

# **Big Basswood Association 2016 AGM**

**July 24, 2016 Sowerby Hall**

## **MINUTES**

Board members present: Larry Allcorn, Ron Trivers, Mike Hunting, Lolly Hunting, Maeve Coccimiglio, Dave Currie, Marilyn Kellum.  
Guests: Gil Reeves, Dave and Joyce Ratz

Chairman Larry Allcorn called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. After welcoming everyone he introduced the current board members. He also acknowledged and thanked Jack Hodgson and Andrew MacKay, who are stepping down, for their contributions and service on the BBLA Board.

Minutes from the 2015 AGM were distributed and a summary was given by Secretary Marilyn Kellum. Linda Zaharuk made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Doug Grambeau and the motion carried.

Treasurer Ron Trivers reviewed the Annual Financial Report. The opening balance on 3/31/15 was \$7051.83. Closing balance on 3/31/16 stands at \$6677.87. The report is posted on the web-page. Linda Zaharuk moved to accept the report as presented, Ken Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Larry reviewed the features of the BBLA web-page via a slide presentation. He noted that members can access newsletters, events, BBLA meeting minutes and agendas, the Wildlife and Habitat Inventory, and the BBLA Facebook page from the BBLA web-site. There also are links to FOCA and CAFC on the web-site. Recently added is a boat washing video. He reiterated that the web-page is an excellent source of information.

Membership Chair Mike Hunting reported that in 2015 there were 83 members. He encouraged attendees to talk to their neighbors and friends and invite them to join.

Historian Lolly Hunting has interviewed Don McCallum and Gwen Mosher. Anyone interested in sharing their lake history was encouraged to contact her. She also pointed out the 2016 Vendors' List was available.

Marilyn presented a brief overview of the Lake Partner Program, a province-wide, volunteer-based lake monitoring program. It began in 1996. Big Basswood Lake has been a participant since 1999, submitting water clarity data. In 2002 testing for phosphorus began. Of the 650 lakes monitored, Big Basswood has been off the charts on water clarity, averaging 10-11 meters and in the top 2-3% of phosphorus readings with an average TP of 3.2. (ug/L) from 1991-2010. Bob Running, Jon Cavanagh and Bob Kellum were thanked for their participation in this program.

Septic tabs and water testing kits were made available to members once again. Maeve Coccimiglio reviewed the instructions for both and encouraged members to utilize these for septic and water testing.

Larry shared information from the Clear Lake Seminar: Lakes Under Attack. Of 20 lakes represented, 19 of them had blue-green algae and/or an invasive species. Big Basswood was the only lake that was clear. Education is the key to prevention. BBLA has materials available from CAFC and the Invasive Species Center for members.

Last year, lake levels were a concern. The water level was 10 inches below the wing wall. The norm is 7 inches. In March Larry, Maeve, Dave and Andrew attended a Water Level Seminar given by the MNR. The seminar addressed dam management practices. Dam Operating plans are in place for hydro dams. Plans are to be developed on a lake-by-lake basis for smaller lakes. Dave Currie and Peter Falk will monitor and record the lake level as an ad hoc committee. It was suggested that rainfall also be recorded.

Maeve attended the FOCA spring meeting and reported on the organization's activities. FOCA provides many resources for lake associations and their members. Materials were made available, including the 2015 Year in Review.

Bryan McDougall nominated the following for the BBLA Board of Directors: Larry Allcorn, Maeve Coccimiglio, Dave Currie, Lolly Hunting, Mike Hunting, Marilyn Kellum, Pat Mitzi, Dixie Olmstead and Ron Trivers. There were no nominations from the floor. Doug Conley moved to accept the slate as presented. Linda Trivers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Larry then introduced the guest speaker, Gill Reeves, Mayor of Huron Shores. His talk included: 1) An overview of the municipality including history, population base, roads and environmental concerns, 2) Financial operations including revenues, tax base and expenses, 3) The status of the waste disposal sites including longevity, site monitoring and recycling efforts. Mayor Reeves also took questions from the membership.

The meeting ended with the slide show of the Nature is Art Photo Contest pictures. A 2017 calendar was produced and made available for sale at \$12 a piece.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Marilyn Kellum

Secretary