McMillan

Bob Overholt motioned to approve the nominations and Roger Garland seconded. Passed.

## **8. Financial**

- 8.1 Trevor Wilcox reviewed and explained the draft financials for 2016.
- 7.2 Jim Hicks proposed as auditor for 2016.
- 7.3 Fletch Keating motioned to receive the financial report and appoint Jim Hicks as auditor, seconded by Frans Brinkman. Passed.

## **9. Mayor and Lake Stewardship Program**

- 9.1 Mayor Bruce Gibbon addressed the meeting and provided a message of greeting from Ward 1 Councillor Dale Graves. He then discussed how the township is dealing with increased OPP costs while maintaining a modest tax increase below 2% this year. He

reviewed the septic inspection programs and indicated that the results will be published this fall and available for further review. The mayor indicated that trailer parks & camp grounds will be brought into compliance this fall with the requirement for an approved site plan. Regarding fires, the mayor indicated staff have been requested to develop a fireworks by-law for consideration and implementation.

- 9.2 Dominique O'Brien provided a description and update of the Lake Stewardship Program that we hope to implement on Horseshoe Lake.

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.**