

GREATER BOBS & CROW LAKES ASSOCIATION AGM MINUTES

JULY 29, 2018 (1 TO 3 PM)
GLENDOWER HALL
(1381 WESTPORT RD)

1. Larry Arpaia welcomed the members to the 2018 GBCLA AGM.

2. Approval of the Minutes from last year's AGM on July 23, 2017

*It was **moved** by Dick Johnston, **seconded** by Andrew Parker, and **approved** that the Minutes of the July 23, 2017 be approved.*

3. Approval of the Agenda for this year's July 29, 2018 AGM

*It was **moved** by Diane Stevens, **seconded** by Gary McNeice, and **approved** that the Agenda for the July 29, 2018 be approved*

4. Reports of GBCLA Portfolios:

a. Larry Arpaia opened the portfolio discussions by thanking all the volunteers that are involved in the different roles that are beyond the listed board or directors. The emphasis was on the importance of keeping the operations of the association running. Larry also provided a summary of the key activities around the lakes this past year along that included the construction of the Bolingbroke Dam and the new website.

b. Communications- Carson Jen and Trish Chartrand reported:

- i. Carson provided a quick overview on the new website progress
- ii. Trish then presented on how and what type of feedback we want from users to the new site

c. Marine Safety & Shoreline Disturbances - Dick Johnston reported:

- i. Dick's overview referred to the effort required to maintain and track the buoys system. There has been increased activity in the channel between Timmerman's Island and the mainland area of the lake whereby there are usually several dead heads and unsafe

waters. A reminder to everybody that safety is key for all users of the lake. Boats and jet ski speeds impact the other users of the lake and affect the shorelines. All should know that the shore-line speed restrictions to be observed are 10 km/h within 30 metres from the shore unless posted otherwise. Strong waves and wakes cause erosion to the shorelines.

- ii. Other safety issues were discussed including the probably little known fact that all types of water toys are considered water crafts and are subject to the same safety requirements as a boat. In the last year of two there are several new fun inflatable water toys and floats such as the large flamingos, zebras, giraffes, parrots and the like. The same rules are applicable for these inflatables when on the water such as the requirement for life jackets and no alcohol permitted.
- iii. There is currently a project underway to prepare an information booklet related to marine safety and shoreline disturbances.
- iv. Questions from the floor included:
 - providing updates on the two different development sites on the lakes was provided. The key issue is the association board members inquire with the appropriate authorities or jurisdictions to check if the process was/is being followed.
 - awareness on the status of fire bans. Different suggestions were presented regarding how increased awareness on the status of fire bans can be provided on the lakes. The two key ones involve the engagement of the road associations and adding signage to the current sign boards. The potential funding by the foundation was supported. The added difficulty around the management of such initiatives was indicated. A reminder that the fire ban status is posted at the main township signs around the lake and different lake entrances. Whenever possible updates are posted to the Facebook site.

d. Financial – Carson Jen reported

- i. A financial statement for the 2017-2018 fiscal year was presented
 - Currently showing a \$1.7K loss which is primarily due to the additional cost to update the website and the decrease in the membership

*It was **moved** by Diane Stevens, **seconded** by John Harvey, and **approved** to accept the GBCLA Financial report as presented.*

e. Membership Report- Rick Prudil reported

- i. The current paid membership is 140 for the 2018 year compared to 260 for 2017.

- Possible contributing factors could include the timing of the association's fiscal year and when members traditionally pay. The numbers will likely increase in the last half of this calendar year.
 - Suggestions from the floor on how to increase membership such as the use of the same membership model as FOCA and the use of the different road associations. A key issues related to these models is the possibility of 'double-dipping' or that a person will not sign-up because of the mandate to join one or the other association.
 - A large percentage of the membership renewals were done by PayPal this year. Other suggestions from the floor on ways to make paying membership easier such as e-transfer and automatic renewals. These will be reviewed for the efficacy and applicability for our size of membership and available resources.
- Increased diligence will be applied on a go forward basis for members who have not paid for an extended period of time.

f. Election of Officers and Directors for 2018-2019

- i. Larry preceded the election of officers to state that it is a common best practice that a new president be introduced at maximum every five years. As a result of a longer tenure than expected, Larry announced that he is stepping down as the President. There is a contingency plan in place until such time as a new President is found including that Larry will now be officially the Past President. . The following is the current slate of directors presented for the 2018-2019. No nominations came forward for the open vacancies.

