

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

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

**Saturday, June 5, 2016**

**Present:** Brian Deas, Greg Alexander, Evan Meyers, Donna Peeling, Wendy Vuyk, Peter White

**Absent:** Katherine Deas, Larry Pick

### **1. Newsletter Delivery, Membership Update**

- Evan reported that the road reps have had the best start ever in their deliveries
- Road reps are well recognized and well received
- There are 3 new road reps
- Larry reported before the meeting that he has process 25 epayments. He will let the road reps know as they come in so they can deliver newsletters and calendars as needed
- Main concerns: fast boats, excess lights, worry about traffic related to the new brewery on the lake
- Evan will coordinate the draw for early membership and work with road reps for delivering the prizes

### **2. AGM**

- We agreed that only Township council will be invited to the AGM
- Minutes of last year's AGM have been posted on the website since last August
- Peter will prepare a detailed agenda for review by the board before it is finalized
- **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**

### **3. Regatta**

- We will try to alleviate the lineups for the BBQ by starting sales a half hour sooner than last year
- Brian will arrange the BBQ with Greg Clements, and Peter will pick it up around 11am on regatta day
- Greg Alexander will prepare a list of responsibilities for volunteer students to make better use of their time
- Brian and Greg A will work on a location for the tug-of-war

#### 4. Excess Lighting on the lake

- Brian outlined the situation with excess lighting and a raft placed in the middle of the bay in front of his cottage. He reviewed his diplomatic interactions with the cottager who place the raft and has it and his dock brightly lit from sunset to dawn
- Since these interactions did not result in any changes, Brian contacted Township staff, one of whom came to his cottage to view the lights. It was agreed that the lighting was excessive, but staff and Township council deferred any action to HBMLA
- Greg pointed out that in preparation of the lake plan a few years ago, 87% of members expressed concern over excess lighting
- It was agreed that we will include an article on this topic in next year's newsletter
- Peter will raise this concern at the HBMLA meeting next week to understand how other lakes may have dealt with this issue. Following that discussion, Peter will contact Mayor Gerow to discuss possible solutions

#### 5. HBMLA

- Items included on the agenda of the HBMLA meeting on June 11 are as follows:
  - Septic inspection program
  - Input into HBM Township new website
  - By-laws – what is an acceptable variance?
  - Nuisance camping on Crown Land
  - Possible new ward system
  - HBMLA input into the budget process
  - OPP issues
  - Excess lighting
- Peter went over each item and identified the position he will put forward on behalf of BLCA
- If any board members wish to attend the meeting with Peter, they are welcome to do so

#### 6. Golf Tournament

- Brian surfaced a concern that as registration for the tournament grows, we will lose more money
- There could be a shortfall of up to \$750
- The board is willing to accept this cost since so many members enjoy taking part in the tournament and we have a large surplus

#### 7. Financial Forecast

- Peter will prepare a financial forecast and circulate to the board for their feedback
- The revised forecast will be presented at the AGM for approval

#### 8. Lake History

- Donna is collecting information on the history of the lake
- Peter will give her the history booklet that Round Lake prepared a few years ago as a reference

## **9. Havelock Santa Claus Parade**

- Wendy and a number of her friends are prepared to build a float and enter it into the Havelock Santa Claus parade
- The board approved creating two signs for BLCA that they can use for the float. Wendy will initiate the creation of the signs.
- These signs can also be used at various other events, such as the regatta

## **10. Project ideas**

- As discussed in the past, we have accumulated a large surplus that should be put to use to benefit our members
- The board has already approved using some of this surplus for providing free calendars this year with memberships (\$1,400) and for standardizing anchoring for marker buoy (\$2,000)
- Peter will circulate a separate list of project ideas
- The board discussed various options and decided to present the following at the AGM for member feedback
  - Publish a booklet on the history of Belmont Lake (\$2,000)
  - Shoreline remediation project with contract support (\$4,000)
  - Program for children arts, crafts, other activities (\$2,000)
  - Fish stocking (\$5,000)
  - Offer calendars free with membership for an additional year (\$1,400)

## **11. Board Membership**

- As of today, Peter is not aware of any board members who wish to resign
- At the AGM, if anyone wishes to nominate a new person for the board, then that will require that all current board members and the new person or persons stand for election. The top 8 who receive the most votes will form the new board
- If there are no new nominees, then the current board will be appointed without a vote

Peter thanked Evan for hosting the meeting.