

GOLDEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS
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12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday, July 2, 2016

LOCATION: Killaloe Public School, Killaloe, Ontario

CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 AM

President Kevin O'Connor welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Golden Lake Property Owners Association. He mentioned that this year is the 12th anniversary of the Association. He introduced himself and his wife Maureen, and shared the history of GLPOA with fond memories of the original steering committee and compliments to Membership numbers past/present. Kevin stated that this year GLPOA has invited Township Rep's to bring information about their community to share with the public. Kevin noted that this information was available on tables at the back of the gym.

MINUTES OF JULY 4, 2015, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING :

Secretary Sharon Neff reported that the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting had been on the GLPOA website www.goldenlake.co in 2015 and 2016.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of Annual General meeting of July 4, 2015.

MOVED: Dorothy Corbeil **SECONDED:** Dave Lemkay **CARRIED**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Rick O'Brien presented the Financial Summary for the operating year ending March 31, 2016, showing a starting balance on April 1, 2015 of \$13,007.73, Revenue of \$23,173.26, Disbursements of \$20,723.91, and a balance on March 31, 2016 of \$15,457.08. (This includes Chequing and Savings Account)

The Treasurer reported that the 2015-2016 financial records had been reviewed by Michael J. Afelskie, Certified Management Accountant (retired), of Golden Lake. He reported that "No errors or omissions

were found. The cheque register, financial statement, and supporting documents were all in perfect order". The financial report is attached to these minutes and approval note by Micheal J Afelskie.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2016.

MOVED: George Wilcox **SECONDED:** CARRIED

Special Presentation : Jeff Muzzi, Central Ontario Forestry Awareness

Introduction by Dave Lemkay.

Jeff highlighted the importance of communication for a successful Association. Jeff shared his past working history which took him to such places as Northern Ontario to his current place of work at the Renewable Fuel Facility in Renfrew Ontario. Jeff stated he is a third generation Forrester with a passion for Educating the public about the Forestry industry. Jeff discussed Forestry regeneration and managing the whole system as the essential service of the forest and it's success is proven by a well managed forest. Jeff discussed forest management in Ontario with a size of 107.6 M hectares in size, 71.1M hectares of the province is forest. That's 66%! Jeff noted that the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (1994) brought new Legislation, a Forest Management Plan and an Eco System. A multi disciplinary approach to planning. Jeff summarized the importance of local citizen's representation and public consultation being very key to this plan. Benefits, Jeff noted keeping the industry local means employment in the area, Killaloe, Barry's Bay and in Eganville there are 2000 jobs in this area. These jobs have spin off jobs for others such as mechanics, tires etc and in turn these mills support their local communities. Challenges, Jeff shared, how our forests are managed. Sustainable managed forests contribute to navigating climate change. Jeff noted that we need to get the message out there that forests are our life blood. How can we support? Follow on twitter, #ittakesaforest, become a member of www.forestsontario.ca

Dave Lemkay thanked Jeff for sharing his great wealth of information and opened the floor up for questions.

2016-2017 INRODUCTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Dave Lemkay/ Gail McPhee (State of officers/nominating committee) introduced the 2016-2017 Executive and Board of Directors. The Executive and Board of Directors list is attached to these minutes.

Motion: To accept the officers nominated for GLPOA Executive and Board of Directors.

Moved: Katie O'Hara Seconded: Gail McPhee Carried

GUEST SPEAKER/ PRESENTATION: Terry Rees

Kevin O'Connor introduced Terry Rees and noted that Terry has been the Executive Director of FOCA since 2004. FOCA is the largest land owner Association. Terry shared the history leading up to his involvement with FOCA. Terry noted that he began as a volunteer with the local Association in Apsley as the President and volunteered with FOCA. Terry noted there are two main objectives of FOCA, 1) To actively communicate and educate property owners about environmental stewardship and other important issues. Helping local volunteer lake associations thrive 2) To advocate for sound public policy on water-related issues. Terry stated that FOCA's Mission is to protect thriving and sustainable waterfront across Ontario. One of FOCA's most important goals is to encourage stewardship on the part of every waterfront property owner. FOCA works hard to try to have geographic representation with a corporate lawyer office in Peterborough with small paid staff and lots of volunteers. Terry echoed Jeff's previous statement regarding the importance of public education. Terry noted that the fall AGM, Newsletter and publications and website are all ways to share information with the public. Terry noted that FOCA is currently working on the following; Land use planning, Great lakes Partner Program, Fisheries Act, Policy Cost, Hydro Rates, Experimental Lake, Invasive Species Prevention and Monitoring Program and Cottage Succession Seminar Series. Terry stated that in 2015 FOCA had 510 member associations representing a total of 50,000 property-owning families across the province. Terry stressed the vital importance of volunteers in the succession of local associations.

