

DALHOUSIE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC
GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING
2005 08 27, 10:00 to 12:00
Mera Building, McDonalds Corners

Attendance:

- Approximately 40 Members were in attendance

Agenda:

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting of July 9, 2005 – Judy Hall
3. Review of Financial Report – Pat Jones
4. Unfinished Business and Business Arising -
5. New Business
 - Election of Directors
 - Suggestions for next Year – what changes would members like to see and what should we continue with?
6. Today's 50/50 Draw
7. Cottage Basket Raffle Ticket Draw
8. Meeting Adjournment



1. Meeting of August 27, 2005 called to order by Judy Hall at 10:05
2. Minutes of previous Meeting of July 9, 2005 were read aloud by Judy Hall
 - a) Minutes approved by Russ Burns and 2nd by Barb Stewart
 - b) All in favor by a show of hands
3. **Financial Report** presented by Pat Jones as follows;

BANK BALANCE JUNE 1, 2004 **\$1,981.68**

June 1, 2004 to August 31, 2004 Receipts		
- Membership Fees	\$230.00	
- Bank Interest	\$ <u>.54</u>	\$230.54

BANK BALANCE AUGUST 21, 2004 **\$2,212.22**

September 1, 2004 to August 27, 2005 Receipts		
- Membership Fees	\$1,605.00	
- Cottage Basket Fundraiser	\$1,024.00	
- 50/50 Draw and Donations	\$ 71.35	
- Bank Interest	\$ <u>1.34</u>	\$2,701.69

September 1, 2004 to August 27, 2005 **Disbursements**

- Insurance	{\$896.40}	
- Web Site	{\$171.15}	
- Meeting Expenses	{\$ 78.43}	
- Family Fun Day	{\$ 59.90}	
- Office Expenses	{\$ 66.10}	
- Bank Charges	{\$ <u>4.25</u> }	{\$1,276.23}

BANK BALANCE AUGUST 27, 2005 **\$3, 637.68**

- Motion moved by Gill Malloy to approve Financial Report and, 2nd by Bob Spratt – All in favour by a show of hand.

4. **Unfinished Business and Business Arising**
- a) **Bulletin Board** – volunteers John Hall and Bob Spratt to assist in the construction of a new bulletin board. Bob and John have priced out materials to construct the bulletin board and without the roof it will cost about \$350.00. It was raised by Brian Stewart that to complete the design of the bulletin board it would be desirable to include the roof as there was some discussion that a roof may not be necessary. In the end, all agreed that a roof would be beneficial as it would be aesthetically pleasing and would provide shelter. A motion was moved by John White and 2nd by Carol Thivierge to authorize an additional \$300.00 for the roof of the bulletin board. All in favor by a show of hands. As previously mentioned the bulletin board will be erected near the Sylvania Lodge boat ramp as permitted by Brian Forester.
 - b) **Issues and Concerns**; Based on feedback received from the members in 2004, the Executive Committee organized and hosted various information forums such as Well and Septic Management (Kim Yee and Mark Green), Protecting our Lake Ecosystem (Mike Yee). A Family Fun Day (Hosted by the DLAI Executive).
 - c) Alexis donated a print and will be stored away to be used for fundraising in 2006.
 - d) **Stewardship Program**; Contact Judy Hall if you are interested in this program.

