

## **Malcolm Ardoch Landowners Association**

### **Annual General Meeting – June 11, 2011**

**Attendance:** Brian and Elaine Palmer, Don and Brenda Martin, Gary Williams, Anne Hamilton, Jane and Phil Justus, Dan and Sheryl Weber, Chuck and Abby Rowsell, Carlie and Pierre Rainville, Roy and Sandy Burgess, Jeff Cannons, John and Ruth Cooper, Barry Bleeks, Heather and Ken Kirk, Geof Green, Dan and Sandy White, Tracy Card, Chriss Froggatt, Mike Mitchell, Ron and Wendy Higgins, David Johnston, Carol Gibson.

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. Officers present included Ron Higgins (President), Ruth Cooper (Vice-President), Elaine Palmer (Treasurer) and Carol Gibson (Secretary). The agenda was read through and accepted. Moved by Ken Kirk and seconded by John Cooper.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting: moved by Chuck Rowsell and seconded by Sandy Burgess.
3. No new correspondence has been received. All correspondence received since the last AGM has been sent to the members.
4. No non-MALA visitors were present.
5. President's report
  - Ron Higgins reported that the President and Secretary positions are up for re-election in 2011 and that the Fishing Committee Director and Social Committee Director are stepping down. Dan Weber has offered to take over the Fishing Committee. Ron intends to focus on developing a Lake Plan. In addition, the role of the Secretary will be expanded to include communications with members.
  - Forestry, notably clear cutting, activity on Crown Land is becoming an environmental concern. Development of a Lake Plan is crucial to identify flora, fauna, etc. surrounding our lakes in the event similar logging is considered in our area in future.
  - Lake Plan: A key issue is water quality. Monitoring has been undertaken through water samples. So far, the news is positive. With respect to fishing, there are some issues about water clarity. Last year, the Mississippi Valley Conservation (MVC) reported some evidence of zebra mussels near the public boat launch. Ron will ask the MVC to do further tests to determine if there is an increase in evidence.
  - Private roads: The Province wants to limit future development on private roads to two houses. However, there is a loophole that could allow condominium development.
  - Septic re-inspections will still be conducted on a voluntary basis this year but may become mandatory in future.

- Emergency vehicles: In order for emergency vehicles to gain access to properties, laneways must be at least 5.3 m or 16' wide, 4.27 m or 14' height clearance. Failure to properly clear laneways could become an insurance issue.
- Financial Audit: Ken Kirk and Glen Fowler audited the books on June 9, 2011. The auditors confirmed that the financial statements fairly and accurately represent the revenue and expenditure transactions for fiscal year 2010-2011. The auditors recommended that due to the size of the association and types of activities, the current system of cash floats/petty cash should be eliminated. The existing cash reimbursement process is effective to ensure expenses are reimbursed promptly, The Executive agreed with the recommendation.
- North Frontenac Lake Associations Alliance. This is an umbrella group of area lake associations recently formed to speak with one voice to Township Council and other bodies. Ron Higgins is the initial Chair. Among the issues currently being considered is the township's plan to increase the minimum lot size for future development.

#### 6. Vice-President's Report

- Ruth Cooper noted that MALA needs more members and urged everyone to talk to their neighbours who are not current members.
- 2011 membership dues have increased by \$5.00 to \$25.00 to pay for items such as signage around the boat launch, development of a lake plan, etc.
- This year, members will receive a membership card.
- Social and fundraising activities last year were quite successful, notably the garage sale, pot lucks and Canada Day Flotilla. Ruth thanked Sheryl Weber in particular for her help in organizing these activities.
- MALA continues to be a member of the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA).

#### 7. Treasurer's Report

- Elaine Palmer provided an overview of the financial statement from June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011. See Appendix I for details.
- Elaine reported that she is looking into the process of having MALA become a not-for-profit organization which would open up funding opportunities.
- Motion to approve report made by Mike Mitchell, seconded by Chuck Rowsell. All in favour.

## 8. Committee Reports - provided by Ron Higgins

### Fishing Committee

- Results of the 2011 Walleye Watch Program, conducted this spring, found several different year classes of walleye present in some areas. In addition, the spawning areas map has been revised and has been submitted to the MNR.
- Dan White and others have been working with the MNR on spawning bed improvements, the Walleye Watch Program and the Junior Rangers to enhance walleye stocks. With respect to stocking the lake, the MNR has advised our chances are slim to none. However, the MNR has approved further rock placement this year with help from the Junior Rangers.
- This year's bass fishing tournament will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Unlike previous years where the tournament has been "catch and release", this year's event will be a "catch and fry" day. Tickets will be available from Fishing Committee members.

