

# 1 MINUTES OF 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, July 10th, 2010 at the Byrnes' cottage – start time 10:15 am

Welcome by the incoming president Cameron Copeland. Thank you to the Byrne's for hosting our Annual General Meeting plus preparing the tea and coffee. There were 36 people present at this year's meeting including some new members.

The Minutes for the 2009 Annual General Meeting and the Financial Report for 2009-10 were reviewed. The bank balance as at June 26, 2010 is \$4714.38 - consisting of \$3477.15 General Funds + \$490.00 Donations + \$ 600.00 "Legal Fund". A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Norm Byrne, seconded by Frank Tod. Motion carried.

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

**WATER QUALITY REPORT** –Ken Page gave the Lake Partner Report and for new members explained how readings are taken (Secchi disk). We have been involved with this program since about 1980. His testing sites are south of Pine Island and at the north end of Rock Island. Horn Lake water quality is consistently good with the PH level below many other lakes (4.5-4.7). Water clarity at 7 m. is also good. There is no evidence of Zebra mussels so far and algae levels are low. Jeff Miller was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a report with results of some testing he participated in with Clint Brooks (President, Magnetawan River Watershed Association of which we are a member). The locations were Pine Island, Rock Island and near the North dock. The results were very good overall and copies of his report will be made available. Questions as to how to test cottage water for drinking were asked and members who have done it before gave their advice. There is a drop off place in Burk's Falls for those wishing to have water samples tested.

Cottagers can take part in a free septic test, a capsule with dye (which is provided by the Near North Laboratories – North Bay) is dropped into the system and they test the tile bed for several days later with UV lights. Those people who have tried this test had fine results. The test results are confidential.

The **biggest threat** to the Lake is faulty septic systems. **Please ensure your septic system is pumped every five years and use phosphate free products in and around your cottage. NEVER fertilize your lawn or use weed control products with lake front properties.**

**ICE WATCH** – We are going to participate in this program. We would like to thank Ross and Nancy Garrett who are permanent residents on the lake that have volunteered to monitor the ice in and ice out.

**FISHING/WILDLIFE** – Dave Stewart Sr. commented that he had heard on no bear problems so far this year.

Be aware. Everyone should be careful not to do things to attract bears – DO NOT FEED BEARS!

**FIRE EQUIPMENT** – Cam reminded us where fire huts were located around the lake. They are ready to use in the event of a fire. The pumps are put out the May long weekend and brought in Thanks-giving weekend except for the pump at Birch Crest which is available year round. We will be asking Richard Hiley, who is the volunteer that looks after our fire equipment, to do a demonstration at the Regatta again this year. This gives people a chance to try starting a pump and using a fire hose. Also at the Regatta Dave Stewart Sr. suggested that we test the "fire alarm siren" at Birch Crest to let people know what it sounds like.

**WEB SITE REPORT** - John Hiley AKA "The Web Guy" said there has been more activity on our web site. He would like to receive more contributions from members to be posted on the site. Check out the "Where on the lake?" photos. We also have a link with the MLS listings.

**COUNCIL REPORT** – Frank Tod (councillor) gave a brief report. He stated that Magnetawan is experiencing some renovating (library) and other improvements. The possible tax increase could be created due to levies imposed by other levels of government amounting to approx. 70% leaving only 30% to operate the municipality.

There are controls to help extend the life of the **Chapman and Croft landfill sites**. Ken Page asked whether the life span of the Chapman dump is being shortened because of the sand being used at the

dump to cover the garbage and would compaction be a better way to deal with the garbage. Apparently sand is the preferred way at this time. The Ministry of the Environment will not allow a garbage transfer station closer and he advised that the **Chapman dump is currently open Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**. Members feel the dump should be open Saturdays especially during the summer.

Nancy and Norm Byrne inquired if “No Parking This Side – Fire Route” signs or something to that effect could be put up by the North dock to make sure emergency vehicles can access the cottages and homes in that area. Frank said he would bring up our concerns at the next council meeting and get back to Cam and the Byrnes.

