

Nine Mile Lake Cottagers' Association

Annual General Meeting, July 31st

Pate's Cottage

Present: Bob Theisz, Jennifer Scanlan, Grant Rowe, Dan Bernhard, Remy Giancola, Paul Evans, Jane Evans, Peter Evans, Peter Hoag, David Franco, Jenny Wells, Shirley Pate, Klaas VanGraft, Bill Willet, Brad Jolly, Mickey Willet, Robert Hieser, Christie Hilz, Dave McNab

Minutes:

1. **Minutes of August 3, 2014** were passed around, also sent previous to the meeting by email
2. **Treasurer's Report** was moved for approval by Peter Hoag, seconded by Paul Evans , carried.
 - a. 2015-2016 statement
 - i. Association Balance - \$613.81
 - b. 2016-2017 budget
 - i. 13 members, FOCA Fees, Insurance Fees, Interest on average of \$0.45 per month should have us sitting at \$778.96 next year
 - c. Membership dues for 2016-2017
 - i. Agreed to continue at \$75 per cottage, and Road Maintenance of \$100
3. **Insurance update**
 - a. Current general liability coverage
 - b. Expanded coverage once land use agreement is in place. Additional cost to be paid for by road membership.
4. **Old Maple Trail**
 - a. Reviewed the agreement that those using the road will contribute \$100 this year (not reoccurring annually)
 - b. Discussed desire to put load in parking area, use buckets and fill as needed
5. **Land use agreement update**
 - a. Submitted a draft business plan, follow up communication, no response
 - b. Will finish business plan and wait
 - c. Determine membership and contact information
 - d. Rules concerning
 - i. Membership
 - ii. Access
 - iii. Parking of vehicles and trailers
 - e. MNR seems more concerned with environmental responsibility, they are keen on hearing of lake stewardship and "cottage watch"
 - f. Association agreed to continue with Maintenance only
 - g. Interesting fact to note, McDougall Township has property lines listed on their maps website
6. **Henvey Inlet Wind Farm update**
 - a. Let the minutes show that Paul Evans stepped away for this agenda item

- b. Update: series of letters sent, formally escalated as far as it could go
 - c. Reserve has accepted the plan, which will go north east of the lake
 - d. Route B chosen as final route
 - e. Thanks to Christie Hiltz for documenting all endangered species
 - f. Thanks to Bob for all his hard work and dedication to representing the association
- 7. Hydro One line maintenance – vegetation management**
- a. Next major clean up moved up to sooner, was scheduled for 4 years from now
 - b. Hydro One plans to tackle tree cutting this year, and are open to suggestions and working with local families
- 8. Website**
- a. Blog component Introduced
 - i. Link off association web page. By invitation only (not public)
 - ii. Encourage all to use – agreed that Bob would send a link to all in the association and simply ignore the email if you are not interested in participating
- 9. Hunter Cameras**
- a. Dan Bernhard shared best practices and encourages all that are interested in catching wildlife to connect with him
- 10. FOCA update**
- a. Bob share an update and spoke of a Guest Speaker, Dave Meslin, Community Catalyst, engagement between citizens and government
 - b. MPAC, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
 - i. 2016 is a re-assessment year
- 11. Lake stewardship**
- a. Transfer from Klaas to Christie
 - b. Thanks to Klaas for an impressive 8 years
- 12. Fire road 208 update**
- a. Completely legal for south end of the lake
 - b. Ongoing process for the north end of the lake
- 13. Campers update**
- a. Quiet for north end, seems most aren't concerned
 - b. Spoke about docks, if you see unauthorized individuals/boats you can contact MNR
- 14. Reminder for association members to reporting threatened or endangered species**
- a. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/natural-heritage-information-centre>
 - b. Nine Mile lake endangered species
 - i. Massassauga Rattlesnake
 - ii. Blanding's Turtle
 - iii. Chimney Swift
 - iv. Eastern Fox Snake
 - v. Eastern Hog-nosed Snake
 - vi. Whip-poor-Will
- 15. Elections**
- a. President
 - i. Bob Theisz is willing to be President for an additional year
 - 1. Motioned from Peter Hoag, 2nd Paul Evans - carried
 - b. Vice President

- i. Thanks to Peter Hoag
- ii. Willet raised hand VP role
 - 1. 2nd Klaas VanGraft - carried

16. New business

- a. The Willet cottage is requesting a letter from the association stating we have sufficient parking and docking at the put-in to accommodate 3 additional lots. The letter is being requested by McDougall Township as part of the severance application.
- b. The Willet cottage would like to sever their single lot into four lots. With plans to rebuild the current cottage and build an additional cottage. The other two lots would remain vacant until such time successive generations choose to sell or build on them.
- c. **MOTION: We give permission for president to write letter stating Nine Mile Lake Cottage Association agrees docking and parking can accommodate the Willet's request**
 - i. From Peter Hoag, 2nd Klaas VanGraft
 - ii. 10/12 Majority Vote
- d. Discussion around future votes and agreed that it would always be inclusive of the entire association
- e. Reminders: Hidden cars preferred, respect cottagers and view, no trailers

17. Progression Dinner

- a. Jenny Wells to take over organization

18. Speed Limits

- a. Discussion around speed limits, asking for volunteers – Jenny Wells and Klaas to report at 2017 AGM

19. Break-ins Reviewed

- a. Hiltz's
- b. Pate's

20. Recognition made to both Vic and Fred

21. Carry over agenda item

- a. Gates at Old Maple Trail?

22. Closing Remarks

- a. Bob to close
- b. Shirley Pate to 2nd