

Nine Mile Lake Cottagers' Association

Annual General Meeting, August 3, 2014

Jaescke's Cottage

Present: Bob Theisz, Doreen and Fred Hiltz, Kristy Hiltz McNab and Serena McNab, Bill Willett, Paul Evans, Peter Hoag and Jenny Wells, Shirley Pate and Klaus Van Graft, Lisa Pascucci, Julia Jolly, Grant Rowe, Robert Huiser, Susan Heukrath, Art Pfenninger, Roman and Bozena Jaeschke,

Minutes

1. **Minutes** of August 4, 2013 were moved for approval by Bob, seconded by Klaas. Carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report** (see attachment) was moved for approval by Bob, seconded by Peter. Carried.

Bob noted that we do have a surplus; however, it will be useful to have as a contingency fund.

Jennifer Scanlon, who agreed last year to share the position of secretary/treasurer with Doreen Hiltz will take over the position as of September, 2014. **Welcome, Jenny!** Her email is:

jenniferksanlon@gmail.com

3. **Insurance Update** – Bob will purchase liability insurance (at the cost of \$500) for both roads maintained by Nine Mile Lake cottagers. **Only paid-up members of the Nine Mile Lake Cottagers' Association will be covered. Executive Members will also be covered.** Bob Theisz and Grant Rowe will have further discussion about how the insurance will apply to the future road to the Boys`Cabin.
4. **Recent Break-ins** – Last September, the Theisz cottage and the Hiltz cottage were broken into. Packaged items and knick-knacks were taken from Bob`s cottage; nothing was taken from Fred`s cottage but drawers and cupboards were rifled through. It was noted that we should keep an eye on each other`s cottages as a neighbourly gesture.
5. **Lake Level Discussion** – the general feeling was that the high levels in the spring and early summer were due mainly to the melting snow run-off and high volume of rain – nothing to do with the dam. Several people checked on the dam during the spring and the flow was not blocked. It was agreed to continue to check on the dam on an individual basis.
6. **Campers Update** – No issues to report so far this year. Bill Willett suggested putting up signs (similar to the ones on two of the islands) on other favourite camping spots. Paul Evans said he has one that can be put up. More can be ordered if necessary.

7. **FOCA Update** – Bob and Lorna attended the FOCA AGM last fall on behalf of our Association. Bob noted two items of interest: 1. A warning - as a result of global warming, environmental events that used to occur every 100 years are likely to occur every 25 years. Plan accordingly. 2. The government has backed off on the implementation date for the new Non-profit Corporations Act; we have another year to figure something out. FOCA is putting together a package for associations to help them rewrite their constitutions. We'll wait for the package and deal with the issue at that time.
8. **Road Maintenance of Old Maple Trail** – Peter Hoag is having a load of gravel delivered to the Cottagers` Landing for his ``Gray Water` Pit. **He has agreed to also order 2 truckloads of gravel for maintenance of Old Maple Trail and will pick a weekend day in September to call for a work bee to spread the gravel and do some cleanup along the sides of the road. Cottagers who use the road will share the cost.**
9. **OPP** – As a check on safety, the OPP have been on the lake three times this year. Cottagers should have their boat operator`s licence with them at all times when driving a boat, have the necessary number of life jackets and safety equipment and no open alcohol.
10. **Speed Limits** - Shirley noted that boaters are still speeding past their cottage even though they have a 10 km sign posted on their dock. She asked if a sign could also be put up at the public beach to warn non-cottagers of the speed limits within a certain distance of docks. It was noted that the public beach is municipality domain so permission would have to be gained from them. Shirley will write a letter asking for permission.
11. **Dock Space** – The property formerly owned by Rhonda and Jason Mayhew has been sold. The new owners would like to put in a dock for their boat. It was felt that as long as their dock does not interfere with other docks they can be given the go-ahead. There will need to be more discussion in the future as to how many more vehicles and boats can be accommodated at the Cottagers` Landing. **Jenny Scanlon said that she and her husband would like to share a space on a dock if anyone has room.**
12. **Crown Land** – Klaas noted that the moratorium on the sale of Crown Land is coming to an end so we should be vigilant of what the implications might be for us when that happens.
13. **Confirmation** – Bob confirmed with Grant Rowe that, although the Boys` Cabin will be selling shares in the property, the group will still have only one vote according to the Nine Mile Lake Cottagers` Association Constitution.
14. **Defibrillator** – Kristy Hiltz informed the members that there is an oxygen tank at the Hiltz cottage and plans are underway to also have a defibrillator. More discussion can take place next summer to decide how these two items can also be made available to other cottagers.
15. **\$50 MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE – if you haven`t already paid and wish to be a member, please send your cheque made out to:**

Doreen Hiltz – with memo for Nine Mile Lake Cottagers` Association

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16. **Local Candidate** - Bob informed us that a local candidate had made a request to come to one of our meetings but, as Bob Huiser is probably the only one of our Association who would be voting in the election, it was decided not to issue an invitation.
17. **Lake Monitor – We thank Klaas Van Graft for being our Lake monitor for the Ministry of the Environment.** Grant Rowe has agreed to take over the job of monitoring when Klaas finishes at the end of November.
18. **Executive - Bob Theisz has agreed to stay on as president for one more year** – nominated by Peter Hoag, seconded by Paul Evans. Carried. Association members gave a vote of thanks to executive members, Bob Theisz, president; Peter Hoag, vice-president; and Doreen Hiltz, outgoing secretary-treasurer. **Special thanks to Bob** who has done an incredible amount of research and attended FOCA meetings on our behalf as well as setting up a web site: www.ninemilelake.ca. He would love to hear some ideas for new content for the webpage.
19. **Next AGM** – Sunday at 1 p.m. on August 2, 2015, at the **Boys’ Cabin**. Thank you, Grant Rowe.
20. **Adjournment** – moved by Bob Theisz and seconded by Peter Hoag. Carried.

Many thanks to the Jaesckes for hosting the AGM and also hosting the start of the progressive dinner. Kudos to Grant Rowe for setting up the barbecues. A special thank-you to **ALL** who hosted and contributed to the dinner. A time of fun, food, and fellowship was enjoyed by all!

Submitted by Doreen Hiltz