

SDRA Annual General Meeting

July 7th, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pineview Free Methodist Church – Basement

Master of Ceremonies – Debbie Awde

9:30 -10:00 Meet and Greet
10:00 -11:45 Formal Meeting
11:45 -12:15 AGM Information Booths
12:15 - 1:00 Barbecue lunch

Welcome and introduction of SDRA Executive

Debbie Awde

5 min

- Debbie welcomed everyone and introduced the executive, including those absent (Paul Lindsay and Jackie Bleecker) and thanked all the members for coming.
- Welcomed the town Reeve, Henry Hogg
- Asked for any lake newcomers to stand and be welcomed, and then any people who are at their first AGM.
- Welcomed and introduced those who hosted a booth/table.
- Thanked Pineview Methodist Church for letting us use this space.
- Thanked Ron for bringing the BBQ and Gord for doing the BBQ lunch today

Great Skootamatta Ice Contest Winner

Ellen Copeland

5 min

- Thanked Roy Cumming for the syrup donation and Gary & Kathy Shortt for donating the ice wine.
- Called up the top winners to participate in the freezie tossing competition. Top two (Ron Nowell and Susan Willemsen) won the prizes.

Approval of July 2017 AGM Minutes

Debbie Awde

5 min

- Erica McBride motioned to approve
- Ron Nowell seconded the motion
- No opposition,
- Motion carried

Approval of Slate of Directors

Debbie Awde

10 min

Director Retirement

- Debbie thanked Tricia Sinclair for all of her work on the board, especially with the newsletter advertising and with BEARAT.

Director Nominees from the Floor

- Debbie spoke to the need for more board volunteers, now that our board is down to 7 members, and explained what is involved.
- Opened it to the floor for nominations for those interested in joining the board - no takers
- Asked a second time - no takers
- Asked a third time - Marianne Plumb volunteered
- Nominations closed.
 - Motion to approve board slate for the next year -Tricia Sinclair
 - Seconded by - Lynn Osborne
 - No opposition
 - Motion carried

Land O'Lakes Community Services

Debbie Awde

5 min

- Debbie explained that the \$500 community donation went to Land O'Lake Community Services this year, and introduced Susan from LOLCS
- Susan spoke to what LOLCS does in the community and how they use their donations. She explained that they're governed by a board, and that most of the donations are used for senior services: things like medical transportation, meals on wheels, etc. All donations go right into their subsidy fund (not operations), and thus go right to supporting the clients.
- They also have a variety of other seasonal programs (Christmas hampers, back to school backpacks for kids, boots and winter gear for children).
- While they don't yet take other kinds of donations, they are looking into opening space for "new to you" donations in Kaladar.
- It was suggested that we put a link to their website on our site, and possibly in a POP.

Approval of Treasurer's report

Bill Blake

10 min

- Bill introduced himself to the members, and then thanked Nancy for her support in the transition to being treasurer.
- Explained that there are 3 major sources of funding: Membership fees, advertising in the newsletter, and the boat launch intake. The \$40 membership fee is reassessed next year to determine if it will stay at \$40 or return to the \$50.
- He also spoke to the various expenses and what each one entails and why we have it as an expense.
- Then he walked through the cash position and explained the need for the reserve.
- 207 paid members last year and currently at approximately 160, with more expected to arrive
- Fireworks: we're currently close to \$3000, and expect more to come in again.
- Food bank: we have approximately \$1400 to donate to the food bank.

- Summarized the financial position overall, and explained that if we have 200 members then we are in a break even.
- He noted that we are stable financially, and have a reserve for unexpected expenses.
- Motion to approve: Malcom Stewart
- Seconded by: Sue Tamas
- No opposition
- Motion carried

Food Bank

Debbie Awde

5 min

- Debbie welcomed Gord McCullough to speak about the food bank (as he is the co-chair).
- He thanked the membership for their support, and LOLCS for supporting them by taking the incoming calls to the food bank.
- They are part of the Belleville food bank, and it's through them that if you donate money, you get a receipt.
- He also thanked the health unit, because they are in their building in Cloyne and do the inspections and supervisions.
- A question was asked about how to make donations, and he explained that we put the bins at the end of the road at the end of cottage season. He also said that people could get in touch with him for other donations (e.g. frozen foods, etc.), and Nancy K. asked if he would be comfortable putting his phone number on the website for people to get in touch with him.

FOCA Achievement Award

Debbie Awde

10 min

- Debbie showed the award that the SDRA received from FOCA achievement award and how we ended up receiving it, via Nancy's nomination, and for what reasons.
- Then she showed the presentation that she gave at FOCA when receiving the award.

