2020 SDRA Annual General Meeting

Time: 10:00 am - 11:45 am Online via Zoom

Please check your email for a link to the meeting. It is recommended that you join the meeting at least 5 minutes before the start.

Formal Meeting

Welcome and Introduction SDRA Executive Joel Arthurs 5 mins
Joel introduced the board members.
Impact of COVID-19 Joel Arthurs 10 mins

- The impacts have been far reaching.
- We've had to re-imagine the Canada Day Boat Parade into a Dock decorating contest
- We are cancelling the Lake Festival because of the restrictions in place, and that are expected to stay in place for some time.
- We are hoping to plan an event for next summer to make up for that.
- We will be in touch with the public health agency to discuss our options for the fireworks.

Update from Land 'O Lakes Foodbank

- The SDRA membership has been generous to the food bank.
- The foodbank has been well supported
- While there isn't a higher number of clients, the regular clients are coming more often. They have been able to increase the provisions to these clients, including providing gift cards to the grocery store.
- Thank you very much for the support.

Great Skootamatta Ice Contest/Dock contest Winners Paul Lindsay 5 mins

- A lot of entries in the ice contest this year: 121
- 6 correct guesses. The normal tie breaker games are virtually impossible on Zoom, so he did a draw from a hat.
- Joanne Volpe is the winner and the prize is a gift certificate for ice cream, donated by the Shortts.
- The dock contest winner was Linda Dzelme, second was Gary Shortt, and third was Jennifer Longo.

Gord McCulloch

Approval of July 2019 AGM Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes made by Susie Tamas
- Seconded by: Gary Shortt
- Motion carried

Approval of Slate of Directors

Being a Part of the Board

- Marianne shared her experiences about joining the board. She's enjoyed the experience. She spoke about what it was like to work with the team, some of the projects she's been able to be a part of, and the things that she's learned by being involved.
- She also noted that it's a very small board and so we'd really welcome some extra members.

Slate of Officers

Paul Lindsay

Marianne Plumb

- Joel Arthurs: President
- Marianne Plumb: Vice President
- Bill Blake: Treasurer
- Christie Arthurs: Secretary
- Anders Holder: Lake Steward
- Jackie Bleecker: Webmaster
- Paul Lindsay: Director
- Carla Baetz : Director

Call for New Directors

- Paul called for volunteers: Carla Baetz raised her hand
- He asked 3 times in accordance with the rules

Motion to approve the board slate: Lindsay Follings Seconded by: Jim Chinnick Motion carried

Approval of 2019 & 2020 Treasurer's Report Bill Blake

10 mins

- Revenue: \$11,373
- Expenses: \$10,568
- Our expenses in some areas are a bit lower this year because of events that we aren't able to hold.
- Year end surplus \$805
- This surplus will go towards our water testing
- For the past 3-4 years, we've maintained a fairly consistent contingency fund
- As of June 30 this year, we have 148 members.

Paul Lindsay 5 mins

Paul Lindsay 10 mins

- We have about \$3600 for our fireworks this year, so we're on track to have a similar fireworks show this year as we did last year
- As of June 24, we have collected over \$3000 in contributions to the food bank. We have already passed on approximately \$2200 and will pass along the rest.
- Contributions can still be made to the food bank through the website
- The food bank will send out tax receipts.
- Boat Launch funds collected are separate as well, and used for any maintenance/repairs there will be some repairs needed this year, and we are getting a quote for that right now.
- The board will decide on next year's fees in the fall.
- Because of new Revenue Canada regulations, we were required to submit tax returns for 2019 and retroactively for 2017 and 2018. Greg New and Nancy Kallina went back through the past few years, and submitted the returns necessary. We are up to date.
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Reports for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020: Lindsay Follings
- Seconded by: Jim Chinnick
- Motion carried

Lake Steward Update

Anders Holder 10 mins

- Water testing was delayed last year for a variety of reasons.
- The water testing will be done next week
- Water levels things have been dry for 4-5 weeks, but the water level is still higher at this point than usual. It's steady at the dam. If the dry weather continues it could be lower, but at the moment it's ok.
- In terms of fish species: there's more smallmouth bass than largemouth bass, and not much walleye.
- There has been a lot of talk about stocking please feel free to email him with questions, but he's gathering comments.
- Gypsy Moths: this is impacting a lot of people, and there's been a lot of communication about them. They go after just about any leafy green, but seems to be specifically affecting oaks. We are going to be sending out an information piece about spraying options. There are some individual areas looking into it. Sometimes spraying doesn't work as intended. Anders discourages using any other form of pesticides. The leaves will come back, possibly even in August. The trees are pretty resilient to these cyclical invasions.
- We were successful in a FOCA application for signage about identifying invasive species, and focus on prevention. We are lucky in our lake to not have a lot of invasive species, so the main idea here is to be preventative/proactive about how to avoid invasive species.
- Anders also noted that volunteers are welcome to help with water testing/quality, etc.
- Member question: Will the gypsy moths have an impact on water quality? Anders responded that there may be a bit of a nutrient influx, but it will be so minor that it won't really be noticed. He can't see a direct impact on water quality. He's more

concerned about people trying to address the infestations with pesticides, and that will affect the water quality.

- Member question: What actions can we take to improve the Walleye fishery? Anders responded that the MNR stopped stocking in 2007, and there has been a decline. In order to keep the population, the stocking needs to be ongoing and consistent. Walleye are not native to our lake. Stocking does not always take. Rainbow smelt are also a problem, because they eat the walleye fry. Walleye need good spawning habitat as well. There's several factors at play here.
- Member question: is the MNR still milking walleye eggs from the lake? Anders responded that no, they stopped all the actions in 2007.

Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Inc

Matt Mertins 25 mins Margaret Hatton

- Matt spoke about the Gypsy Moth caterpillar problem as well. It is an invasive species from Europe, but has been here for a long time now. The last significant invasion was in the mid 1980s.
- The current invasion caught everyone off guard, it's been significant.
- The trees will come back, however if they are under stress, it will be more difficult for them. They should, if healthy, be able to come back.
- What we want to avoid is multiple defoliation events in a row that is stressful for the trees.
- Any treatment/spray needs to be done early in the year.
- The MLFI is working with MNR for crown lands.
- If property owners are interested, then they need to coordinate early on.
- MLFI Operations update:
 - There are 4 locations that are scheduled for this year: harvest, road maintenance and water crossing work, and some tending of previously treated areas.
- The Forest Management Plan is a bit delayed (for long term management direction). There will be more information and open houses later this year.

FOCA Video

Joel Arthurs 5 mins

20 mins

• FOCA couldn't be here in person, so they sent a video about the benefits and purpose of FOCA.

Member Questions to the SDRA Board

• Member question: will KFLA notices sent to SDRA be forwarded to our members? Joel responded: Any notices that we are made aware of, we do pass on through pops, Facebook, and the website. We don't receive communication directly from KFLA, but when we become aware of information, we do pass it along.

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• Member question: in the FOCA presentation, shoal marking was mentioned. Is there a plan for better markings (esp at entrance to Jacques Bay)? Joel answered that as a board we cannot take on the responsibility for marking areas, due to the liability.

Member follow up: given what we heard from FOCA, can this be re-evaluated? We will take it back as a board and discuss.

Formal Meeting Adjourned

Joel Arthurs

- Joel thanked everyone for bearing with us in this new format.
- He mentioned that the survey will be coming out, and to feel free to email us with any questions, or to let us know if you're still thinking about joining the board.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Jim Chinnick Seconded by: Gary Shortt Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 am