

**BELLA REBECCA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday, July 2, 2016
Billie Bear Lodge**

1. Don Spring called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
2. Don welcomed everyone and thanked Willma Stortz for the use of Billie Bear Lodge once again for the AGM and for the ice cream social following the meeting. Don also thanked Larry and Mary Greenwood for the coffee and donuts.
3. On a motion by Don Spring and seconded by John Houser, the agenda was approved as presented. Carried
4. On a motion by Ron Barry and seconded by John Houser the minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved as presented. Carried
5. Don asked for a moment of silence to remember the association members who passed away during the prior year.
6. Don introduced the executive. Past President, Brian Markham made a motion to nominate the Directors for the upcoming year, seconded by Janet McLean. The motion for: Don Spring, Past President; Wendy Kimmel, President; David Bird, Bella Lake VP; John Greven, Rebecca Lake VP; Lisa Parrott, Secretary and Denise Omand, Treasurer. Carried
7. Financial Report: Denise Omand presented the Financial Report;
 - Revenues are made up of dues, extra directories purchased, and the interest on the term deposit which comes due in August. Please note that the dues revenues of \$7245 includes \$400 of 2016/17 dues which were received a few days before our fiscal year end. Taking this into account, revenues from 2015/16 dues were lower than the previous period, a decrease of approximately 6.5%;
 - Expenses were lower this year due to the fact that dues notices are now going out via email, hence no postage costs. Furthermore, we incurred a lower expense with respect to the BRCA website as it is now being maintained by a volunteer;
 - Closing cash - \$18,261.88;
 - Motion by John Houser to approve the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Denis Crane. Carried
 - Denise advised that the directories would be available after the meeting and thanked Rita for her extensive assistance in compiling the information for the updated directories;
 - Don thanked Denise for her ongoing efforts in keeping our financials in order;
 - Motion by Denise Omand to approve donations in the amount of \$600 each to the Huntsville Hospice and the Huntsville Hospital, seconded by Marlene Walker. Carried

8. Stewardship/Paddle Awards: Cathy Greven

Stewardship: Due to the fact that there were no nominees for the 2016 Stewardship Award it was decided by the committee to take a break for a year. Linda Houser encouraged everyone to give some consideration to nominees for the 2017 Award.

Paddle Award: Linda Houser presented the 2016 Paddle Award to the Rick and Gerry Bramm Families for the “Historical, Cultural and Natural Character of the Lake”. The Bramm families have recognized, protected and restored, this part of our 'Lake Vision'. The Bramm families were nominated by Janet Baker and David Currie. The Committee is working to have the property's complete history and photos for this Award posted on the website. The award was accepted by Mrs. Margaret Bramm (McCauley) son Gerry Bramm. Don thanked the committee for their work and Ron Barry for his work and assistance.

9. Stewardship Report Card:

- Carried forward from the 2015 AGM. Ron Barry thanked the Stewardship Committee for all their hard work and discussed the report card process. Ron volunteered to assist the committee in setting up the process for the report card.

10. Director's Award:

- Ron Barry introduced a new award and provided a brief overview. This award is for Excellence and Special Contributions and is named after Barbara Paterson. Details will be posted on the website at a future date.

11. Municipal Reports:

- Don welcomed Mayor Bob Young, Councillor Shane Baker (Franklin Ward) and introduced Mike Peppard (new incumbent for Sinclair Ward). Don thanked Ginny Burgess for her many years of service as Councillor in Sinclair Ward.

Shane Baker:

- Shane thanked Ginny Burgess for her service;
- discussed a new customer service portal on the township website, contains announcements of events and by-laws for example. Any comments, questions or concerns posted on the site will go directly to the staff member responsible and the goal is to provide a prompt response;
- ATV by-law has been approved on township roads excluding South Limberlost Road or Walkers Lake Road. Approval for these roads should come at a later date. The roads are open for use by ATV's from May 1st – December 31st from sunrise to sunset. If you experience any issues the proper procedure is to contact the OPP;
- bicycles on Muskoka Road 8 – reminded drivers to show caution and be respectful – cyclists need to take on the roll of safety as well – if you experience any issues or have any concerns bring to Shane's attention;
- Fire Department is below complement – a new system for recruits has been developed and consists of an online form to be completed;

- bears continue to be an issue with a local resident experiencing an incident. Bear Wise materials are available and Shane asks that if you have any concerns please raise them with him. A new role to address issues with bears has been implemented within MNR.

Mike Peppard:

- Mike explained that he has only held the position for 4 weeks however, is keen to get to know and represent the people of Sinclair Township. He stated that he is being mentored by Ginny Burgess.

