



Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association

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Notes of the Annual General Meeting of the Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association

Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the North Kawartha Community Centre, 10am

1. Introduction and Welcome

Margi Colquhoun welcomed everyone to the meeting which started at 10:00 am. She introduced Johan Ragetli and Margaret Adkins who are new to the Lake (they bought the Martini place, lot 35).

2. 2018 Notes Approval

Susan Myers motioned, seconded by Dave Roberts that the 2018 Notes be approved. Passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Janice Manias provided the Treasurer's Report. The Association started the FY with approximately \$4k and finished with over \$5k. We can now accept etransfers for dues. The password question is favorite lake: Loon Call. Send them via Janicemanias@hotmail.com. She collected \$540 at the Corn Roast and the Corn Roast cost \$639. There were 3 association dues costing \$472. The Association donated \$465 to the Apsley Food Bank. Sue Murray motioned, seconded by Dianne Hunt the Report be accepted. Motion carried.

4. The Lake Steward's Report

Jim Hartog, Lake Steward presented the Lake Steward's Report with the following highlights:

- Secchi Disk – lower. Caused by wet spring and dissolved organic products from ponds.
- Phosphorus-used new bottles. Tested at 5.2 mg/liter (range 4.8 to 5.6). Classified as good.
- Calcium 7.4 reading-classified as soft lake. Not zebra mussel tolerant.
- Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters was doing lake sampling but quit in 2018 due to funding. Jim did not feel they provided any meaningful data. They will be setting up a workshop to do sampling via volunteers. Jim suggested we not participate.
- Last weekend there was a seminar attended by Margi and Jim:
 - Paul Frost, liaison to Park was a speaker. He is monitoring lakes and will be testing Loon Call Lake in August
 - Dr. Kirkwood was another speaker-he is studying the starry stonewort (need hard water which we do not have) and the milfoil-we have that and you should not pull it as it then spreads.

- Berman and King-they are studying areas ranging from the conifers in the north to the south zone at the St. Lawrence.

5. President's Report

Margi presented the President's Report:

- We need volunteers for the upcoming exec elections. Janice would like to be replaced as treasurer, Roger would like to come off the exec but will continue to help with the Corn Roast and we need a member at large (James Boyd volunteered to be the member at large.)
- She noted we now have summer long access to a health clinic.
- FOCA has noted electricity costs for seasonal residents may go up \$1k per year.
- Night pollution - this is becoming a nuisance. Solar lights are on all night-it is recommended on/off switches be used for exterior lighting. Orange lights or caps over the lights are preferred as night lighting has very detrimental effects on birds and night animals. In the attached report it is noted and in the Shoreline Assessment there are questions related to lighting because of its importance.
- Watersheds Canada has developed and is offering a shoreline assessment booklet intended to protect our lakes. The Gottliebs will provide grants up to \$500/lake to provide copies of the Shoreline Assessment. There was good interest from attendees. **The Shoreline Assessment is attached.**
- Blue Lakes Project- They are hoping to partner with lake associations pilot program. (see **President's Report**) They are looking for volunteers (at least 4) to sample water, collect data, attend monthly meetings, etc. If interested please contact Margi. The Brand "Blue Lake" is intended to become a universal indicator of a lake in which property owners practice responsible stewardship. Over time it may increase property values.
- Workshops are available: Design your own shoreline garden (little interest shown although the recent survey showed 1/3 of Loon Call shorelines need restoration); turtle workshop (most interest); succession planning (some interest). Participants preferred a workshop to be held later this summer. Margi has contacted the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre.
- Margie will set up a group to review FOCA's welcome book. Chris Charabaruk at lot 14 is interested as is Syd Bowcott. They will be part of a group with Jim Hartog and Henry DeCock set to start the review in late July.

6. Mayor Carolyn Amyotte

Carolyn noted the following in response to questions:

- Has been on council since 2003
- Loon Call attendees conveyed concerns about the Anstruther Lake Road/Hwy 28 turn off. It is hard to turn with a trailer, as there is insufficient space if another vehicle is exiting Anstruther at the same time. From Anstruther a no passing zone is needed on

Hwy 28 as vehicles pass you when you are turning from 28, particularly when going northbound. Carolyn is to talk to MTO.

