

Minutes of the AGM of the Minnicock Lake Cottager's Association

Sunday, August 2, 2009 at the cottage of Emily and Craig Small, 1371 Slow Lane, (S5)

Present: Kevin Clowes E9, James Cushing & Sarah Shartal E26, Jack and Pam DeGroot E15, Karen DeGroot, Sandy and Dan Denby E11, Sandy Hutchison E14, Beth Hubbard E32, Brian and Jayne Lasenby E18, Matthew Milligan E9, Bert and Patricia Naylor S10, Susanne Palmer E22, Rich Partridge W20, Dale Schott & Lynn Yamazaki E17, Craig Small & Emily Donaldson S4, Karl Vahrmeier E33, Diana Wessels 2363

Pot Luck Lunch at 11:30 was followed by a 1 pm meeting

What a lovely potluck lunch ... thank you all for your contributions and to Emily and Craig for providing the lovely surroundings and wind that kept the mosquitoes away!

1. Dan started the meeting by reading the agenda and then reviewing the minutes of the 2008 minutes. A motion was made by Jack DeGroot, to accept the minutes of 2008 AGM of the Minnicock Lake Cottagers Association. Seconded by Patricia Naylor. Carried.
2. Charter review: Brian Lasenby read the Charter, as was proposed at last year's meeting. Please see the Charter on the Minnicock Lake website. Jack DeGroot said that it was good to hear the message of the Charter and wondered if we could distribute a hard copy to all cottages on the Lake. Susanne Palmer was concerned that there were no new cottagers at the meeting today and suggested an outreach welcome letter and copy of Charter for newcomers to the Lake. Sarah Shartal suggested that that would be a good time to share environmental knowledge. Susanne also reminded us that the Restrictive Covenant is a legal document for the Lake, and that the Charter is a further description of the commitment of the Cottagers to keeping the peace and tranquility of the Lake. She suggested seeking signatures of newcomers to the Lake on the original copy of the Charter. Susanne moved that an outreach committee be formed to organize this. Seconded by Sarah. Carried.
3. Milfoil: Brian Lasenby reported that the Lake continues to have milfoil, and that it is denser in some areas than in others. It is expensive to do biological control (i.e. import milfoil eating weevils) and the Ministry of the Environment is not promoting nor are they rejecting this form of control. Lakes Scugog and Puslinch have tried this method and we will hear at next year's meeting of their success. The good news is that the beaver are eating the milfoil here! Get the chicken wire around those trees! Brian also noticed, as did many others, a blue/green algae bloom last week. He is sending a sample of the algae to the Ministry for testing.
4. Newsletter and Website: Matt Milligan is looking after the website and welcomes photos, reports and environmental links. Kevin Clowes suggested facebook as a possible form of communication. Karen invited participants to

send a report and/or photos from the 2009 Regatta to Matt to add to the website. Bottom line ... send news, information, photos or environmental links to Matt and these will be posted on the Minnicock Lake website.

5. Uranium: There is a moratorium on the uranium mine development ... in cottage country ... for now. It is still possible for this to happen on Crown Land. **All** cottagers are encouraged to write their MPP's, the local MPP and the Premier. Rich Partridge will draft a letter for the executive. Lynn Yamazaki told us that FUME has a form letter that can be used. **FUME** stands for **F**ight **U**nwanted **M**ining and **E**xploration.
6. Baby Loon: The good news is that there is a baby loon on the lake this year. Please be mindful of noise and motor activity on the water.
7. Regatta: Hooray! And a very big thanks you to Bert Naylor and Bob Davis for spearheading the Regatta this year. From all accounts, it was a big success, with up to 40 participants. Congratulations to the Anderson Family, who have the Regatta Trophy this year! Bert and Bob have volunteered to continue next year as advisors and Kevin Clowes has volunteered to help organize the Regatta. Rich is going to try and organize the West Roads Committee meeting to not conflict with the times of the Regatta. Thanks to all, organizers and participants, who made this year's Regatta such a success.
8. Lake Steward report: Doug Stephen was away, but submitted a report to Dan. Over the years, the phosphorus levels have fluctuated from a high of 25 and low of 9. It's 15 at the last reading. The water visibility is improving, showing the water to be clear to 3.5 meters. Please see our Charter and related links on the website for ideas to keeping our Lake healthy.
9. Treasurer report: Sandy Denby gave the treasurer report. There has been little expenditure this year and as a result we are in good standing financially. Susanne moved to accept the treasurer report, seconded by Emily Donaldson. Carried. Sarah moved to make a \$100 donation to FUME this year. Seconded by Patricia. Carried. Bert moved to contribute \$300 again to the Haliburton Hospital this year. Seconded by Diana Wessels. Carried.
10. New Business: Brian received from FOCA, a red stop sign for the road. The sign draws attention to the danger of spreading zebra mussels between lakes. He will enquire about getting two more and put one at each road.
Dan read a letter sent to the Cottagers Association from Royal LePage, offering their assistance in various ways. They also donate \$100 to the Association when they sell a cottage on the Lake. There was an appeal for new members for the executive. Dan Denby will serve as Past President; Brian Lasenby will serve as President. Sandy Denby is stepping down after 6 years of service as Treasurer and Jayne Lasenby has agreed to take on the position. Karen will continue for a third term as Secretary. There were no offers to take on the role of Vice President. Rich Partridge thanked the outgoing President and Treasurer for their years of hard work on the Executive. All heartily agreed!
The new Outreach Committee will be formed by Patricia and Bert Naylor, Susanne Palmer and Rich Partridge.

11. Next Meeting: The AGM of the Minnicock Lake Cottager's Association will be held on Sunday, August 1st, 2010 at the cottage of Sandra Hutchison (E13/14) Thank you Sandy!! It will start with an 11:30 pot luck lunch, followed by a 1 p.m. meeting. All cottagers are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen DeGroot, August 7, 2009