

Wolfe Lake (Westport) Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
July 28, 2012

Attendance: 50 people

1. President **Roy Sunstrum** welcomed those in attendance, confirmed that everyone is apparently happy with the combination AGM and corn roast, and thanked Cathy Thompson, Shirley Ewen, Elizabeth Harrison and Camp Iawah for their efforts in planning and hosting the event.
2. **Jeff Friesen** welcomed everyone to Camp Iawah and presented an overview of their programs for children, young people and the community in general. He extended an invitation to attend their public events throughout the year, including their Parade of Colours roast beef dinner in September, Christmas banquet and carol evening in December, and spring barbecue and open house on Victoria Day weekend.
3. Rideau Lakes Councillor **Ron Pollard** extended greetings and good wishes from the Township and described some of the Council's current activities. These include attempting to meet the Ontario government's increasingly stringent demands for amendments to the proposed Official Plan, the need to fund \$6 million worth of upgrades to the existing Emergency Measures system, and efforts to offset the anticipated increase in property assessments expected with this year's reassessment (probably about 8% for waterfront properties). He reiterated his thanks for the vital contribution to the community provided by volunteers and organizations like our own.
4. South Frontenac Councillor **Mark Tinlin** was unable to attend, but sent a note expressing his best wishes and outlining the Council's achievements this year. The list included training 29 new volunteer firefighters and approving \$620,000 for road improvements in Bedford and \$60,000 to the Private Lane Improvement Program. A Waste Management Open House will be held in August (date to be announced) and a constituents' day at Bedford Hall on August 27, from 10 am to noon.

Business Meeting

5. The **minutes of last year's AGM**, as published in the 2012 newsletter and on-line on the Association's website, were approved with one correction (the fact that Fishing Director Paul Thorp had in fact caught fish but no walleye), on a motion by Paul Thompson and Ilse Noonan.
6. **President's Report:** Roy Sunstrum summarized the work done this year by the Board of Directors, particularly on environmental issues, communications, and the Lake Vision document.
7. **Past President's Report:** Glen Ewen reported that Roy Chisamore and Bill Blaney have installed six new **buoys** as the first stage in the gradual replacement of the twenty-one existing yellow buoys, which are small and fading into invisibility. The new spherical orange buoys are larger, more durable and easier to maintain, and are generally more

readily visible, except to colour-blind individuals and in certain light conditions. The consensus was that the orange buoys are preferable, but that we should use both types in high-risk locations for the immediate future.

Glen also passed out draft versions of the **Lake Vision** to a number of people interested in contributing to the final document, which he hopes to have ready for publication on the website within one or two weeks.

8. **Membership/Financial:** Cathy Thompson reported that we have 55 paid memberships for 2012 out of perhaps 250 properties on the lake. She urged everyone to recruit their neighbours, since we will need significantly higher involvement to deal with possible upcoming costs for milfoil control and dealings with government agencies. Efforts to promote membership include hand distribution of the newsletter to all properties on the lakes, efforts to maintain an updated email list, our new Facebook presence and proposed new permanent signs on key roads. Diane Shafer suggested listing members' names on the website so that we can all remind those not listed of the value of membership.

The financial report appears in the 2012 newsletter.

9. **Newsletter:** Shirley Ewen reported that this year's newsletter has, to the best of her knowledge, been delivered to all properties on the lakes and posted on the association's website. She requested articles for next year's newsletter and thanked Margie Manthey for her always-interesting contributions.

Feedback on the newsletter indicates that members want to retain the paper newsletter in addition to the on-line version. This is, of course, more costly to produce and requires volunteer hours to distribute, so everyone is urged to encourage their neighbours to become paying members if they appreciate the newsletter, and to contact Shirley Ewen if they can help, even a little, with distribution.

10. **Green Lake:** Manjit Kerr-Upal was assisting with the children's activities and was unavailable to present a report.
11. **Fishing:** Paul Thorpe was absent and unable to present a report.
12. **Water Quality:** Paul Thompson and Gord Moore continue to assist the RVCA and the Ministry of the Environment with their sampling programs and Paul noted that detailed information on their findings is available in the newsletter. Values for water clarity, total phosphorus and oxygen levels remain excellent. In fact, RVCA testers indicated recently that oxygen levels in Wolfe Lake may now be high enough to support trout. The zebra mussel colonization of Wolfe Lake appears to have peaked and stabilized. Paul Thompson, Gord Moore and Duncan MacDougall have spent the winter conducting research on methods of dealing with the new threat from Eurasian milfoil and have recently launched a pilot project to test the effectiveness of the milfoil weevil as a method of control. Further details will be provided by our guest speaker, Kyle Borrowman.
13. **Communications:** Rosanna Bylsma has set up a new website at wolfelakeassociation.org and Roy Sunstrum has established a Facebook page. Our new photo contest is featured on both sites as a means of encouraging participation.

14. **Elections:** The following individuals were elected to the Board:

President:	Roy Sunstrum
Vice-President:	Bill Garland
Secretary:	Betty Jo MacDougall
Membership:	Cathy Thompson
Water Quality:	Paul Thompson (with assistance from Gord Moore)
Green Lake:	Manjit Kerr-Upal
Newsletter:	Shirley Ewen
Shoal marking:	Roy Chisamore
Fishing:	Margie and Brian Manthey
Directors at Large:	Jim Buchner
	Rosanna Bylsma
	Sharon Carr
	Marilyn Crawford
	Jeff Friesen
	Bill Hutchison
	Duncan MacDougall
	Gord Moore

15. Paul Thompson suggested that Roy Sunstrum send a **note of thanks** to Mark Tinlin and the Council of South Frontenac Township for the resources invested in upgrading Lee Road.
16. Guest speaker **Kyle Borrowman**, who recently completed his M.Sc. at Trent University on Eurasian milfoil and the milfoil weevil and is now employed by Milfoil Solution Inc., spoke on his company's background and activities, the nature and spread of the Eurasian milfoil problem in North America in general and Ontario in particular, and various approaches to controlling it, including mechanical harvesting, pesticides and biocontrol by natural predators. He then described the life cycle of what is apparently the most successful of these agents, the milfoil weevil, a native species already present in our lakes. Weevil eggs cost about \$1200 per batch of 1000 and a seeding of 8-10,000 can virtually eliminate milfoil within a badly infested area approximately half the size of Iawah's gym. This past week, the milfoil committee (Paul Thompson, Gord Moore and Duncan MacDougall) initiated a pilot project to test their effectiveness in Wolfe Lake, at a cost of approximately \$7500. They will be monitoring results in the test site and control site over the rest of the summer and fall, and next summer. If the results are clearly successful and the company's final estimate is reasonable, we may decide to embark on some serious fundraising, or at the least will be in a position to provide advice to individuals interested in treating specific areas of the lake.
17. Shirley Ewen moved that the meeting be **adjourned**. Seconded by Duncan MacDougall. Carried.
18. The meeting was followed by a corn roast and potluck lunch on the beach.

Roy Sunstrum
President

Betty Jo MacDougall
Secretary