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## NINE MILE LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION

Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting (AGM) held Sunday, August 2, 2009 at the Pate Cottage.

PRESENT: President Dan Bernhard, Vice President Judy Pfenninger, and Secretary-Treasurer Shirley Pate.

MEMBERS & GUESTS: Rhonda & Jason Mayhew/Mia Schaeffer & Bob Threisz/Bozena & Roman Jaeschke/Doreen, Fred & Doug Hiltz/ Debbie Clarke/ Lisa & Larry Pascucci & Klaas VanGraft. Seven properties were represented. Jane & Paul Evans arrived after the meeting had adjourned.

The President welcomed everyone. New members were introduced. We have a quorum.

- Motion made & seconded by Klaas\Doreen: That we rescind the motion made at the general meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 pertaining to water level due to liability concerns. Carried.
- Motion made and seconded by Dan\Klaas: That the minutes of the general meeting of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be accepted as amended. Carried.
- Old business: Doreen distributed copies of the NEW CONSTITUTION. The name, as is, with (Parry Sound District) added as there is another Nine Mile Lake Cottage Association in Muskoka.
- Motion made & seconded by Fred/Judy: That the new constitution be accepted. Carried.
- Mining Claims: Since last general meeting Klaas and Shirley attended the Toronto session reviewing of the Mining Act. Shirley also wrote the Minister of Northern Development & Mining, Michael Gravelle with a copy to Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources. Gravelle responded with the usual reassurances. It appears that staking on private land could be 'out' south of the French River but I believe our big concern is the Crown land surrounding our cottages; have also written the Sierra (previously Ecojustice) and Ramsey Hart of MiningWatch Canada. The Municipality of McDougall responded to my letter of November 2008 and said they would look into it in the spring. Again, I wrote them in the spring and they have not responded. There was an article in the North Star news by Evan French who had attended the municipal meeting. Also, I have

written Foca regarding our concerns re the staking so that other cottagers associations may be aware of this problem.

- Lake Water Testing: Still to be carried out by Lisa.
- Lake Water Level: No changes to the status quo for now.
- Camping: Suggested that individual cottagers report irresponsible behaviours and activities to the appropriate authorities.
- Secretary/Treasurers Report:

2007 balance forward	\$ 1.39
paid members \$20 x 9	180.00
Expenses: FOCA membership and mailing	<u>-111.67</u>
Balance	\$ 69.72
- Motion made & carried Shirley/Bob: That the report of the Secretary Treasurer be accepted. Carried
- Motion made & seconded by Bob/Fred: That the annual dues be increased to \$30 per property. Carried.
- Motion made & seconded Bob/Klaas: That a \$50.00 donation be made to the Nordic Ski Club as a goodwill gesture. Carried. (Roman will deliver the donation).
- Motion made and seconded by Larry/Debbie: That the annual general meeting be held on the Sunday of the Civic Holiday - August 1, 2010 at the Pate cottage. Carried.
- New business: Our practice of electing officers for a 3 year term opened the office of Vice President for election.
- Motion made and seconded by Dan/Klaas: That having volunteered and there being no further nominations, we acclaim Doug Hiltz as Vice President for the next term. Carried.
- Discussion for a future date: We should perhaps consider joining WRAFT (I believe it is a coalition after tax reform for waterfront properties). Terry Rees, the ex-director of Foca, is the spokesman. Fee to join is \$50 for an association our size. Ontario, according to one organization, has the highest property taxes in the western world. WRAFT website [www.wraft.com](http://www.wraft.com).

- Doreen brought information pamphlets and talked briefly about endangered species in our area.
- Klaas reported on his attendance as voting member at the FOCA Annual Meeting. Our Minister of Natural Resources, Donna Cansfield spoke and hinted that Crown land would be released again in the near future. Klaas has written to his MPP for clarification on this subject. No reply to date. It appears that municipalities would have to provide all services before releases are considered. Bob noted his conversation with our local councillor, Lewis Malott, (705-342-5252 lewis@lmchimney.com) who mentioned that McDougall is not considering application at the moment, as costs are prohibitive.
- Liability issues were raised and discussed by an insurance expert and advisor to FOCA. Many cottage groups have Liability Insurance to protect their membership. Klaas will investigate this further and report at the next annual meeting.
- Motioned and seconded by Dan/Fred that the meeting by adjourned Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.
- A REMINDER: To those who were unable to attend:
  1. We missed you!
  2. Those who have not paid their annual dues and would like to, please send to Shirley Pate, 80 Eagle Rd., Etobicoke, Ontario, M8Z 4J2 \$30 per property.

Paid members: Bernhard, Pfenninger, Mayhew, Schaeffer, Jaeschke, Hiltz, Pate/Vangraft and Evans

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Some E-Mails I haven't tried re uranium staking:

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