

Malcolm Lake Landowners Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes – July 4, 2009

Attendance: Brian and Elaine Palmer, Sandy Burgess, Carol Gibson, Dave Johnston, Peter Ford, Mary Gessner, Anne Rondeau, John McDonald, Barry and Barbara Bleeks, Anne Hamilton, Tracy Card, Dan White, Don and Brenda Martin, Chuck Rowsell, Ruth Cooper, L. Brent Bell, Dan and Sheryl Weber, Jeff Cannons. Guests included: Erin MacDonald, MNR, Jen Baker (Fisheries Management Zonal Advisory Council, Zachary Baker and Jim Beam, Deputy Mayor, North Frontenac Township.

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.
2. Sandy Burgess chaired the meeting on behalf of the MLLA President, Ron Higgins who is currently out of the country.
3. Guests mentioned above were welcomed. .
 - Erin MacDonald (MNR) gave an overview of some of the initiatives underway in the Malcolm Lake vicinity. They include a broad scale fisheries monitoring program related to the newly revamped fish zoning areas. A number of lakes are being targeted on a random basis. Work will look at aspects such as diversity of fish, invasive species and water quality. The findings will be based on five years of sampling; a final report is expected in about four years. Malcolm Lake has not been chosen for this part of the program but could be included in the future.
 - The MNR is also completing an assessment of lake trout lakes in the district.
 - Erin also spoke about a Stakeholder Advisory Committee that has been formed under the recently introduced Fisheries Management Zonal Advisory Council. The Council has been meeting for about 10 months with the goal of developing a Fisheries Management Plan for the area. The current focus is on panfish but it is expected that walleye and other species could be examined in the future. Erin encouraged people interested in participating on the Committee to contact Jennifer Baker who is affiliated with the Conservationists of Frontenac Addington (COFA). Erin's presentation was followed by questions and answers.
4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: John McDonald moved approval which was seconded by Brenda Martin.
5. Reading of correspondence: none
6. President's Report – none at this time.
7. Vice-President's report
 - A recent report from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) will be posted at the boat launch bulletin board for consultation.
 - A box of useful information put together by a Kingston organization, including a boater's checklist and other relevant information (brochures etc.) was made available for members' interest.

8. Secretary/Treasurer's report

- Financial details for the year 2008/09 were being finalized, pending clarification of an issue relating to the use of funds raised by the Fishing Committee in a lottery for improving fishing on Malcolm Lake. The budget was approved (moved by John McDonald, seconded by Sheryl Weber) pending the clarification. * **Note:** following the meeting, this issue was resolved with clarification that all funds raised by the lottery would be applied to improving fishing as stipulated in the lottery licence.

Financial Statement for Malcolm Lake Landowner's Association May 31, 2008 to June 1, 2009

Income

Balance forward June 1, 2008		46.44
Members fees paid 2008	935.00	
Interest (\$21.50 Money Master, .03 lottery account, .03 chequing acct.)	21.56	
Fish committee raffle from 2007 year (allocated \$884 to fish committee and \$346 to general) included in last year's statement although it didn't get deposited until June 2008	1,230.00	
Fish committee reimbursement from MNR	262.44	
50/50 draws	53.50	
Social committee (donation & yard sale)	445.85	
Lottery 2008	1834.32	
Total Income	4,782.67	4,829.11

Expenses

Membership in FOCA	211.58
bank charges	5.00
FOCA Insurance (not yet paid)	918.00

bank charges (cheques on lottery account)	31.91	
Total Expenses	1,166.49	-1,166.49
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Balance on Hand (in bank accounts)		3,662.62

Balance Sheet as of June 1 2009

Assets:

Gain Plan account	67.03
Money Master account	1,793.15
Lottery Account	1,802.44
Fish committee Petty cash	230.90
Total assets	3,893.52

Liabilities

Total Liabilities	nil
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Budget for June 1 2009 to May 31 2009