- Discussed plowing the landing. The township is now updating their plowing policy. There is a tradeoff of liability versus convenience. Loon Call cottagers want to have the landing plowed in winter and consider it to be dangerous to park on Anstruther in winter.

TimberMart property-commercial zoning. Plans unknown. Bought by local resident.

7. Park Superintendent

Paul Smith, Park Superintendent, noted the following:

- Goal is for the Park to be 100% self-sufficient in the next 3 years.
- The Stewardship Committee has proposed an interpretive trail by the Landing but funding is needed.
- Garbage was left at the landing after the Regatta and this could result in our loss of privilege if it continues.
- Garbage was also left elsewhere in the winter and Paul noted this is a criminal offense.
- The Park is willing to partner with Blue Lakes and Margi will set up a meeting
- If you are parking at the landing, you will need a permit, available from Paul.

8. Park Biologist

Brooke Michel is the Park Biologist and she noted the following::

- Elevation in the park ranges from 121m to 526m.
- Mixed coniferous forest
- High floristic diversity
- Loon Call Lake is the headquarters of the By creek watershed
- The Park has 37587 hectares
- Loon Call Lake:
 - Mix of bogs and shallow lakes, many wet lands.
 - Is a biodiversity hot spot
 - Limestone bedrock
 - Some plants from the Atlantic Coastal Plain
 - Some granite rock barriers
 - Anstruther is 633ha, Loon Call Lake is 96ha
 - LCL has bass, male splake, brook trout, and female lake trout.
- She asked for help in protecting species at risk in the Park:
 - Cerulean Warbler
 - Eastern Whip-poor-will
 - Common nighthawk
 - Bald eagles
 - Peregrine falcon

- Monarch butterflies (there is a workshop on Monarchs on July 26)
- Algonquin Wolf
- Little Brown Bat
- Blandings turtle, snapping turtle, spotleaf turtle and the Eastern Mask turtle
- Common fine lined skink
- There are also some invasive species which should be removed:
 - Phragmites along 28 and Anstruther Lake Road
 - Dog strangling vine
 - Dames rocket
 - Asian long horned beetle
 - Emerald ash borer
 - Eurasian water milfoil (this version has greater than 11 leaves)
 - Mussels
 - Crayfish
- There are ticks in the park which could transmit Lyme disease

8. Corn Roast and Regatta

Roger van Katwijk talked about the Corn Roast:

- Volunteers are needed (Jackie and Rob Craig; Heather Thornton and Tom Parsons; Janice Manias; Sue Murray; James Boyd; Mike and Jacquie Cane; and Brian Webster volunteered).
- It was agreed donations will be collected for the Food Bank based on a draw for donated items. Please consider donating something!!
- **NOTE-SUBSEQUENTLY IT WAS DETERMINED THE CORN ROAST WILL COMMENCE AT 6PM.**

Scott Phillips talked about the Regatta:

- This is his 20th year of doing the regatta.
- He noted attendees prefer on land events for all ages
- The Regatta will be Saturday August 3 starting at 1:30pm and ending by 4pm.

9. Other Business

- Margi noted she still needs 2 area directors. In response, Margaret Adkins volunteered for lots 30 to 39 and JP Pawliw volunteered for lots 19 to 29
- Margie thanked the volunteers who have given their time and talents over the years to the Association. (see report)
- Fireworks are banned in Ontario parks, and their debris is bad for the lake.

- Erin Billingham is maintaining the website. Please use it to post pics, articles for sale or free etc.
- Most if not all attendees preferred this site for the AGM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am. Motioned by Dianne Hunt. Carried.

Syd Bowcott
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Lots	Name	Cottage Phone
Lots 1 to 7, plus XO's 1 to 4 - all FR 55 and 56	Bill McRae	656-1223
Lots 8 to 18 - all on FR 55	Helen Yielding	656-4978
19-29 - all on FR 55	JP Pawliw	705-931-3902
30-39 - all FR 58F	Margaret Adkins	705-868-6537
40-52 - all on FR 58F	Sue and Ross Murray	905-466-5028
53-64 - FR's 58G & 58D	Leslie Guyatt	656-3446
Island, and lots 65 to 68 - island and FR 57	Heather Thornton	656-7307
69-77 all on FR 57A	Rainer Stimming	656-8435