

Minutes, Annual General Meeting
Wolfe Lake (Westport) Association
August 13, 2011. 2:30 p.m.
Held at IAWAH

Attendance 40 persons

1. Roy Sunstrum, President, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing the guest speakers, Mark Tinlin, South Frontenac Councillor and Bob Lavoie, Rideau Lakes Councillor. He also thanked IAWAH for hosting the AGM and Corn Roast.
2. A minute of silence was held in memory of Warren Snelling, a resident on Wolfe Lake who was swimming and run over in a boating accident on Wolfe Lake. Warren was a former executive member of the Association, auditor of the Association financial statement and deliverer of Newsletters. He will be missed.
3. Mark Tinlin brought greetings from South Frontenac Township and expressed an appreciation for the work of the Wolfe Lake Association committee. Upkeep and maintenance of the roads are a high priority for the Township. The road around the cliffs on Wolfe Lake will be updated with steel barriers. The first five-year plan is in place to have all roads hard-topped in the Township. A new Library has opened in Sydenham. If you have questions or concerns, Mark can be reached at mark.tinlin@rideau.net
4. Bob Lavoie, Rideau Lakes Councillor, brought greetings from Mayor Holman and Councillor Ron Pollard of Rideau Lakes Township. The Township is reviewing the Official Plan and he suggested that property owners in this township check the website for the new zoning regulations. The designation of your property may have changed resulting in restrictions on the use of your property. The waste management pick-up is working well. For cottagers, seven locations have been designated for Sunday night pick-up. Hazardous waste is being collected every week and the township is getting paid by the pound for this waste. In closing, he said to watch for the Rideau Lakes fall calendar which will be ready soon.

Business Meeting

5. A motion to accept the minutes of the 2010 AMG as printed in the 2011 Newsletter was made by Manjit Kerr-Upal and seconded by Paul Thompson. Carried.
6. Roy presented the President's report:
 - In light of the recent boating accident, he emphasised the importance of boating safety and precautions when swimming to ensure swimmer visibility.
 - Work on the Lake Vision is in progress; Glen Ewen would address this topic later in the meeting.
 - A serious threat to our lake is Eurasian Milfoil; this topic will be addressed by Paul Thompson in New Business.
 - To provide a means of communication with members, all present were encouraged to provide their e-mail address. Roy promised not to overuse or misuse it. Also, it is an aim to get more info on our lake association website: www.rideau-info.com/associations/wolfe

7. Cathy Thompson presented the membership and financial report. The financial report is in the Newsletter 2011. Membership for 2010 was 67; so far for 2011 we have approximately 45 counting the memberships that came in at the AGM.
8. Shirley Ewen, Newsletter Editor, thanked all those who helped with the 2011 Newsletter and is looking for articles and ideas for 2012. Contact her by e-mail at gsewen@primus.ca.
9. Manjit Kerr-Upal, Green Lake Representative, reported that all is quiet on Green Lake. There is not enough calcium in the lake for Zebra Mussels and no Eurasian Water Milfoil to date. They do have a baby loon.
10. Paul Thompson, Water Quality Director, has continued the water testing, with both the Rideau Lakes Conservation Authority and the Lakes Partnership Program (Ontario Ministry of the Environment). The 2010 report is in the 2011 Newsletter.
11. Tracy Bateman, reported for Paul Thorp, Fishing Director. Paul has not caught any fish this year though he caught a large Pike last October. Tim Edge reported good fishing in the evenings as he has caught several pickerel recently.
12. Glen Ewen, Past President, asked all to read the DRAFT Lake Vision that is available at the registration table and to provide comments to him at gsewen@primus.ca. He explained that it is a living document and will be updated in the future as required. Also this document must be in agreement with the concerns and objectives of all our membership for safe guarding the future of Wolfe and green Lakes.
13. Roy listed the present executive members who were willing to continue and asked that they be ratified.

Roy Sunstum, President	Roy Chisamore, Shoal Marking
Glen Ewen, Past President	Paul Throp, Fishing Director
Betty Jo MacDougall, Secretary	Bill Hutchison, Director-at-Large
Cathy Thompson, Membership/Registration	Jim Buchner, Director-at-Large
Paul Thompson, Water Quality	Jeff Friesen, Director-at-Large
Manjit Kerr-Upal, Green Lake Rep	Rosanna Blysm, Director-at-Large
Shirley Ewen, Newsletter Editor	

David Noonan moved that these executive members be ratified. Maureen Edge seconded the motion. Carried.

14. New Executive Members:

- Gord Moore was nominated as Director-at-Large by Paul Thompson, Seconded by Glen Ewen. Carried.
- Duncan MacDougall was nominated as Director-at-Large by Marilyn Brown. Seconded by Dick Brown. Carried.
- Vice-President position remains open.

15. New Business: Eurasian Water Milfoil

- Paul Thompson provided a brief report on Eurasian Water Milfoil. This species is invasive and is so thick in some bays of Wolfe Lake that swimming is impossible, motors get clogged and paddling is difficult. In the past in other locations, two methods have been used to attack the growth, namely, harvesting the plant and chemical herbicides. Problems result from each of these methods.
- A video presented a biological approach to the problem, the milfoil weevil, which attacked the stem of the plant so the nutrients cannot be transported to the plant. Some weevils are present naturally but not enough to damage large amounts of the plant. A large number of weevils are incubated and introduced

to the lake one year and smaller numbers for the next two years. The video can be seen at: <http://ckdp.ca/2010/05/26/erieau-group-aiming-to-eliminate-invasive-aquatic-weed/>

- This project has been authorized and is being introduced on eight lakes in the Sudbury area. The approach has been successfully used in Clear Lake in Espanola. Also, a project began in Lake Erie this year. A CBC interview was played where a member of the lake association in the Sudbury project commented on the use of the weevil. This interview is available at: <http://www.cbc.ca/morningnorth/past-episodes/2011/05/06/little-bugs-enlisted-to-fight-invasive-plant-in-sudbury-lakes/>
 - Paul Thompson made a motion to form a committee to do more research on the Eurasian Water Milfoil, to locate partners we could work and to look into funding for the project. Seconded by Gord Moore. Carried. Persons nominated to the committee, in addition to Paul, were Gord Moore and Duncan MacDougall.
 - Paul Thompson made a motion to give the lake association authority to take action on this project following the committee report and recommendations(s). Seconded by Marilyn Brown. Carried.
 - A question about funding for this project was raised as the implementation of the weevil project may cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 and fund raising may be necessary. Information will be forwarded by e-mail and placed on the website to keep the membership informed.
16. David Noonan moved that the meeting be closed. Seconded by Tracy Bateman. Carried.
17. All were encouraged to go to the beach area where corn was provided. Members brought a snack, salad or dessert.

Shirley Ewen

AGM recorder

Betty Jo MacDougall, Secretary, was absent