

DALHOUSIE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC
GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING
2004 07 9, 10:00 to 12:00
Mera Building, McDonalds Corners

Attendance:

- Approximately 40 Members were in attendance
- Guest Speaker: Mike Yee, Biologist, MVC;
 - Protecting our Lakes
 - 2001 State of the Lake Report
 - Upcoming Water Quality Testing for 2006

Agenda:

1. Call to Order – Brian Stewart
2. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Judy Hall
3. Review of Financial Report – Pat Jones
4. Introduction of DLAI Web Site - Christine Stewart
5. Introduction of Guest Speaker Mike Yee – Judy Hall
6. Amendment to Constitution – Jim Christini, Ron Jones
7. Bulletin Board – Brian Stewart
8. Membership Drive – Judy Hall
9. Family Fun Day – Judy Hall
10. Cottage Lake Apparel – Carol Thivierge
11. Today's 50/50 Draw – Ron Jones
12. Adjournment of Meeting

Financial Report

- Steve Barrette has resigned as Treasurer and Pat Jones was appointed as Treasurer.
- Balance is \$1,080.17
- The Basket Raffle is going well.
- A full account of the financial report will be available for the annual meeting
- Pat Jones, Judy Hall and Brian Stewart will have the signing authority.

Introduction of Website

- Christine and Brian Stewart have been very busy developing a website for the Dalhousie Lake Association.
- Christine Stewart provided members with a presentation
 - Executive button contains a list of Directors and their contact information
 - Links page – links you to related sites. If you want to recommend a site to add, send us an email
 - Under the Meetings button, you will find agendas and minutes for members meetings. Archives of previous meetings are also kept here.
 - The Events button contains both past and present events. As an example, the notice for the Family Fun Day.
 - Announcements button, all timely and important information will be posted here. Example high water notices, membership drives, upcoming events, fundraising, call for volunteers etc...
- Any feedback that members have is most welcome; just send us an email with your suggestions and feedback christine@dlai.ca

Mike Yee, Biologist, MVC

- Presentation: “Lanark Highlands Water Forum 2005 Lake Stewardship”
- Watershed Watch program. State of the Lake Report
 - Water Quality Concerns; why so many weeds, is something we are always concerned about. The watershed Watch Program objective is to accumulate reliable environmental data to determine the limits to which lakes can handle nutrient input. The information is used to encourage lake property owners and users to help restore Lake Habitat and adopt good stewardship practices. Many lakes were sampled in 2003. Dalhousie Lake is scheduled for sampling in 2006.
 - Phosphorus is a driver for land. For water, phosphorus is not as desirable. If we want to limit weeds, we can do this by limiting the amount of phosphorus going into our lakes. This can be achieved by;
 - Build at least 30 metres ways form the shoreline
 - keep your lot well treed
 - Pump out your septic tank every 3 to 4 years,
 - Reduce water use and use phosphorus free detergents
 - Keep the size of your lawn to a minimum
 - Do not use fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides.
- In essence if we remove the natural vegetation from shorelines, we are ultimately taking away the quality of our lake. What we do on land greatly impacts our lake.
- Monitoring Programs; Frog Watch and Ice Watch are some of the programs that could assist us in monitoring our lakes.
- 2001 State of the Lake Report: phosphorus was found to be extremely high. Dalhousie Lake is a sand plate and so there may be a possibility that this is contributing to the high levels of phosphorus? Our Lake is proven to be a very productive lake, meaning we should be more aware and conscious of what is going into our lake.
- Dalhousie Lake has some enrichment. It is in our best interest to follow best management practices on our properties to maintain the overall quality of our lake.
- Shoreline Cleanup; its ok to clean shorelines for such things as washed up weeds, pollen, etc. It's the removal of shoreline vegetation that is risky and not in our best interest.
- Weeds – are not necessarily a bad thing. Our lake does need this productive vegetative food source for the insects and fish of the lake. A lot of us aren't so content with them and so we tend to eliminate them. Mike recommended that perhaps we only clear a path or small area vs clearing the whole shoreline around your property. This way we win and so does the lake.
- Leeches – Our lakes habitat promotes leeches
- Zebra Mussels are an invasive species derived from the Great Lakes. When they get into our lakes, there isn't any other species to eat them. In 2001, zebra mussels were detected however; no adults were found, only larvae. For whatever reason, they haven't developed. The lake will be tested again in 2006.
- The lake association has posted reminder signs at boat launches around the lake to assist with reminding boaters to clean boats before entering into our lake.
- Presentation adjourned at 11:30.