Logo Contest

Debbie Awde

5 min

- Debbie introduced the logo contest.
- We're looking for a refreshed logo that we can use on merchandise, prizes, etc.
- Went over the rules of the contest.
- It was suggested that we email out the logo contest details in a POP

Lake Steward Update

Joel Arthurs

15 min

- Joel talked about all of the lake steward activities that have gone on over the past year
- Stop logs replaced, and gantry system updated.
- Water levels were consistent throughout the spring
- Quinte conservation is looking at installing a remote water level monitoring station which would allow us to see how our water levels are changing throughout the year without having to go do physical measurements.
- Water testing: was done last year, and measured 10 locations around the lake.
- In addition to this bigger testing, the MNR sends a complimentary water testing kit for 4 samples, and we are looking for someone who is willing to do this testing this year.

- Lake Management Plan has been updated, and is a living document meant to be updated and changed as we go.
- Member question: anything we need to be aware of or concerned about with regards to the water testing quality? Joel answered that no, but, like everyone else, we are affected by climate change, and that it's important to keep an eye on septic systems and lawn fertilizers because these directly affect the lake. However, the lake is relatively healthy at the moment.
- Member question: the level of e-coli with the testing - are we using the same locations every year to compare the numbers? Joel answered that all the other sites (with the exception of the Wolf Creek site) were relatively stable, and there were no major changes.
- Member question: it's nice to see that the capital is being invested in the dam, for water levels. But the issue is that if this is the level that we can expect every year, and the climatologists are telling us that the weather will spike and we can expect more violent weather, then we may see more shoreline erosion, and the water levels will be higher. Is the level that we're seeing a one-off or something we can expect every year? Joel explained that we don't have any control over water levels, and that it's a combination of being a headwater for the rest of the watershed, and weather. But, while we have no control over it, we're in constant conversation with Quinte to ensure that we have open communication so that we can pass information on to our members.

Member questions to the SDRA Board

All

20 min

- Member question: was run off the road at the hairpin turn by a service vehicle yesterday. Is highly concerned about the danger involved. Also, on Deer Ridge Road, when people come in it is hard to see up the hill, because of the foliage that is blocking the view up the hill. Is it possible that those small trees can be removed for a clear view? Is that allowed? Another spot is at Jacques Bay and the narrows, but the trees have grown to the height that it completely blocks the view of the traffic coming. How would a yield sign work on a private road like Deer Ridge?
 - the person who looks after Deer Ridge Road spoke up and said he would look into it
 - The board needs to look into the responsibility (MNR, township, private?) and how to take care of it
- Member question: is there a plan to put bumpers at the boat launch?
 - We haven't had any requests for it until now, but will look into it.
- Member question: dump hours have changed and are now quite inconvenient to get there during regular cottage travel times.
 - Henry Hogg suggested that they need to get in touch with North Frontenac township about this issue.
- Member question: with regards to the campsites on the crown land, and it's been very competitive to get a campsite now, and so more campsites are being cut. He contacted MNR about whether or not they could do anything about this, and the answer was "not really"... people could stay 21 days, leave for 24 hours, and then come back. If it continues, it could end up becoming a problem. This is just something he wants us to start thinking about, and look into other associations who may have dealt with, and if there's anything we could do about it. Another member mentioned that she goes around in her kayak to clean the sites because they're often so trashed. And there's also a concern about the number of trees being cut down. Another member is concerned about the use of jet skis by campers.

- Debbie will follow up with FOCA to see if they have any information.
- Member question: dump etiquette for recycling - bringing all their recycling in one bag to the dump and then sorting it there, creating a backlog. It needs to be sorted ahead of time.
 - We will put out a pop about this - sometimes it's just a matter of informing visitors
- Member concern about trees at water access lots: some of the trees have really grown in and may be causing a safety issue.
 - Another member answered that - have to get permission from the MNR to clean up the trees, and in the past people who use those sites will split the cost of cleaning it up.
- Member question: missing item - a floating dock has gone missing, even though it was tied to a tree.
 - We can add this to the website's lost and found section.
- Member PSA: the dump is really enforcing the closed toe shoe rules now.
 - This can be added to the pop that will be going out.

Raffle

Debbie Awde

10 min

- Debbie thanked Ron Nowell for donating the sunglasses to go with our regular prizes
- Ensured that everyone who didn't already have a ticket received one.
- Debbie reminded everyone about the potluck held by Ron and Esther - the theme will be "redneck". The food bank bins will be there, and a pop will be coming out to remind everyone.

Formal meeting adjourned

Debbie Awde

- Debbie thanked everyone for coming again.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:48

Visit our community representatives at our information tables located around the room!

Mazinaw Lanark Forest Inc. – Matt Mertins

SDRA Membership sign up – Bill Blake

FOCA Information table – self serve

Lake Events table - Volunteer sign up for Lake Festival – self serve

The Cloyne Pioneer Museum & Archives – Carolyn McCulloch

Land O' Lakes Quilters – Esther Irving & Beth Buck

Lake Steward Table – Joel Arthurs