

2020 Annual General Meeting of the Nine Mile Lake Cottagers' Association Minutes October 20, 2020 8:00 pm

Attendees: Bob Theisz and Lorna Shwartzentruber; Tim and Pam Barfoot; Dan and Jill Bernard; Doreen, Doug and Greg Hiltz; Paul and Jane Evans; Michael Azulay and Vanessa Toperczer; Peter Hoag; Larry Pascucci

1. 2018-19 AGM Minutes were approved.
2. President's Report
 - Bob provided a summary of the meeting of the Road/Parking/Marina Group, including the new rules, increase to the Initiation Fee and establishment of new committees to coordinate planning and maintenance activities.
 - Bob proposed other committees to better manage the work of the Association. It was AGREED:
 - To continue the Lake Stewardship activities which monitor water quality/turbidity as part of the Lake Partner Program. Tim Barfoot agreed to continue in this role.
 - A Municipal Watch function to keep tabs on McDougall Township activities. Dan Bernard agreed to take this responsibility on.
3. Association Elections
 - Bob indicated that after 9 years, he did not wish to continue on as President. The Association expressed their deep appreciation for his work to address the road, parking and marina issues and his stewardship of the association.
 - Bob noted Bill Willet was in his last year as Vice President and that Jane Evans was also in the last year of her term.
 - Larry Pascucci put his name forward as President. He was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Congratulations, Larry!!
4. Treasurer's Report
 - Jane Evans reported on the 2019-20 financials. They were APPROVED.
 - Jane proposed a budget and fees for 2020-21 and that the Association fees for 2020-21 remain at \$100. Both were APPROVED.
5. Lake Stewardship
 - Tim reported that he had completed the water testing for the year and sent the results to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.
6. Federation of Ontario Cottagers'
 - Bob and Jane reported that due to COVID-19, the meeting this year was via Zoom and they chose not to participate as there were not items of interest to the Association on the agenda.

7. Lake Issues

- There was much discussion about the disruptive/destructive boaters and campers on the lake this summer.
- Some points discussed:
 - People are only able to legally camp on Crown land for no more than 21 days in a single spot. We need to monitor this and report excesses to the Ministry of Natural Resources.
 - Any boater acting aggressively or breaking laws (i.e., drinking and driving) should be reported to the OPP immediately.
 - Any excessive camp fires should be reported to McDougall Township Fire Department.
 - Cottages should document/photograph any incidents via Association's Slack channel. Tim has set up a page called "Yahoo" where members can document incidents.
- A new committee was struck to develop a protocol around incident management as well as to develop proactive measures to increase safety and protect the lake and environment. Peter Hoag, Paul Evans, Vanessa Toperczer, Larry Pascucci agreed to take this work on.

8. New Business

- Larry raised hunting in the area. There was a discussion about gun ownership and training and hunting licencing.
- It was noted that the 2020-21 AGM may also need to be done virtually depending on the status of the pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.