

Agenda for July 2nd, 2016

SDRA Annual General Meeting

Time: 9:30 – 12:30

Pineview Free Methodist Church – Basement

Master of Ceremonies – Paul Lindsay

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

FORMAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction of SDRA Executive Paul Lindsay 5 min
 - Paul L. called the meeting to order at 10:03
 - Debbie Awde welcomed everyone to the AGM
 - Thanked Lois and Lynn from the Food Bank, Gord and Carolyn McCullough from the Historical society, Matt from the MLFI, Daphne & Catherine for helping to sign up the lake festival volunteers, Lynn Osborne and Rosemary Teed from the Garden club, and Henry Hogg from the township, for coming.
 - Introduced our Board of Directors.
 - Thanked Greg and Gwyneth for helping with the BBQ and coffee
 - Great Canadian Skootamatta Ice Contest
 - Paul L. talked about the ice contest and the winners for both guessing the same date, April 15: Carolyn (Gord) Bernie and Jane Koch
 - Did a coin flip for the winner: Gord won. Both received calendars as a prize.

2. Adoption of July 2015 AGM Minutes Paul Lindsay 1 min
 - Lynn Osborne made the motion to approve
 - Ron Nowell seconded.
 - Motion passed.

3. Election of Directors Paul Lindsay 10 min
 - Director Retirement
 - Recognized Malcom Stewart for his service on the board for at least 6 years. Talked about his passion for the lake preservation.

 - Director Nominees from the Floor
 - New executive members: Debbie Awde, Paul Lindsay, Nancy Kallina, Jenn Robertson, Paul Grennell, Tricia Sinclair, Joel Arthurs, Christie Arthurs, Bill Blake joining this year.
 - Asked for nominations from the floor ... asked three times...no volunteers. Closed the nominations
 - Ron Nowell motioned to accept the slate of members, and Gwyneth Morais seconded.

4. Treasurers Report Nancy Kallina 10 min
- Nancy Kallina pointed out the Treasurer's Report in the newsletter. Spoke to the strong financial position of the board. Same number of members as last year. Slightly up on newsletter advertising. Total revenue was just over \$12,000, spent just over \$12,000, and a net surplus of \$16.
 - Discussed how it was broken down for each member fee. Advertising primarily covers the newsletter's cost, but the postage come from the fees. Member events and insurance are the highest categories for spending per member fee. Other items include stewardship (including water testing), the FOCA payment, support of the Food Bank, and maintenance of Trail's End. A small amount goes to postage, and other SDRA assets.
 - Someone asked about the fireworks. Nancy explained that that was a separate fund for fireworks that members contribute to outside of their membership fees. She also explained that we've done more fireworks, and a better display than in years passed. There is a surplus of about \$1000, that we will use to cover the difference between the cost and the contributions.
 - Gary Evans made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Carolyn McCullough seconded. Motion passed.
5. Lake Management Plan Joel Arthurs 10 min
- Joel has taken over the lead of the LMP since Malcolm stepped down. Has decided to form a committee to help develop the LMP.
 - First focus will be to update the LMP, add the new water testing results and explain them.
 - Talked about septic systems and fertilizers being a main cause of phosphorus and nitrogen levels.
 - Asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to get in touch.
 - Question from the floor was if the testing was done in the same location year after year (it is, in order to standardize the tests).
6. Guest Speaker - Anders Holder, Skootamatta Science 10 min
- Anders Holder had a PowerPoint presentation.
 - Has put together any studies already done; unfortunately there's not a lot historically done.
 - He is beginning his study next week, which will compare historical data to current research.
 - Will be addressing what species are currently/historically known, what is there now, and if are there invasive species. He will also be looking at what this tells us about the lake and the water quality, and the trends that are occurring in the lake.
 - Will be doing testing both in July and in the fall, in order to get seasonality differences.
 - Displayed and discussed a map that showed testing sites from 1979 and where he's doing his testing.
 - Pointed out his Facebook page – "Skootamatta Science" that he updates regularly.
 - Welcomed people to get involved and ask questions, or help out if they've caught specific species (whitefish and cisco fish, because they're keystone fish for cooler waters, and can be an indicator of climate change).
 - Question about if the lake levels are going to affect his study, particularly with the numbers or kind of fish that might be affected by the lack of depth. He is not concerned because he's going a bit deeper for his testing.
 - Also pointed out that our levels are about a metre higher than they historically were before the dam was built so we're still not at concerning levels.

7. Boat Washing Station update

Joel Arthurs 10 min

- Continued researching the boat washing station since last year. Has looked at several sites, the majority of which were in Northbrook. He is still looking at closer sites. There is a back up site, but it isn't ideal, so he's researching other sites and is in touch with the township about a specific location near Hwy. 41.
- Spoke to why we are looking at a boat washing station in the first place, to avoid invasive species.
- Also pointed out the new Invasive Species Act and how people might be unintentionally transporting the invasive species on their boats.
- Asked if there were questions; there weren't.

8. Mosquito control - Martin Aass

- Spoke to Kanata North's measures to reduce the mosquito/blackfly population by 80-90%
- Put the question to the board if it's something that we want to explore
- Thought it would be nice for us as cottagers and for tourism
- Has experienced a huge success rate with the level of mosquitos and blackflies on his property and has made it possible to spend more time outside.
- People asked questions about the ecological system in terms of birds eating mosquitoes, etc.
- Reiterated that we do not have a stake in this, nor are we supporting one way or another. Just that it's something to explore and investigate.
- Pointed out that it's been used in Winnipeg for 25 years, so there may be studies available that address some of the concerns
- Question from the floor about the scope and scale of the treatment: can it be done at individual households or is it community-wide?
- Another question is if it has Health Canada approval. Martin's response was that it was done by the City of Ottawa, so it was likely approved.
- Another question is if it is something that the township would be involved in
- Anders was able to offer a bit of clarification on the BTI product. It is used in Europe quite a bit, and that in Germany there was a study that maybe indicated that mosquitoes developed a resistance to it. Also offered to be part of a group that looks into it a bit more, and underlined the point that we just want to be sure we know more about it first.
- Wayne Arthurs pointed out that several years ago something similar was used with a Gypsy Moth problem.

