

**Greater Bobs and Crow Lakes Association  
Annual General Meeting  
MINUTES  
Sunday, July 23  
12:00 Noon – Lunch  
1:00 P.M. Meeting  
Glendower Hall  
Acting Chair: Larry Arpaia**

1. Introduction

Larry Arpaia called the meeting to order and welcomed members. He commented that our association is over 50 years old. He referred to our web site, Facebook site and to the Lakeviews Magazine as vehicles of communication.

and indicated that we have 7 proxy votes.

2. Approval of minutes of Annual General Meeting, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Moved: Jean Cook and Ben Stevens**

**Seconded: Ben Stevens**

3. Approval of Agenda

**Moved: Dick Johnston**

**Seconded: Bonnie Carabott**

4. **Presentations**

Communications by Julyanna Trickey who is our web master. Julyanna reported that she seeks to update the website and make it easier to make changes.

Cottage safety by Michelle Lewin, Manager of Communications and Development, FOCA. Michelle outlined the services provided by FOCA and presented information on cottage safety.

Lyme disease by Michael Anciado, Sharbot Lake Family Health Team

5. Financial Statements

Carson Jen reported that we had a small loss last year. He pointed out that during COVID our expenses were fewer so we had some in reserve. He referred to the fact that insurance, buoys, lunch for the AGM have been inflated in cost but we do not plan to raise the membership fees. However, we do need more volunteers to help run the programs the programs wish to offer. Loss was a modest \$1800. We still have a healthy surplus.

**Moved: Diane Stevens**

**Seconded: Grace Welsh**

Larry thanked Carson for his work in editing the magazine for the past 2 years

## 6. Committee Reports

Communications – website changes – Julyanna Trickey

*Lakeviews Magazine* – Jocelyn Morley reported that she would welcome stories from members. We love stories about things happening on the lake and people who have been around the lake for generations.

Fisheries – Carson Jen reported that the fishing committee is continuing to do the walleye survey. Fish Creek is the primary walleye spawning area. We have seen encouraging signs over the last 2 years, the numbers being fairly steady. The beds that were rehabilitated have not produced walleye. Carson reported that they have observed some poaching activity and reported it. This year, the police caught somebody poaching. Last year \_\_\_ fry were stocked by MNRF. We are hopeful that there will be additional stocking this year. There are 7 or 8 individuals on the committee but they would welcome additional volunteers to help with stocking in the fall.

Water safety – Dick Johnston indicated that he is always look for back up volunteers. CMAC (Canadian Maritime Advisory Committee) is planning to change boat registration procedure, changes in requirements for life jackets, (to be worn by everyone under 16), boat noise. We will keep people informed about these changes. He thanked folks for reporting the annual migration of docks on Facebook. Dick would like to develop a system for better identifying a location through GPS for reporting incidents on the lake.

Wildlife – Joselyn Morley reported that we are still involved with the Get the Lead out program. Gettheleadout.ca web site gives list of retailers that will take the lead and give you \$10 towards a new purchase. There is a poster about the program at Steeles Road. We have problems with invasive species. Sandy Pines Wildlife Rescue centre would rescue a loon. Need ways to locate the wildlife in trouble. There is a turtle rescue unit in Peterborough that you can call if you see a dead turtle on the road. She reported that several nests are empty this year. She requested that members inform her of sightings. She requested people communicate about articles they would like to see about wildlife.

Bioblitz – Bill St. Arnaud reported that the 2022 Bioblitz. There is a site called inaturalist.org. Requested that individuals report changes in our natural environment. This was our second annual Bioblitz. Experts came to the lake and documented all of the species that they found. All of that information was posted on inaturalist.org. Two thousand species were documented. There were several rare species documented, especially mosses. This helps the province to categorize areas as environmentally sensitive. Chief Davis gave opening remarks. There is a possibility of placing a plaque at this site mentioning the importance.

Jean Ogilvy I holding a 2 day workshop on medicinal plants in August. Contact Bill in interested. Thanked the 30 volunteers for their efforts and Seed to Sausage and the Toronto Zoo who were sponsors.

Membership – Rick Prudil reported that our current membership as of yesterday was 270 which, coincidentally is the same as last year. We entered the pandemic with, approximately 300 members, but during the pandemic we fell to 245 members. He made a plea that each member talk to their neighbour and let them know that this is an organization worth investing in. Thanked the board for reporting on the non-resident tax. She expressed that this could be a recruiting device. Gary suggested using the newsletter more to gain membership. Wilma Henry suggested a sticker we could put on the window.

Frontenac Frolic – August 5, 2023 – Byron Turner spoke about the Foundation. We provide funds for projects – the buoys that Dick puts out, and the boating card. They have funded 18 projects. They are always looking for new projects working through the Association or the Foundation.

They are particularly interested in sustainability and safety on the lake. He promoted the Frontenac Frolic as their major fund raiser and emphasized the Cow Flop Bingo. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There is lunch, silent auction, book sale, bake sale, petting zoo, reptiles, hoping for British cars and live musicians. Re Lynn Trudeau, Diane Edison, Bonnie Carabot and the MacNinch family. They need some help setting up on Friday morning and on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

## 7. Nominations for 2023/24 Board of Directors

### **Nominations for Board of Directors – 2023-24**

#### ***To be elected***

##### **Executive Committee**

- **President: vacant**
- Treasurer: Carson Jen
- Secretary: Lynn Watson

##### **Board Members**

- Past President: Larry Arpaia
- **Communications: Vacant**
- **Fisheries: Vacant**
- Water Quality: Bonnie Carabott
- Membership: Rick Prudil
- Marine Safety: Dick Johnston
- Cottage Safety: Kathy Yach
- Wildlife: Joselyn Morley

**Moved: Karen Turner**

**Seconded: Ben Stevens**

**Carried**

##### **Community Representatives**

#### ***To be appointed by the Board***

- Ex Officio Member of the Board: Bill St. Arnaud
- Crow Lake Representative: Jean & Cindy Faucher
- Crow Lake Gatekeeper: Mike Byrnes

## 8. New Business

## 9. Adjournment

Moved: Bonnie Carabott

Seconded: Joselyn Morley

Carried