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Subject: Minutes of the meeting

BLCA Executive Meeting September 15, 2007.

Present: Art, Mary Ellen, Larry, Greg, Ed

1. **Review minutes of the last meeting**: stand as is. Motion: Larry, Second: Uta

- 2. **Rock Marking:** Last week's storm blew a number of the markers away. Jeff Bondett and Rob Schock said they were interested in handling. Craig Ferrier will take out the markers this fall, with help from others. We will need some hardware for next year: buoys and possibly tie-wraps.
- **3. Treasurer's Report:** 193 members Ed wants to explore who has not renewed memberships. Ed has arranged for a new bank account. Net income is \$7072.98. Still have expenses that will bring it down to about \$5000.
- 4. **Social:** deferred again.

Response to Betty Coon's letter: Ed sent her a copy of the by-laws and constitution and treasurer's reports. She still wants minutes of the AGM meetings and executive meetings. Uta will email Greg minutes of past meetings and Greg will post them on the website.

- 5. **Website:** created by Coldfusion by Bill White. The current hosting expires this month. Corrine Corcoran has offered to help with the website. Greg can get website hosting for about \$100 per year, as opposed to Bill White's cost of about \$500.00 per year.
- 6. **Crowe Valley:** We should have an executive meeting in that building because there are so many resources. CVCA talked about water levels on Belmont Lake. (High: 187.9 Target: 187.15 Low: 187.0 (6 inch tolerance).
- 7. **Regatta:** Art has a list of all of the things needed for running the regatta. Art will ask Norma Coole to provide the results of the regatta for next year's newsletter.
- 8. **Newletter:** The website address needs to be included in all of our mailings. There were no complaints about the newsletter itself or the contents. Also, we need to advertise the calendar better. There is a Facebook site (informal) called Belmont Lake Association. Deadline for submissions to newsletter and calendar, including ads, is March 1. Art will make sure to talk to Ed and Norm about that.
- 9. **Township:** Website doesn't post minutes of their meetings until much later. Also, they don't post the agenda, which would be helpful so people would know whether they want to attend or not.

- 10. **FOCA:** Jim McCarthy was going to contact the MNR about invasive species. Jim M and Uta are interested in water quality. CVCA has new initiative to test surface water quality. Greg will try to find out contacts in CVCA. Next meeting we should talk about initiatives from Peterborough Dept of Health, and Council about testing septic systems, etc. Larry will council. FOCA has interesting article about privacy issues and associations.
- 11. Mary Ellen's letter to Ron Gerow about boating restrictions: Mary Ellen was told to send Ron Gerow a letter which he will take to the Police Services Board. Mary Ellen should contact Julia Matys about speed limits. We would like to extend the shoreline speed to something like 100 metres instead of 100 feet. Mary Ellen will make the letter represent the association. We want to raise awareness of boating safety. Three young children were in trouble on the lake in a motor boat that ran out of gas. The parents were new cottagers unaware of the potential dangers. We should include safety tips on the website. Say that we are concerned about narrow water bodies such as rivers and spaces between islands.
- 12. **Lake Plan Letter:** Jane and Art created the letter for the Lake Plan recommendations. Need to simplify and clarify the separation between stewardship and proposals for adoption to the Official Plan. The covering letter should say that this is what we want to take to council. People will be able to decide with strongly agree, somewhat agree, don't know, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree. A space for comments should be included. Art will get the changes back to Jane and resend to us. Timeline: Mail by end of Oct. Get back by mid Feb. Have a meeting May 24 weekend or the following weekend. The letter will say the meeting will be sometime in May.
- 13. If anyone wants a hard copy of the Lake Plan, email Greg and he will forward it to your local Staples to be printed four about \$17.00.

Next meeting Thanksgiving weekend. Also do the mailing.