Mayor Bob Young:

- discussed the major infrastructure rebuild of the public works garage to house equipment and trucks. Contaminated soil was encountered which led to costly remediation. The township office will be expanded next year with the garage in Baysville the following year;
- the Official Plan was approved locally and at the District level. Lake of Bays Association was not satisfied with two items;
- The proposal for a new cell tower in the Pell's Lake area will not be proceeding.
- District Council;
 - OPP costing still an ongoing hot topic issue;
 - Eco representation – a resolution is circulating to make changes to it;
 - Airport – no expansion planned, not feasible as there is no demand;
 - Dorset Health Hub – available and open to everyone – it is not a walk-in clinic, appointments are required – does not matter if you are registered with a doctor elsewhere – township raised \$550,000 to establish the operation;
 - Hospital – at the pre-capital submission stage to build a new hospital – again an ongoing issue and a very lengthy process.

Questions:

- Susan Higgins asked what the Lake of Bays Cottagers Association's concerns were with the Official Plan. Mayor Young explained that they were concerned with the setbacks for new cottages and the size requirements for development of back lots.
- Concern was raised over the billing practices of Hydro One for seasonal dwellings, specifically the high delivery charges. Mayor Young explained that he has no ability to debate this matter with Hydro One. The Municipality has made attempts to resolve this matter however, Hydro One has not been receptive.
- Concerns raised over the condition of Fieldale Road – Shane Baker advised that a Roads Needs Study has been completed and Fieldale Road is not a priority at this time. He did state that he will pursue repair of the one particular section that was referred to.

- Gerry provided an update on the Foundations recent AGM;
- request for new cottagers to join the foundation;
- Nick Baker discussed the 50th Anniversary Celebration;
- Volunteers required for cleanup of the beach – sign up sheet circulated;
- membership drive underway.

13. Committee Reports:

Environment:

- John Housser recommended following the new township lighting by-law and impressed upon all cottagers the need to maintain a dark sky. The photo of the night sky displayed by Gerry Bramm shows the importance of working together to maintain a light free sky. John distributed a page from the Township of Lake of Bays Dark Sky By-Law, Appendix 1 – Full Cut Off Lighting Examples. All cottage owners should follow the recommended acceptable light fixtures. Lights should be aimed down and no spotlights used;
- Graphs and information on the Aquatic Invertebrate Data, Phosphate Content and Water Clarity was circulated and an overview of the data was provided;
- Linda Housser – Benthic monitoring annual event scheduled for Saturday, July 16th @ 9:00 am on the Kelly Haywood dock. This event is carried out for 2 years on each lake. Linda encouraged everyone with an 8-14 year old to attend, whether cottagers or visitors. The results will be posted on the website, Muskoka Water Web (muskokawaterweb.ca). Linda impressed upon everyone the importance of getting the next generation involved in running the benthic monitoring program.

Regatta:

- Daphne Perry provided an update on the regatta scheduled for July 30th and 31st at the Foundation beach. Nora Dowsett is assisting this year. Lisa Nadalin discussed the trophies and advised that the crests are ordered. Reminded everyone to turn in last years trophies.

Music on the Dock:

- scheduled for Sunday, July 31st at the Ross's dock on Rebecca Lake. Tobin Spring will be performing this year.

Corn Roast: John Greven

- scheduled for Saturday, September 3rd at the Foundation Beach. Volunteers are welcome.

Boom Sailing:

- will not be operating this year however, looking for a new chairperson for the 2018 summer program.

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Website:

- Denise Omand provided an update. There is a new Facebook Page and if you have any ideas or additions for the page please send an email to Alicia Omand

at aliomand@hotmail.com

Artists of Limberlost: Susan Higgins

- August 13th and 14th - 10th Anniversary – 19 artists @ 7 locations;
- there will be a photo contest, details on the website – artistsofthelimberlost.ca;
- as well you may enter a draw at each of the 7 locations, to win one of 7 art pieces.

Fire Department Report: John Paterson – Station 50 – Interlaken

- Captain Murray Arnold has retired;
- DC Andrew West has also retired after 42 years of service. The Bella/Rebecca Community Association would like to thank Andrew for his many years of dedicated service;
- the call volume has been low;
- the station donated to the Fort McMurray disaster effort;
- equipment has been purchased specific to forest fire fighting;
- reminder to clean around your municipal address sign;
- also a reminder of no daytime burning, fire rating is now high – extremely high.

New Business:

- Wendy Kimmel (incoming President) thanked everyone and recognized the commitment of the community. Wendy hopes to encourage volunteerism and the constancy of purpose;
- Denise Omand reminded everyone to advise her of any changes to your email address, etc. so that the Directory can be kept up-to-date. Also advise of new owners in order to ensure that their contact information is provided;
- John Greven discussed the possibility of setting up a buyers group for propane;
- Knights of Columbus thanked all who made donations at the Limberlost Transfer Site, \$14,000.00 has been raised to date.
- Cathy Greven reminded everyone that coffee cups are not recyclable, please remember your coffee cups from home for future AGM's.

On a motion from Dennis Schettler the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Kimmel, President
Lisa Parrott, Secretary