

## **Minutes of the 2019 AGM Sunday, August 4th 2019**

*Members of the Executive Committee present: Rory Gooderham Secretary/President, Bob Cavanagh Vice- President, Vipool Desai Treasurer, Ry Weisiger Director-Trails, John Feltmate Rights of Way Regrets: Brett Cavanagh Past President*

**Welcome:** Rory Gooderham welcomed everyone to the meeting and following tradition, asked members present to introduce themselves.

**Thanks to Brett Cavanagh:** Rory advised that Brett Cavanagh was concluding his term as President/Past President and noted that his contributions over the years in a number of roles are greatly appreciated

**Memorials:** Carole McKewen, Bill Davis, Louis Monton and Paul Simpson were remembered as cottage owners and contributors during their time on the island.

**Minutes of previous AGM held August 5th, 2018:** Were adopted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Vipool Desai referred to his Treasurer's report which had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Funds at the beginning of 2018-2019 fiscal year were \$3,455; membership revenue was \$1,645 representing 40 members. Total expenses were \$1,366 resulting in a surplus of \$3,734 at year-end July 31st, 2019.

### **Island Issues and Interests:**

**Lake Association – Township of Rideau Lakes:** Rory noted that BIRPOA was able to participate in the Township's Lake Association Grant program and received a grant of \$947.00 to assist with operations.

**Marina Issues:** As always, a note of thanks to the folks at Sand Lake Marine for all they do for us. It is important that we all observe speed limits for safety and to reduce dust. Cottagers should use only the lower road and park carefully to make room for others. Dog droppings need to be bagged and removed – not placed in the Go Hut.

**Water Safety:** There was a quick review of basics including keeping appropriate distance from docks and swimmers, the importance of proper lighting on boats at night. Reducing 'light pollution' was also brought forward.

**Septic Pumping:** Vipool noted recent experiences including the costs. Group rates for this service work are available which will benefit cottagers who need this service.

**Group Wi-fi:** Stephen Reid noted that he was in process of making arrangements with a local supplier for Wi-fi services that could also be made available to other cottagers in need. Unfortunately it was found that group rates were not being offered and it is back to the drawing board.

### **Reports**

**Library:** Bob Cavenagh indicated that helpers are always needed. Ideally teenage kids to provide guidance on book titles for younger readers. As always, donations of thoughtful, current and quality titles are welcome. A signup list was circulated.

**Trails:** Ry Weisiger noted that for the most part the trails are in good condition and asked members to report any concerns they find so they can be taken care of. The culverts at the causeway were also beginning to collapse and this may require the area to be closed in the future. Cottagers were advised to take care whenever using the trails.

**Your Water System from Lake to Tap:** Bob Cavenagh went through a demonstration of pumps, filters and various water purification systems. It was agreed that the information for both old and new cottagers was very useful.

**Power Outages:** John Feltmate noted the importance of calling hydro if the power goes out. The more calls the better to encourage hydro crews to fix.

**Canoe Race Returns!:** It was announced that the annual boat race would return on September 1st, 2019, hosted by the Pollocks at Lot 70.

### **Nominations and Election of Executive Committee Positions for 2019-20.**

**President:** Bob Cavenagh (current VP)

**Vice President:** Vacant-no nomination received

**Past President:** Rory Gooderham

**Treasurer:** Vipool Desai (current Treasurer)

**Secretary** Rory Gooderham (second role)

**Director for Trails** Ry Weisiger

**Director for Library** Bob Cavenagh (extra task)

**Director for Rights of Way** John Feltmate & Rory Gooderham

**Directors at Large** Dave Perfetti, Chris Wagner (Mary Rockburn was subsequently appointed)

There being no further nominations, the members' nominated above were elected by show of hands.

### **Other business:**

There was discussion about property tax re-assessments, how to do them and whether they are worthwhile. Parking improvements at the marina were also discussed.