

# ***Belmont Lake Cottagers' Association***

## ***Minutes, Board Meeting***

**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

**Present:** Brian Deas, Katherine Dead, Evan Meyers, Larry Pick, Peter White

**Absent:** Greg Alexander, Brandon van Asten

### **1. Pike Tournament**

- In Brandon's absence, it was reported that there were 23 boats in the pike tournament on May 30
- There was a heavy downpour in the late afternoon

### **2. Road Summit**

- This was the second of these meetings, and was a huge success
- There were 43 attendees, 10 lakes and rivers were represented, covering 17 cottage roads of 70 kilometres serving 500 properties
- Presenters included Emily Whetung-MacInnes, a lawyer from the Real Estate division of LLF Lawyers in Peterborough; Michelle Lewin, Communications and Development Coordinator with FOCA; and Ross Fraser from Cade Associates Insurance Brokers
- There was a question and answer session led by Rod Crawford, lead author for the 2013 road summit document, Best Practices for Private Cottage Road Management and Boyd Hill, long-time former Public Works Manager for the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen
- The idea to have the smaller roads organize together to spread the cost of liability insurance over more people was well received. Get in touch with Glen MacDonald if you are interested in pursuing this.

### **3. Membership progress, Newsletter Delivery**

- Memberships appear to be progressing as in previous years, although the wet weather is resulting in fewer people at their cottages
- The draw for early memberships will be held after all the memberships received by July 2 have been processed

### **4. Fireworks**

- Katherine reported that she has promo materials from the government such as pins and flags. She and Brian will attend the Cordova Mines fireworks display to interact with the crowd and hand out the promo items
- Motion: That BLCA contribute \$400 to Bob Prins so that our members can enjoy a longer fireworks demonstration from the water on July 4, 2015. Moved by Larry, seconded by Peter. Approved

## 5. Rabble Rouser/Lake Party

- It was suggested that road reps, the board, the calendar creators and key volunteers be invited to the party
- **Everyone** to get back to Evan by June 28 with the names of others you would like to invite

## 6. AGM

- Township council has been invited to the meeting
- Crowe Valley has offered to have an open house at their offices. It was thought that not many would want to spend a nice summer weekend day inside. Instead, we agreed that **Peter** would invite Tim Pidduck to our AGM
- Lily Hamill from Peterborough County's Waste Management Division offered to attend the AGM. It was decided that in order to keep the AGM to a reasonable time, **Peter** would ask her for an article to be included in our next newsletter.
- Each board member will present their area of expertise for 5 minutes:
  - Brian – Golf tournament, signage
  - Katherine – social media, fireworks
  - Greg – regatta
  - Brandon – Pike tournament, water testing
  - Evan – road rep update, road summit, calendars, draw winners
  - Larry – financials
  - Peter – Introduction, overview, CVCA, septic inspections, HBMLA
- **The board should meet at 8:30am to help set up the room – Note that the meeting is scheduled to start at 9:00 this year**

## 7. Financial Forecast

- Several updates were made to the forecast for the next two years per the attached
- We have accumulated a large surplus, and can consider prudent additional spending
- It was agreed that we would keep \$10,000 in reserve for dam repairs as agreed at the 2012 AGM. **Larry** will arrange for a one year GIC of \$5,000 and a two year GIC of \$5,000 with the TD bank
- After much debate, it was agreed that we would keep the price of calendars for next year at \$5.00, and print 250 copies. Those not sold during newsletter distribution will be offered for sale at the AGM
- Some ideas for incremental spending included:
  - Support for Round Lake pavilion
  - Color pages in our newsletter (**Peter** will discuss with Brenda)

## 8. Regatta

- There was a lengthy discussion about non members participating in events and winning prizes. In order to address the situation, **Katherine** will create a sign saying “Regatta for members and guests of members only”, and post another sign saying “Pay your membership here”
- **Katherine** will order tee shirts for volunteers at the regatta
- **Peter** agreed to take over the arranging of the BBQ – contact is Greg Clements
- We will ask for volunteers for the regatta in our next email blast

## 9. Golf Tournament

- There is considerable interest in the golf tournament this year
- Prices at Salt Creek have increased, and Donna Deas would like to charge \$35 this year, an increase of \$5 from last year. The board agreed with this increase

## 10. Social Media

- Let Katherine know regarding topics to be posted to social media
- There is an increasing interest in this area from our members and others

## 11. Draw Prizes

- **Evan** and **Larry** will coordinate the drawing of winners of early memberships
- **Evan** will work with quadrant leaders to deliver prizes and to ensure the tickets will be used

## 12. Newsletter

- **Katherine** agreed to edit the newsletter articles next year
- It was suggested that an article be included on the history of the lake

## 13. New Board Members

- **Peter** will prepare a job description for a BLCA Board member to be posted on our website with encouragement to join the board