

MINUTES –DLAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 23RD 2014

Call to order: 10:05 by Judy Hall

2013 Review of Minutes AGM 2013: Minutes were briefly reviewed with no questions from the membership. Motion to pass by Bruce Patrick and seconded by Diane Bennett

2013-2014 Financial report: presented by Carol Thivierge emphasizing that if we kept the membership fees at \$15.00 per year we would be dipping into our reserve funds next year. Brief discussion with the membership and motion to pass the financial report by Ron Jones and seconded by Rick Dunn.

Business Arising: 1. Judy Hall spoke with regards to the Lakes Links, Lake Networking Committee, OPP presentation to the Lake Networking group and the Lake stewardship Network explaining their purpose and giving the membership opportunity to attend these meetings throughout the coming year. If anyone is interested please notify Judy Hall

2. Membership was notified that the picnic tables that the DLAI donated were in place at Centennial Park. Thanks to Judy Hall, Diane Bennett, Pat Jones and Ron Jones for painting the tables

Judy Hall suggested that it would be nice to restore the gazebo at centennial park and that there could be money available from the township to help with this. We will look into it next year. It was clarified that the responsibility for upkeep and safety of the gazebo is the responsibility of the township.

3. Water testing: the July results were out and available on the website and the bulletin board. September water testing is to come

New Business:

1. **Financial projection for 2014-2015:** Members discussed ways that the association could cut costs.
2. **Water testing:** Discussion as to whether to decrease the number of times we do the water testing and the sites that we test. Membership decided to keep the testing the same as the water quality of our lake is one of the most important issues to the membership. Motion made to keep it the same made by Rick Dunn and seconded by Carol Thivierge
3. **Mail out:** discussion with ways to cut costs. Motion to restrict postal mailings to members who do not have an email supplied to the executive and to send out all other mail by email. Motion made by Ron Jones and seconded by Margo Barrett.
4. **Fireworks donation:** discussion among members on how to support the fireworks through the association. Motion to include a request for donations to be made when the membership and yearly newsletter is sent out made by Ron Jones and seconded by Rick Dunn
5. **Insurance:** membership was reminded that the insurance was a liability issue for the directors. It was also pointed out that the cost has not increased significantly over the past 8-10 years. Motion to continue with the insurance as is by Rick Dunn and seconded by Pat Jones

6. Bulletin board: Membership decided that we would wait until the Lexan became worse before spending money on a new replacement.
7. Membership Fee: Members discussed the advantages of increasing the association fees. It was noted that we have one of the lowest yearly fees of the surrounding lakes. Motion to increase fees to \$20:00 put out by Ron Jones and seconded by Margo Barrett.
8. Fish Rehabilitation project: Updated by Judy Hall. The sticks will be gathered and tied on Wednesday August 27th and the Hydro barge will be installing them on Friday August 29th. We are a partner in this project and there will be segment on Lake 88 on Friday AM. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with bundling the sticks and branches please let Judy Hall know. The spawning beds will be going ahead sometime in mid-September.
9. Blue Green Algae (cyanobacteria): this has been spotted in our region and is a serious problem. It looks like paint lying on the top of the water. Please report any suspected sightings. There is even a special phone line direct to the ministry to make reports. The best preventative action is to maintain your septic systems, and reduce nutrient loading with fertilizers to try and maintain a natural buffer.
10. Acknowledging Lake Residents who have passed away: discussion carried out and it was decided to create a memorial icon on the web site to acknowledge these residents and go back 5 years and add these names. It will be the responsibility of the family or friends of the deceased to notify the association. Motion put forth by Bruce Patrick and seconded by Sandra Pull ham.
11. Love-Lakes program: This is a government initiative to help maintain a natural waterfront. They are looking for lakes to partner with them. It is to the benefit of our lake to join this program. It is important to note that they are non-regulatory, confidential and non-committal. They assess all lake front properties and notify the property owners of the assessment and their findings and recommendations but the property owner is under no obligation to follow through with their plans.

Election of Directors

No nominations from the floor for any of the sections. All directors were acclaimed and accepted. Motion to acclaim directors put out by Cathy Dunn and seconded by Ron Jones. Thoughts for next year: after discussions it was decided to hold the garage sale again next year and have it on the same day that the fireworks at Sylvania Lodge are held. Judy reminded members to send pictures of any family fun or nature pictures etc. to the web site.

50/50 draw was held and was won by Bruce Patrick. Bruce donated the \$31.50 back to the DLAI Meeting adjourned at approx. 11:45AM with a motion by Bruce Patrick and seconded by Carol Thivierge.