Note - Frank will be running again for councillor in the October elections. He feels everyone should have a say and would like to see the mail-in vote reinstated.

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT** – Jeff Miller sent along some maps showing the four-laning of Highway 11 and its impact on owners getting into their Horn Lake properties. There have been roads closed from Hwy #11 - South Horn Lake Rd. and now Pine Lane. Current access to South Horn Lake Road must be made at the South Service Road. The 3 new interchanges are to be safer for motorists getting off Hwy #11. The proposed opening is about 2012. The maps are also on the Horn Lake web site.

At the request of some members we are going to try to obtain some maps of the changes from Burk’s Falls to Sundridge.

**ECO-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS** - Cam Copeland talked to the members about using eco-friendly products to help maintain our lake’s water quality. This year we again held a free draw for several eco-friendly products such as dish soap, hand cleaner, septic cleaner, general purpose cleaner, etc. even the bucket they all come in that the Association purchased from Ecoethics Inc. Again, please ensure all products used in and around your cottage are **PHOSPHATE FREE**.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS – TERM 2010-2012**

Dave Stewart Sr. nominated Dennis Connor for Vice-President and he was acclaimed for the position.

President – Cameron Copeland  
Vice President – Dennis Connor  
Secretary/Treasurer – Marilyn Pollitt

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**BOATING** – A REMINDER that as of September 15, 2009 ALL boat operators require a “PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATOR CARD”. Please note that the OPP had twice been out on Horn Lake in one week. The fine for not having your Operator card with you can result in a \$250.00 fine. There can also be a charge/fine for not having proper safety equipment on board. Remember alcohol on board is illegal and a breathalyzer test can be administered. The consequences if over limit are the same as if you were driving a vehicle -you can lose your driver’s licence, etc.

Boaters were reminded to pay attention to lake markers since lower water levels this year can mean new hazards.

**OLD TROPHIES** - Old trophies gathering dust ? Ron Pollitt suggested that members who have old trophies recycle them by bringing them to the Pollitt’s cottage or dropping them off at the Birch Crest Store. This will help keep costs down for the Regatta and clear out some dust collectors.

**NEW SIGNS** – This year we purchased one “NO WAKE” sign to be erected near the North dock by Ross Garrett.

Next year we will probably purchase another if the current one is effective.

**HORN LAKE MAPS** – John Hiley brought some June 2010 updated maps of the Lake. They will be available for sale at the Birch Crest Store, at the Regatta and next year’s Annual General Meeting. The costs are as follows - \$5.00 for black & white and \$15.00 for colour.

**REGATTA PLANNING:**

**Date** - Saturday, July 31, 2010 (Rain date Sunday, August 1, 2010)  
**Time** - 1:00 P.M.  
**Place** - Birch Crest Resort

Flyers made up by Marilyn Pollitt.

Lifeguards to be arranged by Bev Stewart

Flyers will be hand delivered by volunteers – Marilyn Pollitt has a list of volunteers

Birch Crest will supply wood for the fire to boil the corn.

**VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET UP AT 12:30 PM WOULD BE VERY WELCOME !!**

EMCEE -----	Cameron Copeland
DARTS -----	TBA
CANOE RACES -----	John Hiley & Cameron Copeland
KAYAK RACE -----	John Hiley & Cameron Copeland
HORSESHOES -----	TBA
TROPHIES, RIBBONS & CORN	Ron Pollitt
CHEF & HUSKERS -----	Jerome Freiburg and Volunteers
COFFEE, TEA, ETC. -----	Bev Stewart
KID'S GAMES -----	Diane Gillis & Helpers
KID'S SWIMMING -----	Heather Heal
SPOTTERS-WATER EVENTS	Ron Pollitt & helpers
MISCELLANEOUS -----	Marilyn Pollitt

**NEXT YEAR'S MEETING - Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 10:00 am.**

**Rain or Shine**

**At the Connor's Cottage**

Please bring along your own chairs and mugs

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 12:20 pm.

Motion – Ron Pollitt  
Seconded – Cindy James  
Carried.