

**Bella Rebecca Community Association
2017 Spring Executive Meeting**

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Attendance: **Wendy Kimmel, President
Don Spring, Past President
John Greven, Vice President
David Bird, Vice President
Lisa Parrott, Secretary**

Guests: **Gerry Atkins, The Foundation
Dennis Robinson, Lake Rep
John Paterson, Lake Rep
Ron Barry**

Regrets: Blake Hutcheson, Rob Fraser and Denise Omand

Meeting was called to order at 10:03am by Wendy Kimmel.

1. Previous Business:

- On a motion by Wendy Kimmel the minutes of the of July 2, 2016 AGM were approved.
- *Stewardship Initiative Report Card:* Ron Barry presented an overview of the progress made to date by the committee on the Report Card for the Stewardship Initiative. Each member of the committee reviewed and scored each of the 37 action items with a score of 0 being low and 10 being high to come up with an overall average, see attached Appendix A, listing the 7 objectives and 37 action items and the average score. The Committee found that it was a very cumbersome process and would require more work. The Committee has made a recommendation, as follows (see Appendix B, attached);
 - the number of objectives be reduced to 4,
 - chair person be appointed for each objective,
 - a member of the executive become an active participant
 - an annual budget be assigned by the executive,
 - members need to be more involved and engaged,

Wendy thanked Ron for stepping up and working on this to conclusion. Wendy discussed the importance of this particular piece of work, the reason we are here at the lake needs to be embodied in this document. Wendy suggested we look at where we go with the Initiative for the next year; do some ground work, understand our watershed including the wetlands, possible workshops, conference calls, have an agenda, select topics – bring old and new into the plan, for example Billie Bear is a feature in our environment, should we profile it, Limberlost Wildlife Refuge, who has managed forests and what does that mean to us. We need to look at what is the focus

of the stewardship; develop an understanding of our community, define the objectives, seek volunteers and look at whether education brings out more volunteers? Don suggested that there may be some groups from outside of Bella/Rebecca that may have gone through this process and be interested in offering input, for example the Pen Lake Association. Ron suggested that the recommended action items are a to do list and need to be worked on individually. Upon review of the items by the executive it was noted that many are underway and we would further address some key items.

Action: Wendy to do a presentation at the AGM with recommendations from the committee; what we are doing and doing well and what we are working on. Wendy will also ask for volunteers to work on any of the continuing or new areas of focus (loons, docks and rafts, septic systems).

Action: Publish the summary report.

Action: Objective 1: Monitor and Protect Water Quality – Action #2 - Don to lead an effort to focus on our loon population, habitats, etc.

Action: Objective 2: Environmental Monitoring/Stewardship - Action #1 - David to focus on septic systems, i.e. regulations, owner responsibilities and will share information about Billie Bear's recent experiences.

Action: Objective 2: Environmental Monitoring/Stewardship–new Action item–John G. to prepare information on the regulations for building or replacing floating or fixed docks and rafts

Action: Objective 4: Education: Action #1 - Wendy to work on an education package for new owners. A kit will be prepared and presented to new owners that will include but not limited to a schedule of events, membership forms, copy of the directory and a copy of the Stewardship Initiative pamphlet. Wendy will work with the Foundation on a joint effort.

Action: Don to prepare copies of the Stewardship Initiative (16 pages) to hand out at the AGM

- *Propane Buying Group* – John G. advised that Jim Lischkoff has been working on this for quite some time and has compiled a lot of information. Jim is currently waiting to hear from Moore Propane on a price/litre. The contract would be based on annual consumption of the Limberlost area. Grant Fuels has also expressed an interest. Gerry raised concerns that need to be addressed over the conversion of customers from other suppliers. Don explained key factors that should be used when setting up a buying group; customers must be interested in participating, supplier needs reason to want to sell to the buying group, benefits to supplier i.e. no credit card payments, possibly a guarantee of #'s, etc. It was decided that it is premature to go to membership at this time.

2. **Treasurer Update:**

Wendy presented the Treasurer's report in Denise's absence.

