

Loon Call Lake – AGM 2024

Minutes - 2024 06 08

Open:

10:07am

Attendees:

Loon Callers were, of course, in attendance at the AGM

A few guests were recognized during the meeting, including:

- Doug Wellman from NORKLA (North Kawartha Lakes Associations),
- Jeff Berthelette and Sarah from OFAH/ISAP (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Invading Species Awareness Program),
- Paul Smith, Park Superintendent of North Kawartha Highlands Park is back from (remember last year Tyler Speck filled in for him) and
- Carolyn Amyotte, Mayor of North Kawartha
- RuthAnne McIlmoyl, Councillor at Large, North Kawartha

Detailed Agenda

- Land Acknowledgement
- Welcome
- Business
 - o The Executive & Area Directors & LCLCA
 - o LCLCA Presidential Election
 - o Lake Steward Election
 - o Member at Large
 - o Treasurer's Report
- Life at the Lake
 - o Events in 2024
 - o Paddle & Food Drive
 - o Regatta & Corn Roast
 - o Boating and PFD Awareness
 - o Fire Safety Committee
- Protecting Our Lake
 - o Lake Steward Report
 - o Natural Shorelines
 - o Invasive Species Awareness
- Guest Speakers
 - o Kawartha Highlands Park – Paul Smith
 - o North Kawartha Mayoral – Carolyn Amyotte
- Lake Health Seminar Reminder

- Thanks to Margi Colquhoun, LCLCA President (not in the deck)
- Closing Remarks

Discussion:

The Loon Call Lake AGM presentation reflects the content of the meeting. For content, check out the presentation, the discussion notes below reflects discussions that occurred beyond that captured in the deck.

Elections:

- LCLCA President
 - o Nominee: Ian Godfrey (by Margi Colquhoun)
 - o No other nominees or volunteers
 - o Vote: Yays: unanimous
 - o New President: Ian Godfrey
- Lake Steward
 - o Volunteer: Marc Possmayer
 - o No nominees or volunteers
 - o Vote:
 - Yays: Unanimous

Corn Roast:

- no single use plastics - bring your own utensils if you think you need them,
- for the treats, which we all love to contribute and eat, please cut them into finger foods sized portions to eliminate the need for utensils
- more condiments 😊 and corn will be ordered this year, to avoid an uprising

PFDs (Personal Floatation Devices)::

- With the advancement in technology, there are now auto inflation PFDs that come with replacement cannisters.
- They can be expensive (in doing a quick check after the meeting, because expensive can mean different things to different people, the price range for self-inflatables is \$199+?).
- DO CHECK, as there are manual- inflatables that look very similar.

Fire Safety Committee:

- Weight of the fire pump: Can be handled by one person, but best to be two people to get it in and out of boats. Hose – 2 lengths – 100 feet, Pump stays on the dock. Gas motor.
- We are asking for **more volunteers to help respond to a fire emergency call.** be on the fire safety committee to help respond to a call and move the pump around
- Second pump – would it be reachable by a vehicle? -this is something the fire safety committee would review as part of the practices, considering the time and accessibility issues
- Has there been discussion about more pumps? – Start with one, see how it goes, proceed based on experience. Ultimately it could be 4, but decisions will be based on our experience.

Water Testing (cottage use water)

- Bottles for samples can be retrieved and returned to the NK Township office
- Tuesdays 9-10,
- Test the water that you are drinking, especially if you are drinking lake water

Pet Owners:

- Scoop your pet's poop, so it doesn't contribute to runoff into the water

Paul Smith, Park Superintendent:

- Brook – the park biologist is quite active with a large number of studies
- ecological plan
- snake and skink study
- mature forest nocturnal owl studies
- alvars in the park
- vegetation and whippoorwill, turtles, snakes, on rock barrens,
- water quality studies,
- benthic monitoring studies - now in 5 year cycles, monitored 5 creeks for comparison. Scoop and count insects. Compare to 2010, water quality is good.
- LDD (spongy moth) traps – provincially, defoliation has decreased.
- Doug Wellman – identified he is part of the Parks volunteers.
 - o **We could use a Loon Call Lake representative.**
 - o Committee meets once a year to brainstorm what goes on in the park for programs

Mayor Carolyn Amyotte:

- RuthAnne McIlmoyl, Councillor at Large was introduced
- Lots of activity of interest
- Council has requested MTO assessment of Anstruther Lake Road entrance (YAY!)
- Municipal grant program – Boat Cleaning station – expanded – Environmental Initiatives grant program – body of water in North Kawartha – up to 50% of the project up to \$10K
 - o PliiNK plans to work with lakes to request grant money
- Staff – new Economic Development Officer, Junior Planner, Senior Planner,
- Short Term Rental Committee, Zoning Committee,
- Internet – broadband tower expansion, underwater fiber cable
- Review and Succession plan
- Downtown master plan for Apsley
- Roads department – surface treatment (to address gravel roads).

Thanks to Margi Colquhoun, President

- Henry Decock, Vice President of LCLCA recognized Margi for her energy and contributions as the President, for her bringing the community together and being a big part of introducing people to each other on the lake, welcoming new members and her passion for the lake programs.
- A well deserved standing ovation ensued

Close:

Meeting was adjourned at noon (well, close to noon)