

## **Big Basswood Lake Association**

### **Annual General Meeting – July 25, 2010 – Minutes – prepared by Maria Kasch**

The Chairman (Ken Shaw) welcomed everyone and introduced the two guest speakers. He turned the meeting over to the first guest speaker – Jason Burmaster.

Jason reviewed the plan to remove trees for the MNR in the northwest end of Big Basswood Lake. He is planning to cut the winter of 2010/2011. He said that the MNR wants it clear cut but he does not want to do that and will not do that – he will take 50-60%. He is not going to cut the area that the road goes through. He is willing to meet one on one and wants input from the owners. John Fullerton asked Jason to review the Municipal Plan as a certain part of it deals with this. Some other members had questions. Some members thanked him for being up front about this.

Ken then handed the meeting over to the next guest speaker – Lindsey Verdone from the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition. She made a presentation on a number of items including algae, Eurasian water-milfoil and native look-a-likes, as well as taking care of wells and septic systems. She asked the members to take or provide and identify pictures of Big Basswood Lake wildlife that can form part of a handbook for Big Basswood Lake. It costs \$25 per individual and \$100 per organization to join the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition. Bob Kellum suggested that the board consider joining as an organization. A member asked about the requirements for OPP and MNR to clean their boats between lakes and Lindsey said that it is mandatory for them to do so. The Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition is trying to get washing stations for the public at other locations. A member asked about the algae in our water and that there seems to be more of it this year. She thinks it is the normal algae and is growing more due to the warmer summer. She said she would look into it and asked the member to take her card to contact her.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Fish/Water - Jon Cavanaugh – said that the clarity is similar to previous years.

Waste Water - Scott Lawrence – not available – Jody Fullerton did let the members know that septic systems are being looked at Bright Lake and then at Basswood and eventually all of them in the Municipality to be inspected. He said there was a notification of this with the tax bills.

Lake Stewardship – Marilyn Kellum – looking at completing a study with the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition but will need help from the membership. Perhaps the pictures could be sent to the website – we discussed the website and that we are looking for a proposal from Peter and Joanne Faulk to manage for us.

#### **Old Business:**

Bob Kellum reviewed the committee and the process to complete the proposed by-laws and went through the key parts of the by-laws. The by-laws as presented were adopted – Mike Hunting first and Jim Thompson second.

#### New Business:

Lolly reviewed the idea of a calendar with Basswood pictures. She asked members to send pictures to their home email. The plan was to have the pictures by March of 2011 for a calendar for 2012.

Discussion ensued among the members about whether it could be completed for 2011 and various ideas for cost savings in how and who produced it. Ken noted the idea of giving it free to the Big Basswood Lake Association members and at a cost to non-members. Forestland and Little Rapids General Store said that they would sell surplus.

Lolly reviewed the idea of a history tour of the Lake. Next Wednesday at 10:00 AM people could meet at Basswood Lake Camp to go on a boat tour in their own boats with Thursday as a backup date. She suggested the same thing but with open houses at some cottages next year.

Lolly also let us know that there was a new vendor list at the side table.

Jim Thompson proposed that the various road associations combine under the umbrella of the Big Basswood Lake Association. There would be one cheque issued to the association for the various road associations and they could combine under one insurance. Some members questioned the benefit to all the members – those that have to maintain their own roads. It was suggested that all of the cottage owners on the road should have to be members of the association for this to be considered. I voiced my concerns about the amount of administration that would place on the Big Basswood Lake Association and the potential for disputes arising. Marilyn Kellum asked the representation of the Road Associations to put a proposal together for the Board to consider. Any interested people were asked to contact Jim Thompson.

#### Board:

Ken Shaw reviewed the board and accepted nominations. One Director (Scott Lawerance) was absent and did not stand for re-election. Joanne Falk was absent. It was moved that the current board and one new nominee be accepted as the board by Jack Hodgson and seconded by Bob Running.

New Director – Andrew - email address is [andrew@artisblind.com](mailto:andrew@artisblind.com).

#### Previous Directors:

Ken Shaw

Mike Hunting

Maria Kasch

Lenny Ivison

Marilyn Kellum

Joanne Falk

Jane Mason

Lolly Hunting

Jon Cavanagh

Peter N\VanHoof