Kevin thanked Terry and offered a gift on behalf of GLPOA.

Volunteerism: Kevin recognized John Gulland with his extensive list of roles within GLPOA over the past years. Kevin noted the success of GLPOA due to the involvement and skill of John, who at this time has decided to step down from GLPOA. Kevin presented John with a gift. Kevin also recognize Gail McPhee, who has many years of passion and expertise within GLPOA. Gail also is stepping down at this time. Kevin also presented Gail with a gift. Katie O'Hara also spoke gratitude of Gail's involvement and commitment to GLPOA.

Glen Bingham presented Kevin, John and Gail with current Cottage Life Magazine signed on the report in the magazine on invasive species.

Ron Rimmer presented a special gift to Kevin O'Connor as he is moving onto Past President from President.

Draws were held for 5 prizes donated by GLPOA Corporate Sponsors:

1.From the Cottage Cup – “gift certificate”

Draw winner – Bill Larmond – Island View Drive

2.From Gord McMillan – DVD

Draw winner – Dean Bergstresser – Island View Drive

3.From Gwen Stewart- Massage kit

Draw winner – Petra Vornweg – Island View Drive

4.From GLPOA – Lady's matching shirt/cap

Draw winner – Janet Pinder – Hawkins Drive

5.From Golden Lake Chinese Restaurant – Dinner for two

Draw winner – Allastier Shultz – Eady Road

COFFEE BREAK – Courtesy of The Cottage Cup, Golden lake

SPECIAL PRESENTATION 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM:

Local entertainer Beulah Buckwald entertained with music and stories.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS: Ron Rimmer reported that the membership numbers increase every year. Ron noted that 32 canvassers cover 11 zones on a large lake. Ron stated that a membership goal would be a stretch, but to achieve 75% membership in North Algona Wilberforce, Bonnechere Valley and the Reserve. He advised that a new method of payment of membership fees was initiated – e-transfer last year and is still being used. He mentioned that GLPOA was in the top 10 of number of Associations in the

Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations, FOCA. He noted that Chris Hamilton was the record keeper maintaining an extensive database of membership information, and also organizes the distribution of annual membership collection packages, collection of fees, and membership emails. He stated that volunteers are needed to assist with the collection of annual fees.

CORPORATE SPONSORS: Ron Rimmer reported that there are 30 spaces for commercial advertising on the four boat launch sign boards located at the boat launching locations at Deacon Bridge, Tramore Bridge, Bonnechere Lodge Road, and Islandview Road. All are being used by our Corporate Sponsors. He asked that GLPOA members frequent and support our corporate sponsors. Ron noted that there are 6 new Corporate Sponsors interested in being included on the four advertising boards.

STEWARDSHIP OF LAKE & RIVER: Glenn Bingham

Glenn Bingham noted that people are aware of the Stewardship and he noted that there are also five other committees that fall under this category: Water Quality, Water Levels, Buoy Placement, Tramore Boat Launch and the Fishing Committee.

WATER SAFETY: Bill Gardner. Water safety is under the watchful eye of Bill Gardner and his latest project the installation of a boat launching ramp on the Bonnechere River in close proximity to the Tramore bridge has been completed and is in use. The purpose of the proposed site is to provide easier access to the River and reduce roadside congestion. This will make the area close to the bridge much safer for all.

WATER QUALITY: Glenn Bingham. As previously communicated in the Spring Newsletter, the frequency and number of locations for water samples that are drawn from the lake this year will double.

Glen noted that they have responded to issues in and around the lake immediately. Glen noted he responded to a reported oil spill and dead fish. After investigation it was determined the oil spill was agricultural run off and the fish death is attributed to the stress of spawning.

