

Big Basswood Lake Association Board Meeting
September 14, 2015
Sowerby Hall

Members present: Jack Hodgson, Andrew MacKay, Ron Trivers, Larry Allcorn, Lolly Hunting, Mike Hunting, Dave Currie, Marilyn Kellum

Members absent: Maeve Coccimiglio

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by the Chair. The Secretary read minutes from the 6-25-15 Board Meeting. The amount for directors' insurance was corrected to read \$1004.40. Mike Hunting approved the corrected minutes with a second from Ron Trivers. The minutes from the 7-19-15 Board Meeting were also approved with a motion from Mike Hunting and a second from Dave Currie. It was noted that the amount paid for FOCA expenses should be \$362.25 for the 2014-2015 fiscal in the AGM minutes. Marilyn will correct the minutes the 6-25-15 Board Meeting and the 7-19-15 AGM and the corrected copies should be placed on the web-site.

The Treasurer reported the current balance at 7123.73. FOCA membership dues for the current year will need to be paid. Dues for the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition also need to be repaid. It was suggested that quarterly reports be done. Larry is planning to attend the fall FOCA workshop on building your organization. It was moved by Mike Hunting and seconded by Marilyn Kellum to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Membership stands at 83. Membership Chair Mike Hunting encouraged us to continue to talk to friends and lake neighbors. Payments can be mailed or given to Ron or done on Pay-Pal. Marilyn suggested that an e-mail go out to all members with a brief review of the AGM and a reminder that we are still accepting

dues. The Associate Member category is another way to build membership. In addition to local businesses, family, friends or anyone that has an interest in Big Basswood would be welcome to join.

Old business:

Board officers for the year were elected and are unchanged from last year (nominated by Lolly, seconded by Mike and passed 8-0).

The photo contest was well-received. It generated interest in the lake environment and in the community. After some discussion it was decided that we have a contest every other year. The year after the contest, we could produce a calendar. The goal would be to have a 2017 calendar with this year's entrants for sale at the 2016 AGM. Marilyn will summarize the expenses of the 2015 contest. Other discussion points included a possible theme for the next contest as well as a membership requirement for entry. Marilyn will write a summary article about this year's contest for the upcoming newsletter.

The water testing and septic tabs made available at the AGM were well received. There were some positives for e. coli reported. Follow up with Algoma Health should be encouraged. We are planning to have test kits and, if possible, representatives from Algoma Health at next year's AGM.

Larry has the insurance document and will follow-up. It is due in October. New business:

The 2016 calendar was set and is as follows:

6-20-16 Monday, 7 PM Board Meeting

7-17-16 Sunday, 10 AM AGM

9-12-16 Monday, 7 PM Board Meeting

Larry will book Sowerby Hall for the above dates. Ideas for speakers include, Gil Reeves, Elizabeth Buchanan and someone from the MNR.

BBLA is in a position to accept members from other area lakes as Associate Members. Although joining for FOCA insurance benefits initially raised this possibility other benefits are possible. Lake residents share watersheds, water quality and tax issues.

Larry shared his correspondence regarding water levels with Ray Lipinski from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. This generated a lot of discussion. Flow data is kept by the MNR according to Dr. Nurnberg, consultant from Bright Lake. BBLA hopes to establish communications on this subject so accurate and timely information can be disseminated to lake residents.

In the past, Big Basswood Lake has submitted water quality measures to FOCA. The Lake Partner Program collects Secchi Disk measures and total phosphorus. Larry has noted that although we have submitted water clarity data every year at some point we stopped submitting total phosphorus readings. We will seek a volunteer to do that sampling.

Larry reviewed the 2007 septic testing report from Jim Thompson. At the 2007 AGM the membership supported a resolution for mandatory septic testing. This process was started, but not completed. Water quality and septic systems are still a concern and BBLA will continue to develop a strategy to comprehensively address this issue. Algoma Health and the Municipality are potential resources and partners in taking on this issue.

Larry will plan a date to meet with Gil Reeves and a few of the councilors from Huron Shores.

The Fall Newsletter should go out by the end of October. Larry will circulate a list of topics to be covered.

Ideas for BBLA promotional items were presented. BBL Tervis tumblers and Big Basswood Lake hats were presented at the meeting. The hats cost \$10 per unit and the Tervis tumblers cost \$25 per unit. No decision was made to produce these items for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. Marilyn Kellum