

Minutes, Annual General Meeting, August 9, 2014
Wolfe Lake (Westport) Association

Attendance: 49 People

OPENING SESSION

1. In the absence of our President, Roy Sunstrum, Bill Garland, Vice President, chaired the meeting and welcomed all. He thanked Jeff Freisen at Camp IAWAH for informing us of the short term health risks at Camp IAWAH and the Westport Lions Club for permitting us to hold the AGM in their facility at short notice. He also advised the meeting of the illness of a long term board member, Betty Jo MacDougall, now recovering from Lyme Disease and expressed our thoughts and prayers for her full recovery. He also thanked the following for donating door prizes:
 - ◆ Life is Good - Cynthia Pringle
 - ◆ Camp IAWAH - Jeff Friesen
 - ◆ Margie and Brian Manthey
 - ◆ Hooked on the Lake- Loretta Moore.
2. Councillors from Rideau Lakes Township, Ron Pollard and Bob Lavoie, and South Frontenac Township, Ron Vandewal and Pat Barr were welcomed to the meeting.
3. All present were invited to remain after the meeting for refreshments and to meet their lake neighbours.
4. Ron Pollard and Bob Lavoie updated the membership on the need for strong relationships between the cottage association and the township. They gave an update on current township plans and activities including road construction progress, policing, and communications. A similar update was given by the South Frontenac representatives which resulted in a questions concerning the lack of progress on improvements to the second phase on Lee Road. Unfortunately the South Frontenac Councillors did not have answers to these questions, but promised to investigate and advise us later.

BUSINESS MEETING

5. A motion to accept the minutes of the 2013 AGM as presented in the 2014 Newsletter was moved by Paul Thompson and seconded by Glen Bowmaster. Carried.
6. **President's Report**
 - ◆ The Lake Vision and Overview was finalized in 2013 and is posted on our WEB site :www.wolfelakeassociation.org It sets out our two main objectives: To foster a strong lake Community and to monitor and act on issues that threaten the health of our lakes and surroundings and to promote sustainable enjoyment.
 - ◆ Communications: A new tool, *Constant Contact*, was launched in July 2014 to provide members with an **e-Newsletter**. This tool gives us feedback on what people are looking at in the newsletter and provides various options such as unsubscribe. Anyone who did not receive the July edition and would like to receive future editions please provide your e-mail address to Gord Moore. Bill thanked Shirley Ewen for editing the printed newsletter and invited anyone to submit articles to Shirley for the 2015.
 - ◆ **Algonquin Land Claim** - Bill read a letter written by Roy Sunstrum, Glen Bowmaster and Manjit Kerr-Upal to the Chief Negotiator for the Aboriginal Policy branch of the Ministry of Natural Resources and their reply concerning land Parcel 237 which was expropriated by the Crown to safe guard the Bald Eagle nest. If anyone has information regarding this appropriation in the 1984 to 1986 timeframe please pass this information to our president as the Ontario Government has no record of this transaction. In addition a Director will check the Land Registry Office in Kingston which should have recorded the transfer. The two letters will be posted on our WEB site.
 - ◆ **Water Quality**: The Eurasian Milfoil problem was discussed in great detail at the 2013 AGM. At that time no one volunteered to lead an Association driven plan. As a result the Milfoil issue has been dealt

with outside the jurisdiction of the Association, by some affected landowners. The Milfoil problem will be covered shortly in detail by Paul Thompson. The higher than usual levels of alga blooms in early summer have now largely dissipated, while water levels still remain higher than usual.

- ♦ **Consideration for our neighbours:** The Association has received complaints concerning loud music being played late in the night and boats speeding close to the shore. The Association has no jurisdiction over such matters, however we urge each resident to be considerate of the neighbours.

7. **Fishing:** Margie Manthey gave the fishing report noting that there seemed to be an abundance of Northern Pike, Rock Bass and Pan Fish while Walleye were in short supply. Both Small and Large Mouth Bass fishing was improving. Fish of the various species being caught have appeared clean and robust. Very few ulcerations/injuries have been noted to date.

8. **Water Quality:** Paul Thompson gave a detailed report on the Wolfe lake water quality. He noted that water quality monitoring was done by both the province and RVCA staff assisted by our water quality team. Generally speaking Wolfe Lake water quality is good considering clarity and phosphorus levels. It is suspected that the Green Alga blooms are caused by the heavy rains and runoff from the golf course and properties which do not have natural shoreline vegetation to absorb fertilizers and other substances which promote alga growth.

A detailed Milfoil up-date is included in the newsletter and on our WEB site. Further details on the success of current efforts will be posted on the WEB site and in particular the success of the privately sponsored Milfoil treatments started in July 2014. Anyone wishing to treat their own shoreline next year will be given full information on how to arrange treatment. Lengthy discussion followed, but there were no volunteers to assume overall responsibility to coordinate treatment plans for individual property owners. It is estimated that costs for individual properties would be in the order of three thousand dollars based on a price of about \$1.00 per weevil. One suggestion made from the membership was to investigate the possibility of hiring a summer student to survey all cottage owners on their concerns and willingness to combat the milfoil problem . It was also suggested that affected individuals discuss the situation with their neighbours so joint actions can be taken.

9. **Financial:** Gord Moore delivered the financial report. The 2013 report is published in the current newsletter. In 2013 we had 98 paid up members and to date we have 81 members for 2014 with additional members anticipated. The current bank balance will in the order of \$3785.00 including membership cheques received today and funds yet to be transferred from Pay Pal to our bank account.

10. **Green Lake Report:** This report was given by Manjit Kerr-Upal. She indicated that there was no evidence of Eurasian Milfoil or Zebra Mussel's in Green lake probably due to the fact of its isolation and because no motor boats are permitted and thus no transfer of these pests from other bodies of water. She also gave an informed briefing on precautions required to prevent Lyme disease which has become a growing hazard on our lake properties.

11. **New Directors**

Nominations for the currently serving and new directors was read out and a request was made for any new nominations from the floor. There were no new nominations so the following slate of directors will require approval from the membership:

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| President: | Roy Sunstrum |
| Vice-President: | Bill Garland |
| Secretary: | Glen Ewen |
| Membership/Finances: | Gord Moore |
| Water Quality: | Paul Thompson (with assistance from Gord Moore) |
| Green Lake: | Marilyn Crawford |
| Newsletter: | Shirley Ewen |
| Shoal marking: | Roy Chisamore |

Fishing: Margie and Brian Manthey
Directors at Large: Jim Buchner, Jeff Friesen, Manjit Kerr-Upal,
Bill Hutchison, Duncan MacDougall, George McCulloch.

It was moved by Barry Charnish and seconded by Glen Bowmaster that the above slate of directors be approved. Carried.

12. **Adjournment** There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.