

Big Basswood Lake Association AGM-July 22, 2012
Sowerby Hall

Board Members Present: Mike Hunting, Andrew McKay, Lolly Hunting, Marilyn Kellum, Phyllis Coosaia

Guest: Jim Johnston, President of Friends of Algoma East

Chairman Mike Hunting called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. After welcoming everyone he asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Jody Fullerton, a founding member of the lake association. Mike then read a poem written by Mary Lou Reardon. Mike introduced the board members and gave a brief summary of their responsibilities.

The minutes from the 2011 AGM were read by Marilyn Kellum. It was moved by Flave Pernoud and seconded by Bob Hudson to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

New Business:

Andrew McKay reviewed the Big Basswood Lake web-site that the BBLA maintains. Features include lake association information, newsletters, events of local interest and access to the Wildlife and Habitat Survey. Members are encouraged to peruse the web-site at www.bigbasswood.ca Marilyn encouraged members to sign up and participate in the survey and contact her via e-mail or telephone with any questions and/or observations.

Andrew also created and maintains a Big Basswood Lake Association Facebook page. It includes information including links to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association and the Central Algoma FreshwaterCoalition (CAFC). Members are welcome to become Friends.

Bob Kellum, a cottage owner and CAFC Board member, presented an overview of the organization's activities, including an upcoming Lake Links Water Quality Workshop (July 26 at Sowerby Hall). He made available a selection of brochures and publications related to waterfront living and shoreline protection. He also encouraged individual CAFC memberships. BBLA is an organizational member.

Jim Thompson, a former board member and Roads Committee chair, reviewed the status of Municipality funding for private road maintenance. The Municipality will provide \$500 plus \$500/km per road. There needs to be at least 3 residents on the road. The Roads Donation Application is available from Sandra Leech, the Treasurer who administers the program. The deadline for the applications is May 30th. Each road needs to put in place a Committee and collect annual dues. The committee is required to submit an accounting of the funds received from the Municipality at the end of the year. In the past, each Roads Committee was required to carry an individual insurance

policy. This requirement has been dropped by the Municipality. Jim answered questions from the membership on this topic.

A slate for the BBLA Board was presented for the biennial elections was presented for membership approval. Nominated for the 2 year term were: Larry Allcorn, Maeve Coccimiglio, Ron Trivers, Mike Hunting, Marilyn Kellum, Andrew McKay, Lolly Hunting, Len Iverson, Phyllis Coosaia and Jack Hodgson. It was moved by Ken Jones and seconded by Jim Thompson to accept the slate as presented. The motion passed. Mike thanked the retiring board members Kasiy Shaw, Peter Van Hoof and Jon Cavanagh for their service. It was noted that Jon will continue to collect water samples for lake monitoring.

Other New Business and Announcements:

Marilyn directed members to peruse various information and handouts about protecting shorelines, native plants and invasive species available on the back table.

Lolly announced the bagpipe concert taking place on their dock next weekend. All were invited to attend.

Mary Gass, a cottager on the north shore, expressed concern about the noise and litter that is generated on the sand bar by boats, etc. that anchor there.

After surveying the membership, Mike reports that the two issues of main concern continue to be water quality and taxation. There was discussion about the importance about lake residents, both seasonal and year around, staying informed about and involved in municipality affairs.

Mike then introduced our speaker, Jim Johnston, president of Friends of East Algoma. His background includes Lands for Life, the Bear Smart Project and being the recipient of the 2011 Ontario Nature Personal Achievement Award. His presentation was entertaining and informative. The subjects ranged from an update on the elk herd to bear behavior.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Marilyn Kellum