

Belmont Lake Cottagers' Association

Board Conference Call Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Present: Greg Alexander, Brandon van Asten, Peter White

Absent: Gerry Hutcheon, Brian Deas, Evan Meyers, Larry Pick

Background: This conference call was held to review the newsletter process and discuss several action items for the new season

Note: Due to technical problems with the conference call service, several members were not able to join the call despite their best effort.

1. Newsletter Update

- The newsletter, calendar and directory are now in the hands of the road rep quadrant leaders. Early reports are favorable on all.
- Greg will post the newsletter to the website after the hard copies have been delivered
- Greg will send an email this week to our full email list announcing the newsletter delivery and including the article on water testing that was inadvertently not included in the newsletter
- Peter has sent the latest email list to Greg

2. Signage Update

- Greg has received a quote on a design for a reusable sign holder
- Each sign will cost \$16.50 plus HST.
- The board approved purchasing 10 sign holders, the minimum order quantity
- Based on our experience, we may order more in future years

3. Website Updating

- Greg has updated the website with the road rep list, survey analysis, AGM minutes
- Katherine Deas is helping with facebook, twitter and the website
- Peter will forward the minutes of board meetings and email communications to members to Greg for adding to the website

4. Water Testing

- Brandon will be doing tests of ecoli and phosphorus three times per year – spring, summer and fall.
- Branson has received feedback from many board members, and he will make the final call on the test sites
- There is currently \$1,000 budgeted in 2013 and 2014 for stewardship

5. CVCA Update

- Peter attended the CVCA board meeting along with Wayne Alexander on April 18
- Peter has spoken with Barry Rand, chair of the CVCA, Mayor Gerow and Tim Pidduck regarding current water levels. Feedback as follows:
 - Summer set level is 187.09m
 - Water level as of May 8 was 187.308m - 0.218m or 8.6 inches above summer set level
 - Target level for beginning of the summer is 187.27
 - FR28 had about 6” of water on it on May 8, but was passable in a car
 - CVCA will try to keep water levels 0.15m (6 inches) above summer set levels as long as possible
- It was agreed that we would take a request to the AGM for approval to provide some funding to CVCA for Belmont dam leakage mitigation.

6. AGM Agenda

- Peter will draft the agenda based on the following:
 - 5 minutes for each board member as needed – total of 45 minutes max
 - 15 minutes for Barry Rand from CVCA
 - 10 minutes for HBM Township council
 - 10 minutes for Peterborough County Environmental Services Division
 - 30 minutes for open discussion and board elections