

**MINUTES OF BRCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD JUNE 29th, 2013 AT BILLIE BEAR LODGE**

1. Brian Markham called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Brian welcomed everybody and introduced the Executive and Lake Reps. He also thanked Mary and Larry Greenwood for the coffee and Timbits and Harald Kremer of Billie Bear Lodge for the meeting space and the ice cream social to follow the meeting.
3. The Agenda as presented was approved.
4. Minutes of the 2012 AGM were approved as read.
5. Outgoing President's Comments:
  - The new BRCA members were acknowledged
  - Flood comments: The water levels are still up.
  - The Earth Day cleanup was held again
  - The transfer station has been rebuilt
  - The Fieldale Rd bridge will be rebuilt this year
  - We had a serious algae bloom last year.
  - The Province has mandated that the constitution be revised at some point. The Executive will respond.
6. Brian Markham, nominating committee and past president, nominated Don Spring as the new President, Wendy Burgess will continue as VP Rebecca Lake, David Bird as Vice President Bella lake, Cathy Atkins as Treasurer, Ron Barry will continue as Secretary. There being no other nominations from the floor, the slate of officers was voted on and approved.
7. Mary Spring spoke on Don Spring's behalf since he was away on business. Mary thanked the past Executive, particularly Brian, as outgoing President and Rita Bloom as outgoing treasurer.

8. Financial Report – Rita Bloem, Outgoing Treasurer:

- Rita noted that 85% of dues have been paid and represents 98% of the properties.
- Financial Statements were issued and approved. The summary is \$7,907.41 in revenue, Expenses of \$5,459.84 and a balance of \$16,177.20 which is being held as a contingency fund.
- Donations recommended and approved:
  - Huntsville Hospital - \$400.00 as an annual donation now.
  - Hospice Huntsville - \$400.00 as an annual donation now.

8. Mabel Hart Brook and Marian Hill Memorial Foundation – Richard Hogg, President:

- Richard encouraged everybody to become a Member and dues payments of \$5.00 per year should be paid up to date by members please.
- The Foundation donated \$500.00 to the firehall
- A signup sheet for beach cleanup is in the lobby.

9. 2011 Stewardship Awards – Rita Bloom:

- The Stewardship Awards process has been revised such that the previous award winners have formed a committee to select winners who qualify in all 7 categories. Paddle awards are for those who have significantly contributed to the lake, but don't meet all 7 category requirements.
- The 2013 Stewardship Award winners were presented to John and Cathy Grevin.
- The Paddle award was presented to John and Carol Ross.

10. Municipal Reports:

- Mayor Bob Young:
  - The flood caused damages in the order of .5 \$M to infrastructure. The Township is looking for relief from the Province.
  - The bridge on Fieldale Rd will be replaced this year.
  - A new cell tower is going to be constructed, likely across the road fro Billie Bear Rd, and subject to Public input should be completed hopefully by the winter.
- Regional Councillor Shane Baker:
  - Advised there is a new security company at the transfer station.
  - Advised he now has watershed responsibility, and encouraged joining the 'Friends of the watershed Council'.
  - There is an issue with legalizing ATV's on some roads, requested for a trial period of 2 years. There will be Public meetings held for input.
  - Be aware that there is a new burn By-Law.

-Councillor Ginny Burgess:

- Thanked the members of her advisory committee.
- Thanked those who helped with the Fire Dept. fundraiser that raised \$22,000. Murray Arnold from the Fire Dept. also thanked everybody and advised that the new truck is now in service.
- Ginny advised that the bear issue is an OPP/MNR issue.
- There is an Airport study underway by SNC Lavalin. The airport loses money every year and LOB are subsidizing that loss.

11. Committee Reports:

-Regatta – Daphne Perry and David Crane:

- Thanked Bob and Shelly Greer for looking after the Regatta and for the manual they prepared on how to run it.
- Women's and Men's overall winners will run the regatta next year.
- Everything is ready for the Regatta.
- Please return trophies to Christine Jany

-Corn Roast –Wendy Burgess:

- Thanked volunteers from last year, and is Ready to go for Sept. long weekend at 1:00 p.m.

-Boom Sailing School – Linda Houser:

- Will run again this year at Tideman's beach.
- Are still some spots available.
- Need volunteers for accommodations and meals for the instructor

-Environment – John Houser:

- John handed out lake readings.
- Lakes are stable for phosphorus.
- Clarity is continuing to be reduced.
- Discussed the algae bloom, and noted that when observed, we should call MNR. Also noted that it can be toxic, but ours was tested and we weren't.

-Website – Ron Barry:

- We have had some issues migrating the old system to the new platform.
- Don Spring is now going to look after the development and implementation of the new Website.
- Are looking into adding a bulletin board for lost/ found/for sale etc.

- Benthic Monitoring – Linda Housser for Dave Currie:
  - Samples will be taken July 20th at 9:00 a.m. at the Currie's cottage.
  - We need at least 12 volunteers to make this happen
  
- Artists of the Limberlost Tour - Susan Higgins:
  - The tour this year is August 17th and 18th

12. Other Business:

- Light pollution and noise continues to be a concern for a lot of people. Please keep both down!
- Reminder that at 30 metres or closer from shore, boat speed should be dead slow. This applies to the narrows on Rebecca into Hutcheson Bay.
- Will be a volunteer appreciation party at Rita Bloom's cottage on Aug 24<sup>th</sup>.

13. The meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

END OF MINUTES

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