

Wolfe Lake (Westport) Association Annual General Meeting
Saturday, August 8, 2015 held at Camp IAWAH

Opening: Roy Sunstrum, our current president opened the meeting at 2:10 PM with approximately 44 members present. He invited everyone to the beach following the AGM business meeting for fellowship and a corn roast.

Welcome: **Jeff Friesen**, the director of Camp IAWAH welcomed the association members to Camp IAWAH and the AGM. He briefly outlined the latest changes to Camp IAWAH including the development of mountain biking trails and an improvement to the archery program.

Township Presentations: The **South Frontenac delegates** were unable to attend due to other commitments. Our **Rideau Lakes representative, Bob Lavoie**, gave an informative update on township projects and programs. The OPP have been contracted to serve as the township police and this has been working out well at a reasonable cost. Plans are being made to improve traffic flow and safety on highway 15. The new Crosby Bridge is nearing completion, but plans to straighten the highway at Crosby are still being negotiated. The township is wrestling with the required new Official Plan. Restrictions imposed by the Provincial government are not in the interests of the township or its citizens. A study is underway to improve cell phone service in rural areas. Completion is anticipated in 8 to 9 months.

Address on Deer Ticks and Lyme disease: Dr. **Elaine Riddick** gave a very comprehensive, informative and interesting presentation on this topic of serious concern to the membership. The difficulties in confirming Lyme Disease as it mimics so many other diseases were discussed. She also discussed how to identify deer ticks, how to avoid them, and how to profile your property to discourage tick presence. For more specific tick information Dr Riddick recommended the following web sites:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/tickborneDisease.pdf>

Approval of Minutes for the August 6, 2014 AGM meeting: held at the Lions Beach Clubhouse in Westport. It was moved by Ilse Zandstra and seconded by Sue Rabey that these minutes be approved.
Carried

President's Review: **Roy Sunstum** referred to our Lake Vision available on the lake web site. He emphasized one of its main purposes is to foster a strong lake community. He reviewed our concerns and action taken regarding Eurasian Milfoil, Zebra Mussels and other threats to the lake environment including the Indian Land claim of 76 acres on land appropriated by the federal government between 1984 and 1986 to protect a bald eagles nest. This may not be a problem area as a representation has been made to preserve this land's environmental protection and it is unlikely this land would be developed. Roy thanked Shirley Ewen for a job well done in editing the newsletter and to all the article contributors, particularly Margie Manthey. He encouraged others to make contributions for future editions.

Financial and Membership Report: **Gord Moore** gave a detailed financial report. The 2014 report is available in the 2015 newsletter. The current bank balance is \$4,436.20 as compared to \$4,078.62 at the end of 2014. This amount will change as further membership fees are received and new expenses are incurred. The current membership is 74.

It was suggested that a membership list with e-mail and telephone data be available for all members. If this was done current members could encourage their non-member friends and neighbours to join. Gord advised that due to government regulations this would not be feasible at this time without the permission of all members.

Fishing Report: Margie Manthey reported that Wolfe Lake bass fishing has been “normal” compared to past years and that perch sizes are down. Roy Chisamore had advised that due to the extreme weather condition this past winter opportunities for ice fishing on Wolfe Lake were very limited. As a result Walleye catches by his cottage clients were better than normal this spring. Northern Pike catches were also good. In both cases larger fish than normal were being caught. Margie cautioned that larger fish should be released, as these fish are the most productive fish reproducers to maintain fish stocks.

Water Quality: Paul Thomson said lake water quality was generally good while the Eurasian Milfoil infestation remains the biggest issue. Algae blooms are prevalent, but these are not toxic and should subside with cooler weather. Last year 20 property owners purchased weevils to control Milfoil in their waterfronts with reasonable success. Unfortunately weevils are no longer commercially available. They do overwinter on natural shorelines, but it is still too early in the season to determine the long-term impact of the introduction of addition weevils to the lake. In the meantime other methods of weevil control are being investigated:

1. A smothering process using burlap. A 95% success rate is claimed for this method, but there is concern about what happens to the burlap as it deteriorates.
2. Continuous laminar flow oxygenation, which uses shoreline electrical- powered air pumps to direct air to underwater air diffusers located throughout the infested area. Solar and wind powered electrical power sources are available.

Further testing will be required before these methods can be recommended. Full details of these alternate Milfoil control methods are detailed on the Association web site. The Zebra Mussel infestation seems to be declining by natural means.

Green Lake Report: Manjit Kerr-Upal reported that Green Lake was in a good state with no Zebra Mussel or Milfoil infestations or other concerns.

New Business: A motion was made by Glen Bowmaster that the Association make an appeal to the South Frontenac Municipality Council to improve road safety on Lee and IAWAH roads. This should be done by straightening sharp curves, levelling steep hills and better maintaining road surfaces, which severely limit visibility and cause damage to vehicle wheel assemblies and undercarriages. Paul Thompson seconded this. Carried

Elections: Paul Thompson was nominated by Brian Manthey to be the President, seconded by Duncan MacDougall. There were no other nominations. Carried
Paul Thompson nominated Daniel Spitzer as water quality director, seconded by Cathy Thompson. There were no other nominations.

It was moved by Sharon Carr, seconded by Jill Cook, that all current directors who have agreed to continue serving be approved to serve in 2015/16. Carried

The floor was opened for nominations for new directors at large. Since there were no nominations from the floor nominations were closed.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM and all were invited to the corn roast and refreshments at the beach.

Secretary: Glen Ewen

President: Roy Sunstrum