- **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 \$6730 does not include \$600 of 2016/17 dues which were received a few days before our

fiscal year end during the 2015/16 period,

- **Expenses:** all expenses for this period are generally in line with the previous year's with the following exceptions,
 - a. Regatta trophies: these expenses continue to rise on an annual basis. The estimated cost for this fiscal year is \$1986. Trophies, along with Regatta expenses account for just over 32% of our total expenses.
 - b. Boom expenses: None occurred as Boom was not offered during this period.
 - c. Printing and mailing: Costs increased due to 2016 Directory printing charges. Mailing charges were reduced as this was the second year that the dues notices went out via MailChimp. Furthermore, the 2016 Directories were distributed at the AGM and later by some members of the BRCA Executive further reducing mailing costs.
 - d. Website hosting: Cost incurred is the annual fee for Go Daddy. No other costs incurred as the website is being run on a volunteer basis.

Please note that the beach insurance amount includes Directors and Officers insurance.

- Wendy recommended not to increase dues this year which was agreed upon by the executive.
- Wendy noted that Denise coordinated the filing of the tax return and Lisa is working with the Ministry of Government Services to update the corporate information.
- It was recommended that we make the annual donation of \$400 to the hospital and \$400 to hospice unless the Foundation is not making a donation to the fire department then the Executive recommends donations to the hospital and the fire department.
- It was noted that members need to be made aware to communicate contact information changes to Denise Omand so they may be incorporated into the next printing of the directory.

3. **Annual General Meeting:** The AGM is scheduled for Saturday, July 1st @ 10:00 am at Billie Bear Lodge, the agenda was reviewed. Councillors Shane Baker and Mike Peppard to do a presentation. Note: It was since decided that Mayor Young will not be attending this year due to scheduling conflicts.

Action: David to reserve the courthouse at Billie Bear

Action: Don to ask Larry Greenwood to donate coffee and donuts

4. **Stewardship Award:** There will be no Stewardship Award this year.
5. **Foundation:** Gerry Atkin advised that the celebration of The Foundation's 50th year will be held on Saturday, July 15th at the Foundation beach.
6. **Regatta:** Regatta will be held on August 5th and 6th with Daphne Perry organizing.

7. **Corn Roast:** Corn roast will be held on September 2nd @ 1:00pm at The Foundation Beach.

Action: John G. and David

8. **Committees:**

- Boom Sailing will be held in 2018 at Billie Bear property. Linda Housser to organize with the assistance of Andrew & Kelly Ellis.
- Benthic sampling on Saturday, July 22nd from 9:00am to noon on Bella Lake

9. **Other Business:**

- Briefly discussed Ontario Hydro electricity rates and changes. Cathy Greven will prepare some information for the AGM and determine whether there is interest in forming a special committee to lobby against adverse rate increases for seasonal residents.
- The History of Bella and Rebecca Lakes: Bob Hutcheson to do a presentation on August 12, 2017 at 1-3pm at Billie Bear Lodge, all members welcome to attend.

Action: John G. to organize

Action: David to book the courthouse

Action: Don to book the videographer

- Rebecca & Bella Lakes Depth Contour map – Wendy is coordinating completion
- Revisions to Articles of Incorporation – Wendy and David continuing to work on this with assistance from Roger Beaman.
- Music on the dock: Featuring Tobin Spring and Laganza will be held on the Ross' dock on Rebecca Lake, Sunday, August 6th from 4-6pm.
- Barb Paterson Award Nomination: Ron Barry presented his nomination of Brian Markham which was reviewed by the executive. Wendy made a motion that Brian Markham be the 1st recipient of the Barb Patterson Award. Upon discussion it was recommended by Don that the vote be silent and carried out by email. Further discussion took place on how to recognize the recipient.

Action: Wendy to forward an email ballot to the executive to vote on the nomination of the Barb Paterson Award.

Action: Don and John G. to prepare an award to be presented at the AGM.

On a motion by Wendy Kimmel the meeting was adjourned at 11:52am.