

MINUTES OF BRCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD JUNE 28th, 2014 AT BILLIE BEAR LODGE

1. Don Spring called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Don welcomed everybody and introduced the Executive and Lake Reps. He also thanked Mary and Larry Greenwood for the coffee and David Bird of Billie Bear Lodge for the meeting space and the ice cream social to follow the meeting.
3. Harald Kremer advised that there are performances by the music camp students on M,T and F the week of June 30th
4. The Agenda as presented was approved. (Motion by Wendy Kimmel, Seconded by Gerry Atkins).
5. Minutes of the 2013 AGM were approved as read. (Motion by Wendy Kimmel, Seconded by Nick Baker).
6. Don asked for a moment of silence to respect association members that passed away in the last year, and also noted that David Crane had become a new Father.
6. Brian Markham, nominating committee and past president, nominated Don Spring as the new President, VP Rebecca Lake is open and remains unfilled, David Bird as Vice President Bella Lake, Denise Omand 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. It was noted that a search for a Rebecca VP is ongoing.
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. Brian Markham chaired the balance of the meeting in Don's absence.
8. Financial Report –Denise Omand, Treasurer:
  - Financial Statements were issued and approved. The summary is \$7,488.14 in revenue, Expenses of \$6,812.39 and a balance of \$16,852.95 that is being held as a contingency fund.
  - Donations recommended and approved:
    - Huntsville Hospital - \$400.00 and also agreed as an annual donation now, plus an additional \$400.00 for this year only for a total this year of \$800.00
    - Hospice Huntsville - \$400.00 and also agreed as an annual donation now.

- Denise advised that she is looking at an option of paying dues every 3 years as a cost saving measure.

9. Mabel Hart Brook and Marian Hill Memorial Foundation –Gerry Atkins:

- A signup sheet for beach cleanup is in the lobby.
- No issues to report.
- Efforts to keep the beach area clean are appreciated

10. 2013 Stewardship Awards –Cathy Crane (Chair):

- Cathy encouraged nominations in the future for deserving people.
- The Stewardship Award winners are Nick and Jan Baker.
- The Paddle awards were presented to George and Jorga Hogg, to Patti Richardson and Marianne Padretti.

10. Municipal Reports:

-Councilor Ginny Burgess:

- Thanked the members of her advisory committee.
- Reviewed the mayor's 2014 written report
- Advised that they are looking to copy the Seguin Township bylaw on the bear issue which will make it enforceable by the By Law Officer.
- The Township Official Plan is currently being updated. Refer to website for information
- Discussion was had on the issue of purchase or occupation fee for the original shoreline road allowance (OSRA). Motion by Bob Hutchison, seconded by Naomi Margo that "The BRCA Executive have approval to review the policy and deal directly with the Township on issues relevant to the membership. Approved

-Regional Councilor Shane Baker:

- New compactors have been installed at the transfer station as an energy/ cost saving measure
- Electronic waste should now be dropped off at the Dwight transfer station.
- There is a review ongoing re merging firehalls, but is not being actively pursued.
- New cell tower service has been delayed to late spring.  
Be aware that there is a new burn By-Law.

## 11. Committee Reports:

### -Regatta –Daphne Perry and David Crane:

- Women's and Men's overall winners will run the regatta next year.
- Everything is ready for the Regatta.
- Are looking for judges please
- Please return trophies to Christine Jany  
(John Ross advised Jazz on his dock at 4:00pm..after the regatta)

### -Corn Roast –Wendy Burgess:

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

### -Boom Sailing School –Jane Tideman:

- Will run again this year at Tideman's beach July 21-25. The adult program has been cancelled.
- Are still some spots available.
- Need volunteers for accommodations and meals for the instructor

### -Environment –Gerry Atkins:

- Gerry handed out lake readings.
- Lakes are stable for phosphorus.
- Clarity is continuing to be reduced.

### -Website –Ron Barry:

- We have had some issues migrating the old system to the new platform, but they are being worked on.
- The meeting agreed that the directory should NOT be posted on the website

### -Benthic Monitoring –Linda Housser:

- Samples will be taken July 19th at 9:00 a.m. at George and Jorga Hogg'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 16th and 17<sup>th</sup> (9 studios/ 25 artists)

12. Other Business:

- Music at the Spring 's dock on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm
- Will update on the status on new Articles for the BRCA next AGM
- Look/ see/ paint, at Housser 's July 30<sup>th</sup>, 9-noon, \$42.00
- Light pollution and noise continues to be a concern for a lot of people.  
Please keep both down!
- Reminder that at 30 meters or closer from shore, boat speed should be dead slow. This also applies to the narrows on Rebecca into Hutcheson Bay.
- Captain Murray Arnold reminded everybody that there is an expiry date on all smoke and CO detectors..check yours!!
- Denis Schettler mentioned FOCA membership has lowered his cottage insurance..check it out if you 're interested.

13. The meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

END OF MINUTES

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