Lake
Stewardship.pdf



State of the Lake
Report powerpoint.pr

Amendment of Constitution

- Jim Christini read the existing constitution which was amended in 1998. The concern back in 1998 was the continued lack of representation of some zones around the lake. In 1998 motion moved by Jim Christini and second by Ray Doiron that the Dalhousie Lake Association Inc Constitution and Bylaws be amended to permit the expansion of directorship to a maximum number of 7; said directorship to be formed by interested association members owning property anywhere on the lake, as opposed to owning within a specific zone.
- Ron Jones read the new (2005) proposed amendment;
 - “For the purpose of electing Directors, the lakeshore and adjoining lands have been divided into six zones as set forth in Appendix A. Said directorship to be formed by interested Lake Association members owning property on the lake to a maximum of 7. One Director shall be elected from each zone plus one Director at large. When it is not possible to obtain a Director from each zone, a Director may be chosen from another zone. In any event, no one zone may have more than two Directors.
- Motion moved by Bob Spratt
- Motion Second by Russ Burns
- Motion unanimously carried.

Bulletin Board

- Not everyone has internet and so the association is proceeding to build a bulletin board which will be erected at the site of Sylvania Lodge.
- The bulletin board will be used for posting advisories, meeting agendas, etc.
- Brian Stewart has designed a bulletin board and is now seeking volunteers to assist in the construction. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Brian Stewart.
- Suggestion from a member was we could utilize student volunteers who are interested.
- If is not possible to find volunteers to help, the construction of the bulletin board will be put on hold until further notice.

Membership Drive

- Currently on right now. Directors have been canvassing door to door.
- Membership this year is 15.00 per property

Family Fun Day

- July 23 from 1:30 to 4:00 at Centennial Park
- Open to all DLAI members and lake residents – as we are hoping to promote a sense of lake community.
- Local OPP Officer Paige White to be available to answer any questions you might have.
- Gord Mountenay from MVC may be available to conduct a tour of High Falls Dam.
- Face painting and games for the kids
- Hot dogs and drinks available for free. Bring your own bug spray, lawn chair.

Cottage Lake Apparel

- Carol Thivierge is organizing a fundraiser through Cottage Life Apparel. They sell items such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, golf shirts, caps and blankets all with the outline of Dalhousie Lake embroidered on them. Any orders are to be coordinated through Carol if the DLAI is to receive a 20% cash back bonus. Members will pay regular prices for items but will benefit from ordering through Carol by receiving a reduction in delivery charges. Please contact Carol at carol@dlai.ca or at home at 224-3020 or at the cottage at 278-2295 if you are interested in placing an order and helping out the association.
 - Carol requires payment in full in advance of sending an order.
 - Carol needs a minimum of 20 items before placing an order.

Today's 50/50 Draw

- Winner of 50/50 is Bill Cox for the amount of \$22.00
- Winner of the Dalhousie Lake baseball cap donated by Cottage Lake Apparel is Pat Woods

New Business:

- It was suggested that minutes of previous meetings be photocopied and available for all members at the next meeting. To assist with keeping administrative costs to a minimum, it was decided to:
 - Have available three to four copies of the minutes to the previous meeting for members to view in advance of the current meeting's call to order.
 - Continue to post the minutes on the DLAI website at www.dlai.ca
 - Post the minutes on the DLAI bulletin board situated at Sylvania Lodge once erected.
 - Review the minutes at the next members meeting.

In the meantime, if you would like to obtain a copy of the minutes, please do not hesitate to contact your Director.

Adjournment:

- Meeting Adjourned 12:10 – Judy Hall