WATER LEVEL: Bob Richer. Water levels continue had been monitored by John Gulland. For the past seven years John has been very quietly, yet extremely diligently, addressed our issues and interests. John is a member of the Bonnechere River Watershed Management Plan (BRWMP) and he sits on the Standing Advisory Committee. John is stepping down and Bob Richer will now monitor the water levels. Interested members can obtain up-to-date water level information on the GLPOA website www.goldenlake.co.

Glenn Bingham noted that maps/shoal markings are dependent on water levels. If anyone is interested Glenn and Heather have a table here today with information, maps and Ministry information.

FISHING: Glen Bingham noted a successful partnership with Cottage Cup and NAW volunteers at their first Fish Fry of harvested smelts. Glen noted that next year's Fish Fry will be hosted at The Sands, Cottage Cup will still partner with them. Glen noted that their partnership with Ministry of Environment is important and well respected. Glen noted also that they are learning about issues affecting Walleye and target through priority basis of 15 different issues, which have been identified. Volunteers are welcome.

SHOAL / HAZARD MARKING: Eric Weckworth continues to spearhead this program. He is ably supported by seventeen other volunteers to ensure placement, removal, maintenance and storage of the markers and buoys. All efforts are made to have the buoys in place prior to the long weekend in May and removed after Labour Day in September.

COMMUNICATIONS: Allison Wood

Ron Rimmer reported in Allison Wood's absence.

1.The GLPOA new email is glpoainfo@gmail.com

2.Face Book is new this year at 120 members strong and climbing.

3.Winter and Spring Newsletters with particular note of the corporate sponsors pages in the Spring Newsletter. Also noted the Spring/Summer newsletter 8 pages in total. Great feedback from membership that the newsletter is a great resource.

4.Membership with annual visits by the canvassers with a note that this is a top focus of GLPOA. There is a great need for a strong voice on the lake and a need for more canvassers.

5.The Website www.goldenlake.co that contains meeting minutes, useful articles, pictures, sponsors and notices.The website will be revisited in the fall of 2016.

6.Promotional wear being t-shirts, hats and sweaters. Marion Fuder to continue on with Promotions.

Members were asked to make sure that email addresses are supplied to GLPOA and are up-to date.

POKER RUN July 28, 2016: Ron Rimmer reported that the Poker Run is being held on

July 28, and that \$25 registration packages will be available in advance. The Sands on

Golden Lake once again is the registration center of the event. There will be approximately \$3000 in prizes for poker hands, best decorated boat, and draw prizes. Ron mentioned a new feature, the Kids zone which will be run by Mary Beatty, Sharon Neff and helpers. He also thanked the corporate sponsors for their continued support.

Draws were held for 7 prizes donated by GLPOA Corporate Sponsors:

1. From Walkers Landing – Dinner for two

Draw winner – George Wouda – Mundt Bay Lane

2. From Gord McMillan – Framed print

Draw winner – Donna Nicholson – Nien Mar Lane

3. The Sands – Spa Pedicure for two

Draw winner – Jim Roberston – McMillan Road

4. BMR in Eganville – Coleman Outdoor Cook Stove

Draw winner – Denise Bergstresser – Island View Drive

5. Gayle Jacques @ Royal Lepage – \$100 cash

Draw winner – Enzo Palladin – Nien Mar Lane

6. Doreen Dunn – Scully painting

Draw winner – Abi Buch – L'Escale Lane

7. A & A Resorts – A cottage for two for two nights

Draw winner – Norma Barley – Highway 60

8. McMillan's Cabins – One night with three meals for two

Draw winner – Andreas Vornweg – Island View Drive

9. Bonnechere Lodge – Housekeeping cottage for two nights

Draw winner – Beulah Buchawald – Great Heron Lane

10. The Sands – One night with breakfast & Dinner

Draw winner – Debbie Bouchard – L'Escale Lane

CLOSING REMARKS: Don O'Reilly thanked special guests Terry Rees and Jeff Muzzi, as well as the wonderful entertainment by Beulah Buchawald. Don gave special reflections to now Past President, Kevin O'Connor for his role in GLPOA. Don thanked Dave Lemkay and Gail McPhee a wonderful nominating committee, Chris Hamilton for his technical wonders and Ron Rimmer for their support in making the 12th Annual AGM of GLPOA successful.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the Golden Lake Property Owners Association 2016 Annual General Meeting – 12:15 PM.

MOVED: Gail McPhee **SECONDED:** Glenn Bingham **CARRIED**