5. **New Business August 27, 2005**

- a) **Election of Directors**;
- **Section 1:** Current Director is Dave Turner. Kirk Robertson was nominated by Dave Turner and 2nd by Russ Wagner. All members in favor of Kirk Robertson by a show of hands
 - **Section 2:** Current Director is Jim Christini. Jim Christini nominated by Dave Turner and 2nd by Earl Bryington. All members in favor by a show of hands.
 - **Section 3:** Current Director is Ron Jones. Ron Jones nominated by John White and 2nd. By Gill Malloy. All members in favor by a show of hands.
 - **Section 4:** Current Director is Joyce Spratt. Joyce Spratt nominated by Gill Malloy and 2nd by Barb Stewart. All members in favor by a show of hands.
 - **Section 5:** Current Director is Judy Hall. Judy Hall nominated by Lois Haley and 2nd by Gill Malloy. All members in favor by a show of hands.
 - **Section 6:** Current Director is Carol Thivierge. Carol Thivierge nominated by Barb Stewart and 2nd by Russ Burns. All members in favor by a show of hands.
 - **Director at Large**; Brian Stewart nominated by Russ Burns and 2nd by Bob Spratt. All members in favor by a show of hands.
 - Election of Directors approved by Dave Turner and 2nd by Bob Spratt. All members in favor by a show of hands.
- b) Establishing a minimum water level. A question was asked about a minimum water level. As a current member of the Mississippi Watershed Management Committee, Jim Christini explained to the members that in order to have a minimum water level established for our lake, it would be necessary to circulate a petition to all lake residents. The intention of the petition would be to determine the volume of support. Afterwards, this petition would be brought to the township as a first step in determining the validity of pursuing such an endeavor. Questions can be addressed by Jim Christini who has agreed to put together this petition for circulation.
- c) Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority is holding public information sessions on generating hydro for the province. Meetings are once a month. Plan will be written and can be viewed on the MVC website. Copies are also available at the Township Office.

- d) Question was asked by Member if there is any way to obtain additional signage for boaters and loons. Judy Hall to inquire with MVC.
- e) Question was asked by Member if the Association was going to join the FOCA Cottage Association. Judy Hall replied; that there is an annual fee for joining and an additional \$2.25 per member per year. It was discussed that the cost out weighed the benefits of a FOCA membership. In any event the FOCA website contains a vast amount of useful information free of charge. There was a general consensus not to pursue a FOCA membership at this time.
- f) Is there a way for Members to post articles for sale via the DLAI website? Webmaster Christine Stewart indicated that it would be possible however, it would be necessary to decide whether or not the dlai website is an appropriate vehicle for this request. If it is deemed acceptable, the creation of an ads posting policy will be essential. www.dlai.ca
- g) Question was asked by a Member as to why we have insurance. For instance; when we have our meetings at Mera, we are not insured by Mera when using their Hall and facilities as their Insurance does not cover our functions. We must be insured for liability purposes. The insurance runs from Sept to Sept. For 2004, the Association purchased Basic Liability Insurance for a total of \$869.00 from Crain and Schooley. Russ Burns moved to proceed with purchasing Insurance for next year and was 2nd by Kirk Robertson. All members were in favor by a show of hands.
- h) Suggestions for next Year – what changes would Members like to see and what should we continue with?

KEEP	CHANGE
Family Fun Day	Don't have the Family Fun day the same day as the pig roast. Idea to perhaps have by section or community which would help "get to know" your neighbors.
Have at least one information session per year; i.e. guest speaker	Decision to not mix Business Meetings with Members Meetings. I.e.; Guest speaker forums will be separate from Members Meetings. This will lessen the time frame of meetings for members.
Continue communications and relationship with the MVC and keeping Members informed	For 2005 we will proceed with 3 Members Meetings in 2005; - Information meeting at beginning of year (mid June) - Information session in mid summer (mid July) - Business Annual (end of Aug)
Jim Christini to continue attending the Water Management Plan and will share information with members ongoing	
Tour of the Dams conducted by MVC preferably in June	
Continue email alerts to members when applicable	

6. **Today's 50/50 Draw winner** is Bob Closs for the amount of \$40.00. Winnings were donated back to the Association. Thank you Bob...
7. **The Cottage Basket** was drawn and the winner is Mary Jeckel.
8. Gill Malloy spoke of Edgar Barrette's recent passing. Edgar was an active member both past and present of the DLAI and a good friend and neighbor to all lake residents. Edgar will be missed by all. Judy Hall will send a sympathy card on behalf of the association.
9. **Adjournment:**
 - Meeting adjourned by Kirk Robertson and 2nd by Ron Jones at 11:35