9. Member questions to the SDRA Board

All 20 min

- Ron Nowell asked about Fire Ban signs; finds that they blend in too much with the background and need to stand out more. Paul L. noted that the AGM signs will be down tomorrow which should help.
- A member about smelt fishing, and if we can look into why there are so many smelt at the dam, and if there's anything we can do about it. Anders noted that the Ministry doesn't like us to mess with the populations at certain times of the year. It would be difficult them to approve any disturbance.
- Lynn Osborne asked Henry Hogg about the noise bylaws and if they apply to cottages. There is a neighbour with a generator that goes 24/7, to the point that she can't sit outside at all, and it goes all night long. She wasn't sure if the bylaws apply or not. His response was that he couldn't answer but that bylaw officers might be able to.
- Rosemary Teed asked what SDRA is thinking about for the 150th anniversary of Canada next year. Her suggestion is that everyone plants some red and white flowers next year, and pointed out that

there is a specially developed Canada tulip. Debbie noted that we can put that on the website, and maybe do something at Trail's End or the Kiosks.

- Martin asked about getting rid of beaver dams. Another member noted that there is a huge dam near his property, and he's very concerned that if it goes it will affect his property.
- A member was also very concerned about the water levels. Debbie responded that we've been in touch with Quinte Conservation, and that their response was that they will start sending water levels to us again that we can post, and that the main cause is precipitation. Nancy explained that we are on the schedule to replace the logs, but that replacement might also affect water levels.
- Gordon noted that you can build a siphon out of PVC to help with the beaver dams and will pump the pond dry.
- A big concern about a giant beaver dam on Jacques Bay on crown land, that if it goes it will take out the road and cause a lot of damage. Debbie noted that Quinte might have the best solution for these.
- Lynn Osborne pointed out that if there's a dam on private property, and it ends up causing damage, the property owner is liable for the damage.
- A member noted that when we start changing beaver dams, it changes the ecology of the area, and so we need to be careful. Anders explained that beavers are very territorial, and that if we remove a beaver, a new one will just move in. There are ways to "convince" beavers to build a dam where you want it by playing the sound of water. He will send information about it.
- A member asked if the Fire Ban is still on. Paul L. explained that he is in touch with the fire chief, and that the fire ban is still on because we haven't had enough rain yet. Someone pointed out that some people were still putting fireworks on. Paul said that if you see someone breaking the fire ban, to contact the fire department if needed. You can also approach the people and make sure they know about the fire ban.
- John Teed pointed out that campers and renters might not know about the fire ban, or may not care. So we should talk to them first, and report it only if needed.
- Carolyn asked if the people selling firecrackers are deterred from selling them in any way when there is a fire ban.
- A member asked about wind turbines, if there was still an issue. Tricia directed them to the article in the newsletter. There's not much of an update, but that the proponents were not successful this time around, but that the province is accepting proposals and reviewing proponents for future projects (LRP II is launched August 1).
- Another member asked if turbines are the only thing being brought up, or if anyone is discussing solar. Tricia answered that solar is under the same umbrella, but there weren't any projects for North Frontenac or Addington. We won't know for sure until the information is released.
- Rosemary Teed spoke about the massive cutting on Jacques Bay road. She has talked to Matt Martin from MLFI about the forestry. She noted that it is not MLFI, but that it was a private cutting. She wanted us all to know that private contractors on private land can do far more damage than the ministry and the MLFI does. Matt spoke to the issue a bit, that the MLFI has looked at it, and found that the operation is ongoing. MLFI is not involved, and noted that it would not happen on crown land. He does not have the specifics about that specific site, but has invited members to come and talk to him about the MLFI operations over the summer.
- Catherine (from the Lake Festival table) noted that the festival is on August 6 this year, not in July as in the past. Pointed out that Nancy has done a fantastic job of running it and continuing it over the years. She spoke to how much fun it is, and that it's a great opportunity to reconnect with others on the lake and really encouraged everyone to come out and give it a try.
- Debbie explained that we are doing a dedication of a bench in memory of Bill Garnish at Trail's End at the Lake Festival.
- Paul pointed out the potluck Luau at the Nowell's after the lake festival.
- A member asked about the Canada Day boat parade route, and if the route had changed. Ron explained that he didn't want to lead that many boats through that particular area because it's a bit shallow and has rocks. Debbie thanked Ron for leading the parade.

- A member asked if we notify about the fire ban. Paul answered that he sends the email as soon as he gets the notification.

10. Raffle Debbie Awde 5 min

11. Membership Drive

- Paul asked members to approach neighbours if they know they're not members and ask them to join

12. Formal meeting adjourned

Paul Lindsay

- Motion to adjourn: Ron Nowell
- Seconded: Susan Arthurs
- Motion passed.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE TABLES

- *Food Bank – Lynn Young
- Mazinaw Lanark Forest Inc. – Jan Smigielski
- Lake Events table - Volunteer sign up for Lake Festival
- SDRA Membership sign up – Nancy Kallina
- Land O' Lakes Garden Club – Rosemary Teed/Lynn Osborne
- Cloyne District Historical Society – Carolyn McCulloch
- Friends of Bon Echo Park – Beth Freeland
- Skootamatta Science – Anders Holder

***Please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank!**

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