

August 2, 2015 **BIRPOA AGM** held on trail near the Library

Welcome: President Bob Cavenagh: Call to order 10:10 am. He welcomed everyone and invited them to introduce themselves. There are 40 people in attendance representing 20 cottages.

Bob announced **changes** to our membership/Island residents: #3 Paolo Durando and husband are selling but remain on Sand Lake as mainland residents. #19 Gooderhams are welcomed . #38 Brett Cavenagh is building a new cottage. #43 Delind and family have sold to Dave Nichols and family; #49 Charles Thompson's cottage is unoccupied. Charles passed away a few years ago.

Treasurer's report: Alice Howarth reports there are 35 paid memberships to date with a few more payments expected soon. The carryover from Previous years is \$3219.66. In 2014 we repaired dock carts and contributed to fireworks display. It is noted that it is desirable to maintain a reserve fund for future repairs/events.

Credits: fees-2014 X 14, 2015 X 35, 2016 X1 = +\$ 2000.00 Debits: pay pal fees 20.44, stamp for library 25.88, gas for trail cutting 50.00, website fee 26.44, FOCA membership 271.25, Directors Insurance 995.76 = total -\$1389.77 **ACCOUNT BALANCE** as of August 3, 2015 = \$3829.89

President's report: Bob Cavenagh was asked by the marina to ask cottagers to be mindful of noise at the marina upon entering and leaving. The port-0-potty is not for diaper disposal or garbage.

Chuck Laudermilch reports that one 1 eaglet has already taken flight from the Bald eagle nest. He counted 27 adult loons on the lake and 8 or 9 chicks. The fishing has been good this year-most are catch and release

TICKS- report from **Andy Shaw:** Andy gave an informative and interesting talk on ticks (specifically infected with Lyme disease) and presented extensive research and a description of proper removal of ticks.

Library: Jae Shaw notes the library is now 7 years old. She is pleased to see that younger people are taking out books. Donations are good. She thanked Ry Weisiger for building a ramp and handrail at the library.

Paul Beckwith warned us about toxic wild parsnips growing along the township roadways.

Bob Cavenagh followed up last year's report on water testing in 2014 and reminded everyone that drinking the lake water is ok if treated properly with ceramic or UV light filters. He has water sample bottles for anyone needing one.

Right of way: John Feltmate reports that 17-18 cottages have paid to have their property descriptions amended to include right of way on the inland trails. The lawyer **Richard Minard** was in attendance and gave a more in depth talk to interested cottagers following the meeting.

Election of Officers: **Mike Davis** was nominated and elected to be Vice President for 2015-16 . The **new slate of officers** are: Murray Smith –president, Mike Davis- Vice President, Bob Cavenagh- Past President, Alice Howarth- treasurer, Catherine Burnside –Secretary, John Feltmate- ROW, Jae shaw and Kathy Weisiger- Library, Ry Weisiger- Trails

Bob Cavenagh gave a comprehensive talk on **docks**, the problems we encounter, and solutions. Parks Canada has a helpful website for rules and regulations. We are allowed more than one dock because we are water access only. The docks **MUST** be 15 feet from the property line **INCLUDING** where the dock/property lines would extend into the water. Bob is putting “the DOCK Manual” into the library for others to read.

Paul Beckwith will post website for watching Sand Lake weather/ice breakup. Also see the Birch Island/Sand Lake website.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Thank you to Susan Cavenagh for serving **ice cream** to everyone!