

Loon Call Lake Cottagers Association Executive

DRAFT Minutes

May 7, 2020

Webex meeting hosted by Henry Decock, 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Marg Colquhoun, Janice Manias, Vickie Hartog, Jim Hartog, Syd Bowcott, Henry Decock

Regrets:

Roger van Katwijk

Items added to the agenda:

Corn Roast & Regatta under AGM; Water Testing under Updates.

1. Updates:

a. Website

Vickie Hartog provided an update. The traffic to the website increased from 3 or 4 to between 45 and 50 views immediately after the announced launch in the newsletter. Visitors can still send any corrections to the contact link on the site. Vickie will continue to collect pictures.

Some notes about posting:

- Anything critical is displayed on the bulletin board;
- External announcements are directed to the links rather than paraphrasing;
- Ideally the different road associations would send material to the contact address. The leads for each of the roads will be contacted by different members of the Executive.

Some additional changes:

- Vickie will proceed with creating generic, position email addresses on the website for members of the executive so their personal ones are not used;
- Vickie will set up mail chimp to be used to manage the email listserve. Syd will provide the current list. Marg, Vickie and Henry will discuss distribution, access, and use.

b. Welcome Book

A suggestion to print the Welcome Book was discussed. Recalling the logic for developing it online and its subsequent design to suit that format, the Executive determined there wasn't an appetite for printing at this time.

c. Getting to cottage during pandemic

Marg was going to remind cottagers about the provincial government guidelines for limiting the spread of COVID 19, asking people to respond accordingly. The newsletter will suggest use of the curbside option provided by local stores to reduce people contact. Marg

will provide the details for Foodland and Home Hardware; and, to be exhaustive as possible, she will contact Hunters for their details.

d. Water Testing

Jim Hartog will continue with the regular testing of the lake as in previous years. Testing by the Park and by Kawartha township have occurred as per their bi-yearly schedule; however, the data has not been made available. Consequently, Jim may not be able to provide an updated report on all aspects of water testing.

2. AGM

The Executive discussed the current circumstances surrounding the COVID 19 crises and its impact on the possibility for conducting the annual AGM on the July 1st holiday weekend. Given the ongoing uncertainty about the provisions for public gatherings in the future and the likelihood facilities will not be available, the Executive will postpone the AGM for 2020. Marg will announce the decision in the newsletter.

a. Corn Roast & Regatta

The Executive will continue to monitor the COVID 19 developments and make a decision regarding the Corn Roast & Regatta at a later date.

3. Collection of Dues

The Executive agreed continuing with the collection of Loon Call Lake Cottagers Association dues for the upcoming year. Any excess funds in the future can be reimbursed to the members in other matters, such as free access to the Corn Roast.

The fees will be collected by e-Transfer with members identifying their lot number in the comment section. Janice will set up the account; Vickie will post this information on the website; and, Marg will inform members through the newsletter.

4. New Executive members/positions

Marg thanked Syd for his long service as Secretary for the Loon Call Association Executive. His work has been greatly appreciated and his absence on the committee and on the lake will be felt by all.

After numerous calls for volunteers, two cottagers have stepped forward.

Henry Decock, current Member at Large, has volunteered to put his name forward as the new Secretary.

Bree Wells has volunteered to join as the new Member at Large. James Boyd is the other Member at Large.

a. Voting or decision

Given the decision to cancel the AGM because of the COVID 19 crises, and the difficulty in obtaining new names, the Executive will declare Henry Decock and Bree Wells into their roles on the Executive. Marg will make the announcement in the newsletter.

As well, Marg will ask the list of current directors if they are willing to continue for the upcoming year.

5. Connection with members via emails:

a. Light pollution

Marg will remind cottagers of the negative impact of the overuse of lights on neighbours and the environment.

b. Boats and loons

Marg will include information about the timing for loons nesting on the lake, asking cottagers to be aware of the calendar when boating and traversing across the waters so as not to disturb their nests on these critical dates.

c. Other

No other items were discussed

6. Other

No other business was added.

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:45 pm

Postscript:

Subsequent to the May 7 meeting, Roger van Katwijk informed the Marg of his decision to step down from the Loon Call Cottagers Association Executive, leaving the position of Vice President vacant. After some consultation, Henry Decock volunteered to step into the Vice President position and Vickie Hartog volunteered to join the Executive as Secretary. Roger will continue on the corn roast committee when it is active.

As well, after a series of emails all road chairs were contacted about adding their information to the website.

In discussion of listserv distribution, the group decided to begin with Mailchimp which allows for members to opt in and out of mailings.