

Little Silver and Rainbow Lakes Property Owners Association
Directors Meeting May 7, 2020
Via Zoom 7:30 pm

Present: Frank Johnson, President; Catherine Anderson; Eileen Barbeau; Alison Bentley; Paul Chambers; Yoshiko Gumienny; Andrew Kendrick; Sue Sammut; Lynn Tarzwell; Wilma van Zwol

1. Minutes of August 17, 2020.

Already approved prior to posting.

2. Matters Arising

- a) Terms of Reference for Officers. Andrew had circulated copy last year for comment. None had been received. It was decided to accept the copy as circulated. (attached)

[Post-meeting note – the webmaster position, included for the first time, warrants full Board membership which is not permitted according to the current constitution (posted on the website). This will be revisited as part of the next revision.]

- b) Lake Protection Workbook. Area Representatives had distributed them to most property owners; the remaining to some new and non-permanent residents being accomplished when possible. To date the feedback has been great. It was clarified that owners on Bolingbroke Road were included with those on the Silvery list.

- c) Updating of cottager contacts. Area Representatives were asked to forward changes to Lynn who is keeping the master mailing list.

3. General Comments

Frank referred to the Ontario Government statements encouraging owners to remain in their primary residences and not consider going to their cottages during the Covid-19 restrictions. It was decided that the role of the Association was just to inform our members and that this would be done in the next Bulletin. Area Representatives who are permanent residents have been checking on properties of some neighbours and it could be mentioned that they are willing to do this for others to save them the journey.

4. Update on road access liability working group at TVT

Frank has been invited to be on this group. The Township has not yet ratified the Working Group or its membership. If the group and Frank's membership of it is ratified then he will arrange to include road committee representatives in any further discussion.

5. Plan for AGM 2020

[The Ontario Government has issued Regulation 107/20, https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20107mc_cid=f45f07bba7&mc_eid=6b06d1f863 concerning groups incorporated in the province who have scheduled meetings during the restrictions. Our Association is covered by this regarding Board meetings and the AGM.]

The regulation allows for the options of virtual meetings and postponement. The AGM is important

for electing new officers and for receiving formal reports of Board members. Membership will be asked for their opinions via the planned Bulletin and the Board will discuss and decide the matter in June.

6. Election of Officers.

The following terms will end this year: President, Treasurer and Secretary (these can be separate or combined), Lake Steward, 2 Area Representatives for Silvery Lane and the Vice-President which has been unfilled.

Current officers, with the exception of the Treasurer and Secretary, indicated a willingness to renew.

The position of webmaster will become vacant as the incumbent will no longer have a cottage. Members will be asked to consider volunteering for any of the vacant positions the upcoming Bulletin.

7. Lake Steward's Report

Andrew had some good news: Water levels are all right. Out of a need for clarification of the RVCA testing results, he, Frank and Steve Hiltz met with Martin Czarski in the fall. It had appeared that their latest quality measurements were higher in Rainbow than Little Silver and this was not in agreement with others they had. But it turned out they were basically within the margin of errors. He reported that there were no particular causes for alarm. Vigilance is needed though for protection of shorelines and monitoring septic. Last year there was concern about increase in weeds and algae and it is unknown if this will be the case this year. He wished to remind cottagers that they do not own the lake bed around their property and thought must be given when wishing to remove weeds. As a result of the current restrictions, RVCA has cancelled water sampling/testing on all lakes until further notice.

8. Treasurer's Report

Wilma reported that there had been little activity this year. At the end of April

Total in bank : \$2,032.11

Disbursements: FOCA membership, Workbook and a memorial donation.

9. Secretary's Report

As she was coming to the end of her term and also leaving the lake, Eileen had been spending time with the Association files of which she had become the custodian 10 years ago when she was President. Originally, material was stored loosely in boxes which were passed from president to president and while she was president, she and her husband, who was the Secretary, put it in some order. It was stored in a filing cabinet at the cottage. And there it remained.

Some time ago she had been in touch with Lanark County Archives about receiving some material and it was her intent before the end of her term to clarify their interest and subsequently ask the Board for approval of transfer of some documents.

This is now on hold because of the virus restrictions. The files are now organized into approximately 30 paper ones and 5 binders located safely in her Toronto home (as she needed to vacate the cottage), where they can remain on a temporary basis. Lynn expressed an interest in the files. Andrew mentioned that he would be in Toronto at the end of the month and could help with transportation; Eileen will be in touch regarding the details.

10. Website

Eileen originally took this on about 10 years ago when the property owner who set up the site could no longer continue with the managing. Since then it has been expanded and reorganized, with positive comments from members and prospective property owners as to its usefulness. However, she was of the opinion that now as she was moving from the lake is an appropriate time for a thorough review as to the intended purpose and various aspects of the management. The annual hosting fee which is paid in advance will come due in June so if the Board wishes a change in the company, this could be cancelled easily. As she has a family connection with the current host she wanted to say that she would have no regrets if it were changed; in fact, she thought it a good idea as part of the review she had recommended. Frank proposed that the hosting fee be paid.

11. Adopt A Road

Work was planned to start in May but has not yet started. Our members who assisted last year as well as a new volunteer, have been advised by Eileen to now contact Sandy Parks directly, the liaison with Lanark County for the "Friends of Bolingbroke Road" group.

12. Area Representatives Reports

Lynn pointed out that Hydro will be felling some trees - there are different coloured blazes. Evidently, if property owners wish, the wood is left for them. Information including a specific individual to contact will be included in the Bulletin.

13. Frank mentioned that a cottager on Clear Lake, Art Dunham, seems to be trying to set up a group meeting similar but different from the Lake Networking Group coordinated by Karen Hunt of Otty Lake. He requested that if any member receiving a communication regarding this to please inform him.

14. Next meeting. Approximately June 11. To be confirmed.