

Bass Lake Association Annual General Meeting

1.Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was convened by Jeff MacDonald, at 10:00 am, with the introduction of the executive:

Jeff MacDonald, President
Joanne Goodwin, Treasurer
Julie Chisholm, Secretary
Chris Turney, Director
Craig Emerson, stood up
Tim Holland, stood up
John Sykes , stood up

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes 2015

The minutes of last year's AGM were posted on the website. Copies are available upon request.

The motion was made to approve the minutes.

Moved: Chris Turney

Seconded: Craig Emerson

I neglected to call for an all approved..there were no objections raised

3. Treasurer's Report

Joanne Goodwin presented the Treasurer's Report (N.B. Copies of the Treasurer's Reports are available for viewing on the Association website <www.basslakeweb.com>

All costs are primarily unchanged.

For the current fiscal year the summary is as follows:

Income \$5550.00
Expenses \$3608.88

Balance \$13146.12 (4335.41 checking + 8810.71 savings)
o/s items cost of Beaver removal
 deposit for water testing \$250

There has been increased beaver activity by the restaurant

The four largest expenses on and ongoing basis are our FOCA membership, insurance, dealing with the beavers and the water testing.

No questions or concerns were raised.

4. Membership

Last year we had 85 members (65.9%) which was down 3 members from the previous year. We had a long overdue increase in dues from \$50-\$75 and added the convenience of paying by e-transfer.

We have been very lucky that we have not had to deal with any emergencies but the stronger we are as an association the better.

The floor was opened to questions, and a discussion took place around encouraging everyone to join but how do people know who is a member. The issue has been confidentiality. People don't want personal information published. Jeff offered that if asked specifically if someone was a member he would be able to confirm or not.

Asked if any new members/cottagers were present to please stand and introduce themselves. There were none present.

Enid has passed on information about the association to new cottagers at Busches, and will drop off information to the new cottagers at Conderans once they move in.

5. Water Testing and Quality

Jeff MacDonald, after thanking the Turney's and Chris Bodanis for all the work they do on our behalf, turned the meeting over to Chris Turney to address the data from last summer

Our water testing is done through the MLA and Beacon Environmental as in previous years. There are 7 sites and tests are taken for phosphorous and e-coli. There is also a deep water site (site 5)

Once again, Bass Lake was given a green light which is very good. All tests have been good, in fact in 2015 the e-coli reading taken at test site 6 was well below normal.

It is important and recommended that regular testing continues in order to monitor any future trends.

There was a question about if there had been any discussion on the impact on fireworks on water quality. No known issues.

Asked if an additional e-coli test down by the restaurant given the increased beaver activity would be prudent. Chris Turney agreed and would look into this.

Question if the sometimes visible bubble floating in the lake was a cause of concern. Chris Turney didn't know but thinks its something naturally occurring.

Jeff MacDonald confirmed that all testing data is available on the BLA website with a link to the MLA website.

Joanne Goodwin started a discussion about the area where the culvert was replaced last year and the existence of a lot of sediment on both sides of the highway. Joanne Goodwin had contacted the district and when they came out to look at the issue, deemed that the water level precluded them from taking any immediate action, but stated that they would come back to dig the silt out. It was noticed that the water was too high because of 2 beaver dams....the area is now cleaned out, sand bags are in and the beavers are out and the water is flowing as it needs to be.

Ben Roberts then addressed the issue of Cassidy Lake not flowing properly into Bass Lake and the need to get it opened up. Some maintenance needs to be done as it is critical that the water flow is steady. Jeff MacDonald commented on the existence of dams that are very high at the back and the possibility of the flow drying up. The situation needs to be monitored. Monitoring of beaver activity continues to be a priority.

Jeff MacDonald emphasized the importance of our water testing and that it would be beneficial to have more volunteers trained to help out with it. The time commitment is not prohibitive. The phosphorous testing is done 4 times/year and the samples are physically taken to the Ministry. E-coli samples are done 2-3 times/ year and need to be incubated and a report written. Chris Turney confirmed that it is a total time commitment of 4-5 hours on a water testing weekend. It was confirmed that the cost was prohibitive to pay an outside firm to do it, and the MLA is set up the way it currently works.

