

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
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2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JULY 11, 2012 7 p.m. DELTA FAIR HALL

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME;

During the refreshments, our co-president Louise Mantha invited everyone to share some cake to celebrate our 80th anniversary as a Lake Association. Then at 7 p.m. Louise called the meeting to order. There were approximately 50 people on hand, including our guest speakers, Dann Michols and John Urquhart and his associate. Louise had a prepared slide presentation and she reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU LAKES;

Mayor Ron Holmen brought greetings from the Township and congratulated us on our achievement of 80 years as a Association. He said the Township hoped to have 70% of our roads paved but due to economic constraints, they are only at 50%. The Province has not yet met their commitment to pave the remaining section of Highway 15 up from Seeley's Bay. A new assessment impact notice will be sent out in the Fall and he advised us to be sure to read them carefully. The plan for septic inspections for the next 4-5 years will be redrafted in the Fall and the conversion from analog to digital for emergency response will be completed by 2013. He also reminded us that there is currently a fire ban on.

DELTA ATHLETIC RECREATIONAL SOCIETY;

Gus Brown spoke on behalf of DARS. There has been a resurgence of activities at the Centre with a theatre and dance group, Friday night ball hockey and of course, ice hockey in the winter. He told us that the concrete needs to be resurfaced and they are hoping for support from us and the community.

IN MEMORIAM;

A moment of silence was observed for those who had passed this last year. Those remembered were Stephane Lawson, Earl Patric, Marion Olivo, Tetlon Riskie, Jack Bogart, and Greg Ross.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM;

The minutes are on our website and there were hard copies available at the meeting. Any comments are to be sent to our webmaster.

FINANCIAL REPORT;

Our co-president, Lily Faust, gave the financial report. We had received donations of \$1029.00, a great many of these in memory of our tireless director, Earl Patric. We also received a grant of \$2000.00 from The Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands for our fireworks, which have been rescheduled to Aug. 4th, 2012. Lily said that the Township of South Crosby Fire Dept was sent \$210. in 2010 and \$170. in 2011 and that the cheques were never cashed. It was moved and seconded to discontinue these contributions. It was also moved and seconded that we send these monies to DARS. Both motions were carried. After revenue and expenses, there will be approximately \$9000. in the bank. Our books have been favourably audited by Ed Van Voorhis.

REVIEW OF 2011 ACTIVITIES;

Louise gave a slide presentation of last year's activities.

- Our float for the Delta Fair followed the 70's theme very loosely; we showed that people in their 70's were still very active.
- During the clean-up day, we have discovered less trash each year.
- The picnic was attended by 50 people and lots of fun was had by all.
- We continued putting out the shoal markers (many thanks to Sharon and Fred Olivo) and monitoring the water quality and water levels (again thanks to John Truyens, Dave Johnson and Dave Champagne).
- We erected an eagle platform for nesting which is currently occupied by an osprey family.
- We built and set up a display for our Association for the 'Celebrating the Season' festivities in Delta Township Park.

PLANNED 2012 EVENTS;

- June 30th we held our 'invisible' fireworks, now rescheduled to Aug. 4th.
- July 11th, our AGM.
- We will enter a float in the Delta Fair parade, theme this year is cartoons.
- The annual clean-up day is right after the end of the Fair on Aug. 2nd.
- Aug. 4th we are also planning a Dock Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Finally Aug. 11th will be our annual Picnic at Kendricks Park.

LAKE MANAGEMENT REPORT CARD;

Louise went over our report card thoroughly. A copy of this can be seen on our website. Louise asked that if anyone had any comments or concerns, would they please contact us. We awarded ourselves a red star for good in most of the areas but only a green star (needs more work) in Areas 4 and 6. It is felt that we need more creation of buffer zones along our shorelines to restore and protect the littoral zone. In the area of noise and light pollution, we are not sure how to approach this. Also the control and planning of development in our Lake area is very difficult since there are three separate Townships in our area. As to working with the greater community, it was moved and seconded that we support the Delta Mill and the Delta Athletic Recreational Society. Louise also commended our members who had recently received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

ELECTIONS;

The proposed slate of officers was shown and accepted.

- President - Lynne Jeffries
- Vice President – Sharon Olivo
- Secretary – Barb Kirkham
- Treasurer – Betty Penstone
- Past President – Dave Champagne
- Directors at Large – Lily Faust, Dave Johnson and Fred Olivo

VOLUNTEERS FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS;

We are always looking for street champions to spread our message and to keep our records updated. The following people were kind enough to volunteer.

- LB2 – Pat Greenhorn
- Kendrick Lane – Sandy Ellis
- Lake Shore – Al Brown, Mary Van Voorhis
- Cedar Sands – Don Palmer, Dave Johnson
- LB6 – Don & Bev Wallis
- LB5 – Laura & Rich White

Others who volunteered to assist with the shoal markers (putting out on May 24th and bringing in on Sept. 1st) were Brian Jeffries, Millard Goodsell and Sandy and Frank Ellis. Jeanne Patric will kindly store these markers in her barn for the winter. Jeanne also offered to solicit corporate members in Elgin. Bob Faust will continue to maintain the signs at the boat ramps. Dave J and Dave C offered to assist with the picnic.

GUEST SPEAKERS;

Our first speaker was Dann Michols from the Frontenac Arch Biosphere. He tested us with a series of skill testing questions about F.A.B .which many of us were not able to answer. He told us that this area was designated by UNESCO as scientifically, culturally and globally significant. The area of 2750 square kilometers was designated in 2002 following an application by community groups and local governments. The aim is to have sustainable development to meet the needs of the present without damaging the area for the future generations. The Frontenac Arch Biosphere is an organization set up to network all agencies in the area to develop programs for action for sustainable development. Wendy's Wigwam is an example of businesses coming together and thus leading to a higher quality of life. This year is the 10th anniversary of the Frontenac Arch Biosphere and Dann asked us to be sure to consult their website for complete information and to see a list of events coming up. Dann also said that the best way we can help is to use the products from places such as Wendy's, attend the fund raising events, buy a lottery ticket to win their kayak and join the Board or any of their committees. There is also a short video on what we love about the Biosphere on you tube, be sure to watch it.

Our second speaker was John Urquhart from Ontario Nature, formerly known as the Federation of Ontario Naturalists. This non-profit group was founded in 1931 and follows the principles of conservation, education and advocacy for protection of nature. John is a conservation science manager and spends much of his time at Lost Bay Nature

Reserve. This reserve is a community success story; the community raised \$90,000.00 to preserve the shoreline of this 488 acre nature reserve. He told us that there are over 200 species of native plants and animals at risk, much of this due to changes in habitat. He has found 7 different species of birds in the reserve, four of which are declining. John has mapped the types of habitat in the reserve (mixed pond, shallow wetland, etc.) and has found 21 species at risk at Lost Bay. Some threats are in the creatures' wintering areas but in the reserve, the county roads prove to be a hot spot of mortality. He said we should try to return turtles we find to the same spot in the wild if possible. Also, a turtle with a cracked shell will generally heal in the wild. Hatching times for turtle eggs vary for 50-60 days or 80-90 days, mostly due to weather conditions. The highest danger period for the eggs is 24-48 hours after laid since predators can find them using smell. Another danger time is after they hatch, since the predators will hear the young and then get the balance of the unhatched eggs. He has found a 47.5 pound snapping turtle in Lost Bay. At the end of John's talk, we had a lively question and answer session.

Louise thanked both speakers and presented them with small gifts of appreciation.

It was motioned and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.