Income:		Expenses:	
Memberships	1,200.00	FOCA (membership & insurance)	1,300.00
50/50 draws	100.00	Boat launch picnic table	100.00
Fundraising:		Bank & office supplies	50.00
Fish committee	2,000.00	Fish committee:	
Social committee	500.00	Bass tournament	350.00
		Lottery start up	500.00
		Shoal enhancement	250.00
		Fish revitalization fund	1,200.00
		Total fish committee	2,300.00
		Social committee	50.00
Total income	\$3,800.00	Total expenses	\$3,800.00

9. Committee Reports

1. Fishing Committee. Dave Johnston summarized the highlights of the 2008 Bass Fishing, Live-Release Tournament which had 33 entries. (See March 2009 newsletter for details). A Lottery for hockey tickets with proceeds going to improving fishing on Malcolm Lake

was very successful, raising about \$1800 for the cause. This year's Spring Walleye Watch program, supported by the MNR, found fewer fish than last year. It was not clear whether weather or other conditions were factors. There were also fewer Walleye Watch volunteers this year. It will be important for this work to continue to get benchmark data. This summer, the Committee will be working with the MNR on assessing spawning shoals with the intent of improving them. This could be a multi-year project which could receive MNR funding. Finally, Dave reminded everyone about the upcoming 2nd Annual Live-Release Tournament planned for July 11 and he invited everyone to look at the prizes on display at the meeting.

2. Environment Committee. Ken Kirk provided a report on the Ardoch Dump which was read by Sandy Burgess in Ken's absence. To summarize, the township commissioned a report on waste management which included the state of the Ardoch Dump. Among the findings is that the township is in general compliance with the 2006 Development, Operation and Closure Plan although there were some discrepancies on site boundaries which are being addressed. The Ardoch site is estimated to reach capacity by 2039 which is 8 years longer than predicted in the 2007 report. Concerning environmental aspects, samples have been taken from a number of test sites, adjacent to the land fill area, one of which is close to Malcolm Lake. In general, it can be stated that water quality parameters were found to be above the Ontario Drinking Water Standards and objectives but that these elevated numbers were minor and possibly partially due to naturally occurring conditions. The full report is available from the Township.
3. Social Committee. Sheryl Weber reported that preliminary earnings from the MLLA Yard Sale held earlier in the day on July 4th amounted to more than \$500. Sheryl also announced that a Poker Run using non-motorized vessels is being planned, possibly for August. She also indicated that she was open to suggestions for possible winter activities.

10. New Business

- Bylaw amendments.
 - i. Add associate memberships to allow for seasonal residents at the Malcolm Lake Park to join the MLLA.
 - ii. The Secretary Treasurer position will be divided into two separate Executive Positions.
 - iii. All fund-raising proceeds must be sent to the Treasurer within one week of completion. Petty cash to cover committee's administrative costs will be limited to \$100 for each committee.
 - Moved by John McDonald and seconded by Sheryl Weber. Motion carried.

- Nominations and elections.
 - i. Secretary – Carol Gibson was nominated. Moved by Dave Johnston, seconded by Elaine Palmer. Acclaimed.
 - ii. Vice-President – No nominations. Position will remain vacant; however, the Executive may appoint someone on an interim basis.
 - iii. President – Ron Higgins nominated. Moved by Elaine Palmer, seconded by John McDonald. Acclaimed.
- Open Floor
 - i. Brenda Martin noted that it is not possible for people to find the MLLA website on search engines such as Google/Yahoo etc. Action item: to follow up with the President who maintains the website. (Done by Carol Gibson, July 2009. Ron is working on fixing the problem.)
 - ii. Concern was expressed about the Fishing Committee's proposal to install a picnic table and garbage can at the boat launch to encourage people to complete the fish census forms available at the MLLA signpost. After discussion on maintaining the area, it was agreed that the proposal would be dropped.
 - iii. Deputy Mayor Bean provided a summary of current activities underway within the Township which touched on the new policies designed to improve waste diversion at the township dumps and the opening of a household hazardous waste facility. Deputy Mayor Beam encouraged residents to provide pictures they have of the area which may be posted on the township website. Following his update, he fielded questions.

11. Determination of next meeting – tentatively August 29th. To be confirmed.

12. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Moved by Dave Johnston, seconded by Sheryl Weber.