6. Summer Events

Saturday July 16, evening Bass Lake Lights Out

Everyone is encouraged to turn their lights out and enjoy the clear night sky. We ask all people who have permanent lights shining onto the lake to turn them off. The more to participate the better it will be. Please encourage your neighbors to participate.

Saturday July 2, 2016

Friday July 29, evening Drinks and Music at the Bass Lake Roadhouse

We once again will be fortunate enough to be entertained by the Lester boys! Join your fellow cottagers for an evening of entertainment at the Bass Lake Roadhouse with any proceeds going to the Kelly Shires Breast Cancer fund.

Since 2009 \$40,000 has been raised for Kelly Shires.

Last year the Pink Bottle Return Box on Bass Lake Road raised \$1300. This year only \$205 so far.....

Saturday July 30, 8 AM Yard Sale in support of Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Fund (beside the Bass Lake Roadhouse)

Last year this event raised \$3400. All donations are appreciated.

There may be a raffle again this year....stay tuned!

Please contact Mary Ann Beaudin at 375-5109 or

maga@vianet.ca

Saturday August 6, 10AM Poker Run(non motorized vessels)

Starting point TBA.

Register with Enid Wray @ 1157 Kendon Road, 705-375-4614 or via the link on the website.

\$20 per entry

Saturday September 3 @9pm Parade of Lights.

All boats are welcome. Boats should meet up in the middle of the lake at the appointed time. All non-boating participants are invited to decorate their decks and docks. This event keeps getting bigger and better.

Rain date to be Sunday Sept 4th, rain or shine

7. General Items of Discussion and New Business

*Little Library- First Bookclub meeting today at Enid Wray's cottage.
3:00 1157 Kendon Rd. Everyone is welcome.

*Fire ban is in place for Township of Musoka Lakes. Fire rating is high
John Thompson dropped off a few copies of the
Fire By Law-2009-45 Corporation of Twp of M.L
Everyone is encouraged to let their neighbors and any renters know.

*Bears. There have been numerous bear sightings this year.
Jeff MacDonald has reached out to the ministry and has received
information about what to do if you encounter a bear. There is a
website "Bearwise" that he will post to the website. Common sense
precautions: don't fill bird feeders, keep bbq clean, don't leave
garbage out. If you come face to face: don't run, make noise, don't
look them in the eye, walk slowly backwards in the direction you
came. Eviction process is not viable as they need to be moved more
than 500 km to be effective

*Bass Lake road trash can's latch is jammed open. It has been
reported and an new one is being delivered

*Jet ski's and wake activity. Everyone is encouraged to stick to the big
bay when "playing around". Be responsible.

*Cottage Assessments. Peter Long(member of the rate payers
association) reported that the new assessments are being mailed July
11th. Appeal period is 120 days. Assessments are phased in over 4
years. Peter Long commented on the appeal process as requiring
comparables, and giving specifics in your appeal. The MPAC office in
Bracebridge is very helpful. He thinks the assessment is heavily
weighted on the size of your lot and amount of lake frontage.

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*Enid Wray is looking for one of the Association's red buoys that has gone missing.

*Valerie Loop at 1062 Berners Rd. has a green canoe that floated in last November. Jeff MacDonald is going to post a photo on the website.

*A lot of pollen in the water this year, but it is of no concern.

*Signs have gone missing on Bass Lake Road.

*Casings from fresh water jelly fish have been found in the lake. This is of no concern, just to be aware of.

*A question was raised as to what happens to the Beavers. Jeff MacDonald stated that we hire a professional trapper and that they are paid to relocate them.

*Many thanks to Jeff MacDonald and all his much appreciated communications.

*Jean Ann Baranik (one of the councillors for our ward and the deputy mayor) introduced herself and spoke to the 150th Canada Day Celebrations taking place next year. She is part of the committee to coordinate Canada Day Events in multiple locations. They are trying to encourage and coordinate small events all over. For example Sat Port Carling, Sunday Bala..... Any ideas for an event or if you would like to volunteer please contact her.

8. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Jeff MacDonald at 11:00

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