



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2024

Welcome and Introductions: Stu welcomed all present, both in person and on Zoom, at 9:00 am.

Introductions of the Executive were made, as well as special mention of the Road Captains. As well, our guest speakers, Bob Carter, Mayor of Minden Hills and Melanie Klodt Wong, Executive Director, HHHS Foundation.

A quorum was determined.

Boat Launch Update: Stu started the discussion with background information regarding the boat launch issue.

When it was learned that RPM had sold Wedgewood Marina, the Executive of both TMLB and Boshkung Lake Property Owners Association (BLPOA) got together to determine what could be done to ensure that there would be a boat launch to serve the three lakes. The current public boat launch located on #118 is in Algonquin Highlands. The issue with it is that in the fall, the water is too shallow to remove larger boats. The township determined it would cost \$650,000.00 to make the launch workable.

It was then determined to try to find a more viable option. This included contacting the new owners of both the Wedgewood property and Twin Lakes. Up to, and including the time of this meeting, the new owners of the Wedgewood property have declined to speak with us. It has since been rumored that a public boat launch and gas pumps will remain at the Wedgewood property. This has not been confirmed.

The new owner of the Twin Lakes property, Mr. Patel, is very interested in working with us in order to have a private boat launch, for use by his guests and permanent access for lake association members, located on Taylor Road. It would cost approximately \$50,000.00 to improve the site, which would be raised by the lake association members. This would mean that our members would have access to a boat launch “forever”. A question was asked by Stu as to the desire of association members to raise the capital to finance this and by a show of hands, it was agreed to. Another question was asked regarding the involvement by BLPOA as to their commitment to contributing to the potential capital requirements. Stu responded that this would be considered in the overall process. Mr. Patel does not want the launch to be a source of revenue, but he would be in charge of maintaining it. There are a few issues with the area on Taylor Road, one being that Taylor Road is a “forced” road, with the township owning to the edge of the road and Twin Lakes owning from there to the water. Twin Lakes would have to purchase the part of the property owned by Minden Hills. This appears to be the most viable solution to having a private boat launch on the lakes.

BLPOA will continue to push Algonquin Highlands to repair the public launch on #118. This is on a list of other boat launches in the township to be fixed.

As we do not know for certain what the new owners of the Wedgewood property are going to do, we will take a wait and see attitude to this location.

Stu thanked all members involved for their hard work on the issue, as well as Bob Carter for working with us to find a solution and committed to continuing to update members on the process.

Guest Speakers:

Bob Carter - Mayor of Minden Hills

Bob updated members regarding a number of issues facing Minden Hills. He said that the boat launch issue was a surprise to both himself and council. He said that the site on #118 is a large sandy area and that by dredging it to make it deeper, the phosphorus at the bottom of the lake would be disturbed, which is a huge contributor in the growth of blue/green algae. He stated that the land owned by the township on Crooked House Road has the same problem, it is too shallow.

There are currently huge infrastructure issues within the township that need attention, specifically roads and culverts that need repair. This is ongoing. \$5 million dollars has been earmarked to expand the Scotch Line dump into a transfer station.

Septic inspections are currently on hold and will likely begin again next year.

A question was asked as to the re-opening the Minden Emergency Room. Mayor Carter shared his comment that it was wrong to have closed the ER.

Stu thanked Bob for attending and for his help with the boat launch issue.

Melanie Klodt Wong – Executive Director, HHHS Foundation

Melanie began her presentation saying that the primary function of the foundation was to raise money for expenditures that is not covered by government funding. Currently, money raised is for capital projects, long term care, community support, and staff education.

She stated that up until now, Haliburton County was one of the few counties in the province that did not have a C/T Scanner. Previously, patients that need a scan were sent by ambulance to Lindsay, Peterborough, or Bracebridge. Due to resident fundraising, a scanner was purchased and will be fully functional by the end of July 2024. A state of the art mammography machine has also been purchased. They will need to replace the x-ray equipment which is out of date.

She mentioned the Here For You campaign which is currently running in order to raise additional funds for the hospital.

Stu thanked Melanie for her presentation.

Previous AGM Minutes: The 2023 AGM minutes were reviewed. A motion was requested to accept the minutes:

Motion: Mary Samson Seconded: Bill Check Carried

Review of the 2023 Financials and 2024 YTD Finances and Contingency Fund:

Jonathan reviewed the 2023 statements and noted a loss which was due to lower association memberships. 2024 will hopefully be back in the black but insurance and AGM expenses are still pending.

The contingency fund, started in 2018, used to access money quickly, currently sits at \$23,362.00. The Executive would like this amount to be \$50,000.00.

Approval of 2013 Financial Statements:

Motion: Carolyn Seconded: James Iglesias Carried

Lake Health Update: Larry Tompkins present on our lake health. The lake health has improved due to an increase in dissolved oxygen levels.

Two students are needed to help with lake water testing. The Executive has approval to cover the education costs (\$150.00) for the students to cover training.

The water levels are high due to the rain that has been falling this year. Both 12 Mile Lake and Mountain Lake are at their maximums. The Parks Canada website has an area with current lake levels.

Association members were reminded to watch the wakes kicked up by their boats as this affects shore lines, water fowl, and other boats.

A question was raised about what products are safe to bathe with in the lake – NOTHING!

Fish populations are down in the lake and Larry has looked into possible fish stocking options.

Upcoming Events:

Chinese Mystery Snail Lake Blitz – July 13, 2024

Boat Parade – August 3, 2024 – meet at 12:30 between the island at #35

Golf Tournament September 21, 2024 – Lakeside Golf Club - \$65.00 for 9 holes of golf, cart, and lunch

Membership: Lorraine is working with Jim Colson and his Road Captains to get the word to new and existing cottage owners regarding the association.

Road Captains: Jim Colson stated that there are currently 11 road captains and 7 or 8 more are needed. Fliers have gone out to all cottages (370 properties on both lakes) in order to update information. Currently he is missing 100 e-mail addresses.

Stu thanked Jim and the road captains for the work they are doing.

Communications: Based on the survey that Jim has sent out, e-mail is the preferred mode of communication for getting information to association members, followed by text, the AGM, and social media (Facebook).

Miscellaneous: Ice Cream Flotilla served 160 cones even though the weather did not cooperate!

Regatta – if any one is interested in undertaking this event, it will be supported by the Executive.

Stu thanked all members present for attending and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.