

Minutes of General Meeting of MLLA Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 2 pm

- 1) Ron called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance and thanked Dan and Cheryl for hosting the meeting at their home. He outlined the agenda of the meeting. The agenda was accepted by consensus.
- 2) Ron then reiterated that only current members could vote and all those in attendance were indeed current members. Members renewed are;
 - a) Gary and Linda Williams
 - b) Tracy Card and Carolyn Gardner
 - c) Richard and Carolyn Waclawik waclawik@rogers.com
 - d) Donna and Brenda Martin martinb@mazinaw.on.ca
 - e) Gerry Martin
 - f) Ron and Wendy Higgins
 - g) Kim Vanrompaey
 - h) Bill and Pam Donahower (paid by cheque – email address is on cheque)
 - i) Dave and Carol Johnston
 - j) Dan and Sheryl Weber
 - k) Ken Kirk
 - l) Sandy Burgess
 - m) Martin Hayles
 - n) Lorne Simpson
 - o) Rick Howard
 - p) Ron Reed
 - q) Mike Mitchell
 - r) Dan White
 - s) Mandy Bidwell – Paid after meeting – cash with Sheryl and Dan Weber
 - t) Elaine and Brian Palmer – Paid in advance
- 3) There were no visitors to introduce at the meeting.
- 4) The minutes and actions from the last meeting were read and the lake ethics were read as an action item from last meeting. The boat launch information station was also installed and a suggestion to post Fishing Regulations at boat launch to prevent fishing out of season was tabled.

Action Dave Johnson

Motion to approve reading of minutes - approved by Janna Steven and seconded by Carol Gibson

5) President Report

Ron attended the North Frontenac Municipal Council - Info Session Update – 12 to 15 landowner associations attended. Discussed were;

- Economic Development / Tourism – Wren Group (Ron Higgins company) offered to provide strategic planning for economic development which was well received but it's unlikely anything will come of it.
- Septic Update and Sewage System Savvy book offer was available at the meeting and information about a volunteer septic sampling plan was provided
- Update on Trailer Park Residents being Associate Members – proposal will be tabled to provide associate membership at half the annual membership fee with one spokesperson representing the trailer park

- Motion to approach the trailer park re becoming associate members with the caveat that they have one spokesperson and one vote? Unanimous vote saying yes – 23 members
- Social and Environmental Positions are needed as well as Publications
- Lake Review: Water testing has been done and submitted to MNR and ongoing clarity testing will be done monthly. Have logged when the ice went out and will continue to monitor ice in and ice out dates. Ron would like to get kids to volunteer and document things like types of trees, animals, insects etc. This will go a long way to identify species at risk and what exactly we have in our waters and surrounding lands.
- Successfully Completed Committee Actions Since Last Meeting:
 - 2 published newsletters
 - Bank accountant setup
 - FOCA membership
 - Website up and running
 - Approved bylaws
 - Identified key objectives

6) Vice Presidents Report

- Membership – 48 paid members / 50% of landowners – would like to target 75% or more of landowners
- Fees went up to \$20 from \$15 per year
- Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) membership was renewed
- Insurance Policy Update – covers April to April. Sandy covered the exclusions which will be incorporated into the updated Bylaws

7) Treasurer's Report – Presented by Ron as Elaine was on vacation

Financial Statement for Malcolm Lake Landowner's Association June 1, 2008

Income

Transferred from Old Cottagers' Association	895.31	
Members fees paid 2007 (46 paid members)	690.00	
Interest	16.77	
fish committee raffle	1,730.00	
Total Income	\$3,332.08	\$3,332.08

Expenses

Membership in FOCA	196.10	
"Dock Kit"	20.00	
bank charges (cheque order)	29.04	
FOCA Insurance	891.00	
MLLA expenses (office and supply for stand at launch pad)	419.50	
Total Expenses	\$1,555.64	-1,555.64

Balance on Hand **\$1,776.44**

Balance Sheet as of June 1 2008

Assets:

Gain Plan account		1,239.79
Money Master account		36.65
Petty cash held by fish committee		500.00
Total assets		\$1,776.44

Liabilities

Total Liabilities		nil
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Notes:

Allocations for fish committee	petty cash	500.00		
	from	884.00		
	fundraising			
	(held for			
	fish			
	committee			
	project)			
		\$1,384.00		
Balance available for other things		394.44		
FOCA membership already paid this week			211.58	
2008 memberships already deposited		20.00		
Actual balance as of June 17, 2008				\$202.86

