

MINUTES BLCA BOARD CONFERENCE CALL, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2011

1) Research items

Brad requested approval from the board to follow up on these items and report back at the March teleconference meeting. (Brandon is responsible for 2 of these)

- a) Research the restrictions on harvesting trees from properties in the township. Contact MNR
- b) What environment impact study is required when there will be development of one parcel of land with 2 or more building sites---contact MNR
- c) What if anything needs to be done to ensure that Belmont Lake properties are in compliance with MOE and MNR--contact MOE and MNR
- d) What needs to be done to increase law enforcement around Belmont Lake; MNR, local authorities,
- e) How can we continue to participate in the water quality testing of our lake--(Brandon to follow up on this)
- f) What needs to be done to identify sensitive areas around Belmont--such as nesting sites--birds, turtles, rare species, etc. MNR
- g) What would the cost be to conduct a fish species inventory of Belmont Lake
- h) That BLCA find volunteers to assist in the MNR active bass nest and walleye spawning survey--with our Lake Association receiving all data/material/results.

ACTION:

Brad Adams to review information relating to each item. NO ACTION will be taken, simply an updating of relevant information will be gathered.

2) Peter White report/update on the HBMLA

The HBMLA is becoming an important voice for cottagers as it represents 9 lakes in our area. A consensus view and position on items will give cottager a more consistent perspective and will provide a stronger voice when raising issues with Council.

ACTION: That our BLCA will participate in a survey developed by HBMLA. The survey is expected to involve asking our cottager members about septic systems, boat houses and set backs. It is anticipated that the survey will be drafted around April 2011 and distributed to our members May 2011.

Peter will work with the HBMLA to ensure our lake Association gets the survey as soon as it is completed.

Greg--will ensure distribution.

This survey will be sent to members of BLCA only. All cottagers on Belmont Lake will have the opportunity to join the BLCA and respond to the survey

3) Water quality update-Brandon is reporting on this issue and it appears that the Belmont Lake water quality is excellent.

ACTION: Brandon will coordinate with Fred carter--705-778-3298 to ensure regular water quality testing of our lake.

4) Pike tournament update- Brandon is still working out the details of this yearly event. We are very pleased to have him coordinate this event almost entirely on his own.

ACTION: encourage a more family friendly event--no minimum number of fishermen per boat, etc to ensure maximum participation and a fun event.

5) Discussed the proposal from Brad that we host monthly update/information sessions for our members.

ACTION: Brad and Tamara will review potential topics for information sessions. We are looking at potentially holding 3 or 4 throughout the summer and these are in addition to the normal items- business meeting, regatta, etc.

One potential item for an information session is water levels-with guest speakers including a representative from Council.

6) Tamara has developed an excellent list of social items for the upcoming summer. These include: July-- i) scavenger hunt/fire works main event. ii) Golf tournament iii) regatta. August: iv)sailboard races and v) the year end dance (Evan Myers to host) There will also be an attempt to partner with Round lake for one social event this summer.

ACTION: Tamara to finalize a list and bring forward potential events to the March meeting.

7) Greg--communications.

It is hoped that we can generate monthly communications updates to BLCA people.

Lane stewards-- a program that Evan Myers is building, whereby lane/fire routes have a designated member to be the communications link to the rest of the lane/fire route cottagers is coming along very well.

ACTION: Greg to distribute these minutes electronically to members. Greg to send a communications to members concerning the recent break ins at cottages on Belmont. Peter will provide an update on the HBMLA for inclusion in this email communication.

8) other items reviewed:

a) There have been break ins at various cottages along the lake this fall/winter. Please be cautious about returning to your cottage and report anything unusual to the police. This will be covered in the email communications

b) ice fishing. We have seen the first ice fishing hut on the lake this year. There was an article in the law review about drinking in an ice fishing hut. There is no consistent OPP position. Therefore--your executive wants to ask that all ice fisher persons continue to be careful and respectful.

Next meeting:

teleconference in early March.

participants--Brad, Peter, Evan, Tamara, Larry and thoughts from Brandon.

Peter--thanks for the coffee!