



Annual General Meeting - July 8, 2023 Minutes

Welcome and introductions: Stu welcomed all, present and by Zoom, at 9:04am with a request for a motion to begin the meeting:

Motioned: Judith McNeilage

Seconded: Harry Lewington

Carried

Introductions of the Executive were made, and Quorum was determined.

Guest Speaker: Bob Carter, Mayor, Minden Hills

Bob spoke updated the members about a number of issues facing Minden Hills:

- The closure of the Minden Emergency department: Council is taking action to fight for re-establishment of the ER in the fall.
- Scotch Line Landfill: remaining lifespan if Scotch Line landfill is 25-30 years. There is a program in progress to re-design, to include a transfer station.
- Road works required: Work on Scotch Line Road will begin in July.
- Standardized lake testing: acknowledged the U-Links Trent University monitoring programs of 10 lakes, including one in Algonquin Park, and in which TMLB participates.
- Short Term Rentals: this is a continuing issue. While there is a sense of "no need to reinvent the wheel" (as other jurisdictions have bylaws in place), it is noted that Haliburton County has some 1.5-3 thousand rentals, versus many less in other areas. Bob noted the 2-tier challenges in consistent implementation. Legal counsel is currently reviewing draft agreements, and it is hoped to have something in place by the end of the summer.

Questions were asked:

Q: Will there be a Fire Ban all summer? A: operating with an abundance of caution, a small price to pay. The fear is that if there is a fire, MNRF may be elsewhere.

Q: Food Waste Composting at landfill? A: such a program requires a certain volume to make it efficient and affordable

Q: Are floating homes as a solution for housing on the radar? A: Note that current bylaws state that one can sleep on a vessel overnight, but not on something that is not considered a water vessel.

Bob was thanked for his time, and his presentation was accepted as information.

Guest Speaker: Craig Boker, Ski-Mazing Watersports School & Parasailing

Craig introduced his 20-year business to the members, noting he is excited to be working out of Red Umbrella. With Twelve Mile/Little Boshkung having among the highest number of active watersport users in the County, he feels it's a good fit for the lakes.

The business has a ski-school, and flyboarding/parasailing (one of only 2 in Ontario, 3 in Canada). They also have 4 jet-skis for rental and impose very stringent regulations for users. Craig addressed the impact to the lake and property owners. Their goal is to create minimal/no wake in their operations, and all staff are highly trained, very responsible. He offered an open line of communication for members to contact him at any time with any concerns.

Craig was welcomed to the lake community and thanked for his presentation.

Previous AGM Minutes: The 2022 Annual General Meeting minutes were reviewed, and members were asked for a motion to accept the minutes:

Motioned: Tom Salisbury

Seconded: Bill Check

Carried

Review of the 2022 Financial Statements and the 2023 YTD Finances and Contingency Fund:

Jonathan reviewed the financial statements; the association is in a healthy financial position.

Approval of 2022 Financial Statements:

Motioned: Rob Rankin

Seconded: Bill Check

Carried

Road Captains: Jim Colson provided an overview of the Road Captain program, and thanked the current volunteers. More volunteers are needed to ensure coverage over the 12 Mile/Little Boshkung lakes. He noted that there are a number of addresses with no contact information. With the gathering of more contact information, including cell phone numbers, updates could also be provided by text, if members indicate that as a preferred method of communication.

Events Updates: upcoming events were reviewed:

- Boat Parade: Sat., August 5, meet at Jon's dock for 12:30pm

- Golf Tournament: Saturday, September 16 .

Interested participants should call Lisa Tompkins (705-489-2266) to register.

- Flags are available to order; contact Lorraine Gilmour/Membership for purchase information.

Stu advised we need more volunteers for additional events and encouraged members to get involved.

Lake Health Update:

Larry Tompkins presented on a number of lake health initiatives:

In the MNRF broad-scale monitoring program, most recently done in 2021, no lake trout were observed in Twelve Mile/Little Boshkung out of 14 netting sites. Lake Trout are very sensitive to environmental changes in the lakes. Walleye (technically an invasive, rather than native species to these lakes) are present, as are pike and muskie.

Water testing: The benthic invertebrate testing with Trent U-Links is ongoing. Oxygen level testing is conducted twice per year, in partnership with adjacent lakes.

The lakes are being enjoyed by all, and there is a need to involve more people for a comprehensive understanding of what is happening to the health of the lakes. It's also important to talk to neighbours to educate, especially when renters are present.

Jennifer reported on the Chinese Mystery Snail problem: These invasive snails were first noticed in 2016/2017. It is a particular issue in the South Bay of 12 Mile, mostly close to shore. Collection was started in 2020, in collaboration with CHA and the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters. Note that this falls under federal jurisdiction, and removal requires training and certification. There are currently 208 lakes involved in this management issue.

The Safe Quiet Lakes initiative was reported on at the recent CHA Lake Stewards meeting, and this information was shared with members. The organization promotes safe, quiet waterways and respectful boating practices through education, advocacy and legislative change; it encourages boaters to be mindful of wake impact, and the noise levels their boating creates.

Elections: TMLB Executive Elections were conducted for 2023 -2025 term:

President Stu Smith

Vice President Lisa Tompkins

Secretary Karen Kirk

Treasurer Jonathan Ginou

Membership Lorraine Gilmour

Road Captains Jim Colson

Lake Steward Larry Tompkins/Kathy Salisbury

Motion to approve the election of the Executive: Shirley Barry Seconded: Bob Barkwell Carried

The membership thanked outgoing Co-President Jennifer Graham for her long service to the TMLB Executive, and her continued volunteer efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am, with a motion from Bill Check, seconded by Jim Colson.