

Big Basswood Lake Association Board Meeting-June 20, 2013

Members Present: Mike Hunting, Lolly Hunting, Marilyn Kellum, Andrew MacKay, Phyllis Coosaia, John Hodgson

Members Absent: Larry Allcorn, Maeve Coccimiglio, Ron Trivers

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by the chair. The minutes from the September 20, 2012 Board Meeting were read by the Secretary and approved by the Board.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Treasurer. The balance currently is \$2750.20. There is \$75.00 in the Pay Pal account from on-line memberships. This will be transferred into the association account after the AGM. The main expenditure has been \$961.20 paid for directors' insurance. Ron, Maeve, Mike and Phyllis are account signers. Transactions need 2 signatures. A motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Andrew to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried 6-0.

Old Business:

Membership forms- Larry has contacted Marilyn and they will be meeting next week to develop a new form that will be ready for the AGM. It was suggested that it also be included electronically as part of the on-line process. Providing a paper or electronic receipt for members was brought up. Mike will check into this with FOCA.

Mission Statement- In rewriting the Mission Statement, much discussion was generated regarding the purpose and scope of the association. Text was suggested by Mike and Marilyn. It was reviewed and revised by all. The following was proposed:

To preserve and protect the quality and natural beauty of Big Basswood Lake and its watershed: leading the lake community in making sound choices and sustainable solutions.

It was moved by John and seconded by Lolly to adopt the new mission statement. The motion carried 6-0.

Membership- This is an area of concern. Membership is paramount to a successful organization and minimally, 25% of property owners need to belong for the lake association to be viable. Calling property owners is not complete at this time. Calling on our neighbors face-to-face was suggested as an alternative. Meeting fliers could be distributed. Residents could be directed to check out the newsletter, either on the web-site or given paper copies. Lolly agreed to make up fliers with the AGM meeting and web-site information. Also, fliers should be posted around the community. An ad in the North Shore Sentinel was recommended as well.

New Business:

An issue of concern has been raising taxes. Two years ago the Mayor of Huron Shores addressed the AGM. Property assessment are done by IMPACT. The educational tax rate is set by the government. The municipality sets then determines the mill rate. FOCA has been actively involved with this issue. Mike plans to gather information for the AGM and the Association may form a committee to address this area of concern.

Marilyn wondered if BBLA would be interested in sponsoring a FOCA workshop on cottage succession for the area lake community in the summer 2014. She will get more information to be presented at the AGM and determine if that is something the membership would like.

The board discussed applying for a Great Lakes Fund Grant for 2014. Areas of concern are non-point source pollution and management of water levels. Marilyn will pursue this possibility.

Last September BBLA board members met with board members from Day Lakes Association and Bright Lake Association. Mike would like area lake associations to do this annually. Lolly suggested that a boat washing station be considered at the Sowerby Hall location.

Committee Reports:

History- Lolly is interested in obtaining historical information from long time lake residents. John has been working with her. Contact Lolly if you know of anyone that would like to share their stories.

Communication- Andrew was commended on the newsletter! He reports that we have 84 Likes on the Facebook page and activity is picking up. Mike asked about the stats on the web-page. Andrew will check on that and report back. The e-mail list has 130 names on it. Any additions and/or corrections should be sent to Andrew to update the master list.

Stewardship- Marilyn provided handouts for the AGM. Also she plans to redistribute information about the Wildlife and Habitat Survey.

Matters arising:

Len Iverson has resigned from the board. His replacement will be elected at the AGM.

Mike has contacted three individuals to speak at the AGM, including MNR staff. He is awaiting confirmation. A list of lake residents will be prepared for registration at the AGM. Andrew and Lolly are figuring that out.

Marilyn talked with Will Samis about the idea of co-sponsoring a local cultural event at Corduke's Barn, perhaps in the summer of 2014. She will contact Ron to discuss this further.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Marilyn Kellum, Secretary