- President: **vacant**
- Past President: Larry Arpaia
- Fisheries & Wildlife: **vacant**
- Water Quality: Bonnie Carabott
- Treasurer: Carson Jen
- Membership: Rick Prudil
- Secretary: **vacant**
- Marine Safety: Dick Johnston
- Communications and Social Media: Trish Chartrand
- Crow Lake Representative: Bonny Bracken
- Crow Lake Gatekeeper: Mike Byrnes

- Commercial Camp Liaison: DiAnne Henderson
- Green Bay Representative: **vacant**

*It was **moved** by Andrew Parker, **seconded** by John Harvey, and **approved** to accept the list of candidates for the GBCLA Executive 2018-2019 as presented.*

5. Presentations on the state of the lakes

a. Tay Sub-Watershed Report 2018: An Environmental Report on our Watershed presented by Martin Czerski of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

i. 5 year update on the quality of the water was provided

- Range on the lakes from poor to good
- Important to understand that both human and natural activity have an impact on the quality of the water
 - The most prevalent human impact are septic systems

b. How you can contribute to the Sustainability of our Lakes presented by Meaghan McDonald of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

i. The following are key ways to help reduce the negative impact to the lake

1. Proper septic maintenance
2. Shoreline erosion options
3. Reduce run-off
4. Planting native species
 - Question from the floor included the use of composting toilets as one alternate means for septic.

c. With a little help from our Friends - B&CL Foundation presented by Andrew Parker

i. Andrew reminded everyone about the Frontenac Frolic which is on Saturday, August 4th and is one of the key fundraising activities for the foundation.

ii. Andrew advised how the foundation works with the association to help with the possible funding for different initiatives including the top-up related to septic inspections and maintenance.

6. Larry presented an update of the construction of the Bolingbroke Dam

a. Construction started in July. It is currently targeted to take two years as the construction period is July to October. A key outcome of the new dam will be that the water levels will be better monitored as a means to address the rule curve. It should be noted that the water levels will not be

affected during the construction. Note that the construction site, which is on private land, is a closed site and not open to the public. Additionally, there is no access from the water either.

i. Question from the floor was whether the dam can become a 'destination' site. For example, a dock for boats and picnic tables for a rest stop. Apparently, the suggestion was already presented to Parks Canada and the initial response was that this could not be a possibility primarily that there is not the available public land and also due to different native species such as walleye spawning beds. Increased activity will cause issues with the native species. However, this could be re-evaluated in the future after construction is fully complete and results of native species monitoring.

7. Larry announced that a Cottage Safety & Security Session will be on August 25th at Glendower Hall

a. From the floor, it was requested if the issue could be addressed with the different municipal candidates. Currently the different municipal candidates will be invited in the forum of an all-candidates forum focused on the Stewardship of the Lakes.

8. Closing message from outgoing president Larry Arpaia included a thank you and presentation on behalf of the board

- A long list of accomplishments was presented by Dick Johnston that included:
 - Emergency Access Report - done in partnership with RVCA,
 - New Emergency Card;
 - new Welcome Package;
 - Three successful flotillas,
 - consultations with Parks Canada water levels and the new dam;
 - Septic Socials; Edu Socials regarding water quality;
 - Sechi disk and water quality demonstrations at Crow Lake;
 - AGM activities with guest speakers;
 - Completion of distribution of Shoreline Surveys;
 - Relationship management- Townships, Parks Canada, RVCA, Tay Valley Water Shed (Rule Curve Review); other Lake Associations; OPP, Lake Links, FOCA, Members and the general public;
 - Communications and technology: Website, e-lets, facebook, improved membership process.

9. Closure – the meeting closed at roughly 3:30

Note: roughly 58 members in attendance not including the guests.