### Social Committee

- Canada Day Flotilla – Sheryl Weber has offered to organize this event for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Dan and Sandy White will host a pot luck and party afterwards at their home.

## 9. Bylaw Amendments

- Ron explained the proposed bylaw amendments: revised membership criteria; clarification of terms of office and for officers and properly identifying them; outgoing President to act as an advisor for one year after leaving office; clarification of responsibilities of financial auditor; transfer responsibility for communication from Vice-President to Secretary; clarification of role of directors; add role for publications to Secretary position; clarify the role of the Fishing Committee; abolish Environmental Committee and establish a new Lake Stewardship Committee. Motion to adopt changes by John Cooper and Brenda Martin. All in favour. The revised bylaws will be posted on the MALA website.

## 10. New Business – covered off in other items.

## 11. Nomination for Executive

- Ron Higgins nominated Sandy Burgess for President. Seconded by David Johnston. All in favour.
- Elaine Palmer nominated Wendy Higgins for Secretary. Seconded by Sheryl Weber. All in favour.

## 12. General Discussion

- Several members expressed concern about proposed changes in land development and potential impact on our lakes.
- A pair of loons with two chicks has been spotted on the eastern end of Malcolm Lake.
- Brian Palmer reported seeing an osprey in the area and suggested raising a stand for nesting.
- Dan Weber is going to conduct a bat box building workshop for potential fundraising.

## 13. Next meeting/Adjournment

- Ron proposed that the next meeting be organized for mid-June 2012, all agreed. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ron Higgins, seconded by Carol Gibson. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**Note: Detailed Financial Statement follows.**

**Appendix1: Financial Statement for Malcolm Lake Landowner's Association June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011**

(after audit)

Appendix 1 - Financial statement broken down by allocation: (Please note that these are all book accounts, not bank accounts)

**General Operating Fund**

June 1 2010 balance forward		<b>856.38</b>	
<b>Income:</b>			
Memberships	960.00		
Interest (except lottery account)	7.09		
Yard sale	325.00		
Table lottery	624.00		
General donations	126.00		
<b>Total income general operating account</b>	<b>2,042.09</b>	<b>2,898.47</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>			
FOCA membership		215.27	
Lottery expenses (*\$50 of this was paid in cash before the deposit, \$5 is in a fish committee reimbursement cheque)		140.50	*
Bank charges		5.47	
Insurance		939.60	
<b>Total General operating account expenses</b>	<b>1,300.84</b>	<b>1,597.63</b>	
<b>Social committee float opening balance</b>			50.00
Paid out of float for July 1 BBQ		28.66	
Social committee float returned in cash			21.34
<b>Total General operating account</b>		<b>1,618.97</b>	<b>1,618.97</b>
<b>Fish Committee Account</b>			
<b>Previous balance</b>			<b>0.00</b>
Fish derby registrations	460.00		
MNR rebate	700.00		
<b>Total assets fish committee (opening)</b>	<b>1,160.00</b>	<b>1,160.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
general fish expenses			
Fish derby expenses		44.61	
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>44.61</b>	<b>1,115.39</b>
<b>Fish committee float opening</b>			300.00
Income (50/50 draw)	123.00		
Paid out of float fish (general account)		233.53	
Returned in cash			16.83
Balance Fish committee float			<b>100.00</b>
<b>Total assets fish committee (closing)</b>		<b>1,232.22</b>	<b>1,232.22</b>
<b>Fish Committee Lottery</b>			
Balance forward			<b>3,722.29</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
Interest	0.02		
<b>Total assets fish lottery funds</b>			<b>3,722.31</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Stone		1,044.12	
Other related expenses		569.85	

<b>Total Fish Committee lottery expenses</b>	<b>1,613.97</b>	
<b>Total Fish Committee for lottery described usage</b>		<b>2,108.34</b>
<b>Total of all book accounts</b>		<b>\$4,959.53</b>

**Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2011**

**Assets:**

Gain Plan account (General Account)	732.67
Money Master account	3,988.49
Lottery Account	<u>100.20</u>
<b>total bank assets</b>	<b>4,821.36</b>
Cash on hand (from returned floats)	38.17
Float (fish committee) (will be returned as per motion at AGM)	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>4,959.53</b>