

**Big Basswood Lake Association Board Meeting**  
**Board Meeting, June 28, 2018**  
**Sowerby Hall, 7 PM**

Members present: Larry Allcorn, Nancy Bakemeier, Ron Trivers, John Kasch, Dave Currie, Marilyn Kellum, Maeve Coccimiglio, Dixie Olmstead

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:56. The meeting's agenda was reviewed.

Minutes from the 7/30/17 were read by the Secretary. John made the motion to approve them, it was seconded by Maeve and carried. The minutes from the 9/17/17 Board meeting were also read and approved after a motion from Dave and a second from Dixie.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Treasurer. The balance, as of 3/31/18, was \$6,768.08. Today's balance stands at \$7,240.58. Ron reported that a financial audit was not required by non-profits. After some discussion, it was moved by Marilyn and seconded by Dixie to ask for a volunteer from the membership to review the financials.

Committee Reports:

The official membership is 114 members from last year, over half of the lake residents. The Board recognized Mike's efforts. Larry is serving as the interim Membership Chair. Pay Pal procedures were reviewed. The program needs to be run on a regular basis. The Google Membership list is being updated and maintained. The goal is to continue to increase the membership. BBLA will continue to have a table at the Sowerby Farmer's Market to promote the organization and its activities.

Maeve passed out the loon observation forms and Bird Studies of Canada (BSC) information. The Watchers have met and are recording data. The question of where the data was published was asked. Dixie and Jim will check about that with BSC.

Last year's AGM generated a lot of interest in lake history including old photographs and stories. Marilyn will try to contact the Canadian Club contacts from New York with the hope that they could attend a BBLA meeting. Nancy will review the web-site history section. Will Samis is taking an archival/museum course and is a good resource. Larry and Nancy will try to meet with Lolly to review the direction of the committee.

The photo contest has 35 submissions. The judges, Sheila Currie, Adriano DiCarbo and Joanne Falk will meet next week to pick the winners. The winning pictures will be revealed at the AGM. There also will be a slideshow of all the entries.

Larry will follow-up with wake warning signs. BBLA has no responsibility for these.

Dennis Cavanagh updated Larry on the status of the Bill Phillips site. The property has been embroiled in lawsuits between the landlords and the lessees. The court has ordered the landlords to allow septic upgrades. It also ruled that it be treated as land lease property, not a trailer court. The MOE oversees the septic.

Maeve and Larry attended the 6/20/18 Special Council Meeting regarding the Thessalon First Nation Boundary Claim. Provincial Negotiator Mark Richard, Ministry of Indigenous Relations Reconciliation (MIRR) was present with Lorraine Miller and Dr. Daniel Laster (sp?), both from the MIRR. Each provided a short presentation. The actual negotiations are private but public input is being sought. The first year has been negotiating the process. There also was an informational meeting in Thessalon given by Tom Isaacs, an attorney that is an expert in Aboriginal Law. It was attended by about 200 people. Larry and Maeve will present this information at the AGM.

BBLA has applied for a Trillium grant for \$56,000. This includes administrative support from the Municipality. Debbie Tonelli was involved and helpful in the application process.

Peggy Wilson, from the MNR, has developed a lake management plan concerning dams and water levels for Big Basswood. She would like to meet with BBLA for our input. Recently the MNR was testing for invasive species and fish populations on the lake.

The AGM is coming up. Publicizing the meeting is important. Maeve will contact the Sentinel, John will send out a membership e-mail and Larry will contact the Municipality. We all are encouraged to invite neighbors and circulate the newsletter.

This is a Board election year. A nominating committee needs to be selected. Larry will contact Bill Landon. Jill Glaser and Jon Cavanagh were also suggested to be a part of that committee.

Ideas were presented for this year's Sweet Sowerby Social program. The focus will be lake history.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11.

Marilyn Kellum  
Secretary