Comments from the Treasurer (and seem to be echoed by the auditors):

1. All money should be coming to the treasurer immediately on receipt.
 2. \$500 is much too large to be in petty cash. This was done without the knowledge of the treasurer. All bills should be paid by cheque by the Treasurer.
 3. All fundraising should be coordinated in one central place (ie a fundraising committee) and the funds raised allocated according to the budget. This association exists to benefit all of its purposes. Having each committee raise funds for its own purpose is a recipe for division in my opinion.
 4. If raffles etc. are to be used to raise funds, the person running the raffle needs to be certain to fulfil all legal requirements.
(No accusations here, just not seeing any transparency of process)
 5. These things are all part of the growing pains of a young association.
- Ron reiterated he agreed with the results of the audit and actions are underway to address the concerns.

Ron then presented a proposed draft budget for the upcoming year

2008-09 Budget for Malcolm Lake Landowner's Association June 28, 2008

Income Members

Members fees paid 2007 (70 paid members)		\$ 1,400.00
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50/50	\$	
	100.00	
Fund Raising	\$	
	4,000.00	
Balance on hand	\$ 202.86	
Total Income	\$5,702.86	\$5,702.86
Expenses		
Membership in FOCA	\$ 196.10	
"Dock Kit"	\$ 20.00	
bank charges (cheque order)	\$ 29.04	
FOCA Insurance	\$ 891.00	
MLLA expenses (office and supply for stand at launch pad)	\$ 419.50	
Social Events	\$ 500.00	
Fish Committee assets and allocation for 5 year stocking plan (require \$12K)	\$3,384.00	
Total Expenses	\$5,439.64	5,439.64
Balance on Hand		\$263.22

8) Fish Committee Update by Dave

The main objective of the Fish Committee is to improve quality of fishing and stocking has been determined to be the main way. Improving spawning beds will also assist with increased spawning. Dave is working with the MNR related to the above and he mentioned that stocking permits are expensive and not easily obtained and is a 3-5 year process. Actions going forward;

- Spawn watch every spring
- Complete the fish census
- Use trap net (MNR to perform this)

Fundraising is key:

- Completed a fishing lottery/draw for Sens tickets in winter 08
- Bass tournament July 5 from 8-6 followed by BBQ at Wren Wood
- Another lottery planned for fall 08

It was requested that the Fish Committee members be posted
Post Fishing Committee members on the website. Action Ron

9) New Business

- We require a lottery license to support the Fish Committee and we have permission to move forward. Action Ron
 - All funds raised will be re: Pickerel spawning program
 - Strict rules we have to follow
 - A separate account for this needs to be setup to keep track of all Fish related \$ activity – Action Elaine
- Reading of proposed Changes to Bylaws by Ron Higgins
Motion to Vote on Proposed Changes – all those in favour of changes – Unanimous - 23 members which includes a clause to membership fees being increased a maximum

of once per year, if required, and no more than \$10 by the MLLA Officers. Any increase above this will require a membership vote.

- Nominations and Elections
 - Environmental Director – will be involved with lake plan, water quality, dumps around the lake, what kind of trees, animals etc are on the lake
 - Social Director – set up social events and running lotteries
Sheryl Weber was nominated as Social Director and was carried. Sheryl requested a month to decide. (As these minutes are being published Sheryl informed Ron she has accepted the nomination. No vote required as no other nominations were received)
 - Publications Director – publish twice a year
 - Motion by Ron to solicit nominations for these positions – motion is carried / approved by Dan Weber
- Ardoch (Green) Lake – there is a Council session being held related to Ardoch Land Development update and the plan is to reject it.
 - Vote held on support to have Ron Higgins reject the plan on behalf of the MLLA – unanimous support in vote
Action Item: Ron to email everyone a reminder about the meeting re Green Lake
 - Motion: Vote to have president go ahead and approach Green Lake landowners be part of the MLLA – probably as associate members – unanimous agreement by 23 members

10) **Next meeting:** Saturday August 30 at 2 PM Location to be announced

That same morning we will plan a Fundraiser: August 30 Yard Sale – Sheryl and Wendy

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm and we socialized at a pot luck dinner at Weber's. Thanks again for hosting the meeting and site for the pot luck