

2016 AGM BIRPOA July 31, 2016 a beautiful day on the trail at the Library

President Murray Smith welcomed everyone to our AGM. There were 43 cottagers in attendance representing 24 cottages. There were several new owners in attendance. Everyone introduced themselves by name and lot number.

Executive present: Murray Smith Pres; Michael Davis VP, Bob Cavenaugh Past Pres; Ry Weisiger Trails; Kathie Weisiger, Jae Shaw, Laura Davis, -Library; Chuck Laudermilch-lake health, birds and fish; John Feltmate-ROW; Andy Shaw- Director at large; Catherine Burnside-Secretary. Hali Smith- temporary treasurer.

Regrets: Alice Howarth- retiring Treasurer/membership director

TREASURER's report: In the absence of Alice Howarth, Murray presented the report. Our balance forward is \$3829.89. Credits : Fees (7X 2015, 29x 2016) =1440.00; Rebate on insurance=122.04

Debits: Paypal fees (6x1.46)= 8.76; gas for trail cutting-75.00; dock cart and Web page= 57.00

Balance on account July 31, 2016= \$5251.17 + 40.00 (unaccounted for)= 5291.17

Estimated cost for insurance= 870.00; estimated cost FOCA membership= 280.00

Alice Howarth submitted her resignation as treasurer July 29,2016. **Signing Authority** will now be Hali Smith, Robert Cavenaugh and Robert Andrew Shaw

LIBRARY: Kathie Weisiger reported for the Library committee. They did extensive weeding to provide space for tens/children's books and "how to" books. Please donate books under 10 years old. Bob C. Sais there is a bin for cottage "how to/boat info books" (permanent collection) and requests manuals on Canadian Electrical systems to update the "how to" books.

TRAILS: Ry Weisiger reported repairs are in progress to the mower and asked for owners to contact him if they encounter problems such as fallen branches on the trail. He is concerned about the condition of the drain pipes at the culvert. Chuck L also expressed thanks to Andy Shaw and the Calver family who have mowed the meadows end of the island.

LAKE HEALTH: Chuck Laudermilch reported there are 23 loons on the lake and 3 chicks maturing in time to fly south. Chuck talked about the bass population and size relative to their age. He recommends catch and release for fish over 16 inches. Ecclestone Island had 2 American Bald Eagle chicks reach maturity this year. He says the lake appears healthy as the bait balls (schooling smaller fish- I had to look it up) are growing in size each year.

BUTTERNUT program: Murray Smith said that he and Laura Davis have been in contact regarding this Recovery program for the endangered butternut tree. For anyone interested in planting a butternut tree, an advisor will come to you in the Fall. Contact Laura Davis if interested.

ROW: John Feltmate gave a brief explanation and update and recommends owners join in the second phase if they have not dealt with this previously. He is willing to meet with interested owners after the meeting.

GALA AWARDS: This year we presented GALA awards to two cottage owners:

- 1) Andy Shaw presented a certificate to **Alice Howarth** (in absentia) for her involvement as treasurer for more than 10 years and as Membership director.
- 2) Bob C. Presented a hand painted paddle posthumously to **Rick Milner** and to his wife Marg for their many years in organizing the canoe race and corn roast. Karl Reid accepted the award on their behalf

OTHER NOTES: 1) there is a new battery booster at the marina for everyone's use.

2) please manage your garbage/compost/ waste carefully .

3) Garbage night is SUNDAY 4-8 p.m ONLY. Do not drop it off early if you are leaving before those hours. Household waste and recycling garbage only in clear bags at the public launch. A sticker is required for each bag of household garbage -(available at the grocery store in Elgin).

4) if you want septic pump out contact Lisa at the marina- she is compiling a list. Pump outs are now done by "Docks are us" from Seeley's Bay.

5) Andy Shaw will look after installation of a new bulletin board at the marina for everyone's use and cottage association announcements.

6) Murray Smith suggests a Social event for cottage owners- perhaps in the meadow in August?

New Executive for 2016/17 : Mike Davis –**President**, Murray Smith **Past President**, **Vice President TBD**. **Treasurer**- Vipool Desai (lot #75) **Secretary**-Catherine Burnside. **Web Master**- Brett Cavenagh.

ROW John Feltmate. **Library**- Laura Davis, Jae Shaw, Kathy Weisiger, Bob Cavenagh. **Lake Health**- Chuck Laundermilch. **Directors at Large**- Andy Shaw and Bob Cavenagh

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am- fastest meeting ever!

ICE CREAM- was provided by Hali and Murray Smith and served with flair by Hali and Susan C.—Yummy

Respectfully submitted: Catherine Burnside