

MINUTES
SLPOA EXECUTIVE MEETING
Held Dec 1, 2013
At Ken & Joyce Waller's

Dec 5, 2013

Attendees: Kevin Browne, Ken Waller, Joyce Waller, Rem Westland, Ralph Pentland, Bill Wilson,

Regrets: Carol Coupland

Meeting called to order at 11:15 am

Report on Progress on Mandatory Septic Re-inspection Group

Ken attended the Central Frontenac Council meeting on Nov 26th, 2013. Township staff submitted a report to Council recommending that working group be formed consisting of 2 councilors, 1 staff member and 5 interested persons from Central Frontenac. A public notice will be put in the Frontenac news (probably in the Dec 5th issue) Members from the group already established will put their names forward. Rem agreed to put his name in since Ken will be away from January till June. Info on this will also be found on the CF website.

Septic is part of the Building code and municipalities have the authority to proceed with mandatory septic re-inspection. A bylaw would be required to be passed. It is suggested that the emphasis should be on mandatory septic inspection for everyone with priority given to highly sensitive lake trout lakes: Eagle Lake, Sharbot Lake west basin and Kennebec Lake.

Environmental Issues

The following was written and submitted to me (the secretary)... much appreciated Rem

Rem referred to the input he had submitted to the Executive titled "Environmental Issues". He elaborated upon three questions to which he wanted direction from other Executive members:

1. What constitutes an "environmental issue" as opposed to a broader "SLPOA issue"? The presumption is that the Environmental Issues Coordinator is not expected to manage every issue that the SLPOA - through its Executive - is doing
2. Should environmental issues be coordinated by category of issues or by specific issue? The SLPOA Lake Plan Report sets out three categories of issues (Water Pollution, Weeds and Algae, and Bacteria) to which Rem's submission - on the recommendation of Ralph Pentland - had added "Climate Change".
3. Is the priority of issues (two dozen are listed in the submission) determined by the nature of an issue or by whether an issue has a "champion"? Rem observed that it is easier to coordinate the work being done by champions than to coordinate content of issues which are not being worked upon.

After discussion among members the answers to the questions were the following:

1. First, an environmental issue (the population of loons as an indicator of the health of the Lake, for example) is distinguishable from an issue which the SLPOA intends to lodge with the Municipal or even Provincial government. Examples of the latter kind of issue include Septic System Re-inspection and Access to the East Basin. Issues of the latter kind dealt with by the SLPOA in the past include hazardous waste management, rationalization of the property tax system, gypsy moth eradication, and so on.

2. Second, issues are to be coordinated by specific issue rather than by category.

3. Third, only those issues with a designated "champion" will be coordinated. In the case of important issues that have no designated champion, in his capacity as Environmental Issues Coordinator Rem will work the Executive and others to try and identify people willing to assume leadership roles.

There currently are four issues being coordinated: waterfowl surveys (Charmaine Jones); newsletter updates on "do's" and "dont's" with regard to Lakefront etiquette (Kevin's undertaking to remind folk about fertilizer use, phosphates, weed poisons, etc.); Story of a Lake (Rem); and, blue-green algae (Ralph and Rem).

Some other thoughts coming from the discussions were

- Create an open invitation on the website to get people interested in becoming a "champion" for an issue they are interested in
- Ralph agreed to do some reading on blue green algae and report back thru Rem. With any new info it is important we get it on to the website
- Rem will be sending to Kevin an article about Environmental Issues Coordination (including an invitation to champions) that will elaborate upon the Story of a Lake and provide a mini-user guide for anyone who wants to get in on that project.

Love Your Lake Program

Both Kevin and Ken attended separate meetings where this program was discussed. Kevin at the Lake Links and Ken at Frontenac Stewardship Foundation he is a member of.

This is a program run by the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds. The group helps volunteers do a boat survey of all properties on the lake and then each property would get a report on their property with recommendations on how they could improve their shoreline to reduce runoff into the lake. The organization helps to get grants which would reduce costs. Ken gave Kevin the info on the program he had received and Kevin will follow up on this. It is hoped a meeting for all executive available in say Feb or March can be set up and then hopefully the CSW will be able to come and make a presentation at the AGM in July.

Buoys for Marking Shoals

Ken got the following info on Buoys from the Greater Bob's and Crow Lakes Association:

Go Deep is a New Brunswick company that developed, in cooperation with FOCA, a marker buoy that MOT approved for use as a hazard marker. It retails for \$39.00 plus shipping. The GBCLA installed them over any hazard within a foot and a half of the surface. The buoys are

installed and removed by volunteers are given a sector of the lake to manage. GBCLA reported no significant increase in their insurance rates once they started this program.

Newsletter

Kevin hopes to put out an e-flash style info before the annual Newsletter is produced. Kevin will put together an e-mail for possible advertisers to defer costs of the newsletter. It is also hoped that we can send out the newsletter to former members and also to people in and around Sharbot Lake who are not members. Ken will work on the info that is on the data base and Lake Plan files provided by Carol. Unfortunately Carol deleted a significant amount of address data and we may have to try and get it again from the township.

Other Business

Joyce reported that the Oso Hall has been booked for the AGM July 19, 2014 and the Fish Fry Aug 3, 2014.

Joyce will follow up with Mundell's in the spring with regards to the fish fry to re-confirm the date with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm

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