

Nine Mile Lake Cottagers' Association (Parry Sound District) – Constitution, 2012

1. Name: The name of the Association shall be “Nine Mile Lake Cottagers’ Association (Parry Sound District)”

2. Purpose: The purposes and objects of the Association are:
 - a. To officially represent the cottagers with property on Nine Mile Lake.
 - b. To maintain rights of way known as Fire Route 207 (Old Maple Trail), Fire Route 208 and Fire Route 208A (Redbea Trail).
 - c. To undertake and maintain any action, work or improvement that is in the interests of the cottagers.
 - d. To maintain membership in FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Association)
 - e. To handle whatever monies are necessary in keeping with the above purposes.

3. Membership: Membership shall be open to all those holding property interests on or near Nine Mile Lake in the Townships of McDougall and Ferguson in the District of Parry Sound. The membership shall consist of individual cottage owners and also of groups who own or lease property on the Lake as well as persons who own or lease property which is served by Fire Route 207 (Old Maple Trail), Fire Route 208 and Fire Route 208A (Redbea Trail).

4. Meetings: Meetings of the Association shall be held whenever Association business shall require. There shall be at least one meeting yearly. The Secretary-Treasurer shall give adequate notice of all meetings to the members.

5. Officers: The officers of the Association shall be a president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer. These officers shall exercise the usual duties of such officers. Election to an office shall be for a term of three years.

6. Fees: Regular annual dues, assessed by the Association, shall be a paid yearly by every member.

7. Funds: The funds of the association shall be handled by the Secretary-Treasurer who shall give a regular accounting of all funds of the Association at least once a year at a meeting of the Association. Any member shall have the right to examine the Association’s financial records upon request.

8. Quorum: A quorum for the purpose of holding business meetings shall consist of 50% plus 1 of the paid membership.

9. Voting Member: Each cottage lot will appoint one voting member.

10. Proxies: Written proxies nominating another member who is present to cast a vote for a member who is absent, shall be accepted by an Officer of the Association at any meeting. Proxies may also be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer in advance of the meeting, nominating

another member to cast their vote on their behalf at a scheduled meeting. This can be done by means of mail postage, e-mail or other electronic conveyance.

11. Executive Decisions:

- a. When no quorum is reached, the officers of the Association shall make decisions or act upon urgent matters that might arise. Such decision or actions to be concurred by members or the Association at the next constituted annual meeting.
- b. The officers of the Association shall also make decisions or act upon urgent matters arising between annual membership meetings. Such decisions or actions also to be concurred by members of the Association at the next annual meeting.

12. Amendments:

- a. Any amendments of this constitution shall require a vote of two thirds of active members to carry.
- b. The constitution shall not be amended except at a general meeting of members called for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment of amendments. The Secretary-Treasurer will give adequate advance notice to all members concerning the proposed amendment or amendments and concerning the time and place of the forthcoming meeting.