

NORWAY LAKE ASSOCIATION (NLA)

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, July 7, 10 a.m.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** President Mark Gallivan welcomed all and introduced our guests, Mayor Glenda McKay and Fire Chief/Building Inspector, Darrell Wagner.

2. **Approval of the 2017 AGM Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes as written made by Bob Berry, seconded by Mike Weatherdon - all in favor.

3. **Council/Township Update:** Mayor McKay had handouts for the group which was a summary of the Township Debt Management strategy. There is a plan which gives owners an estimate of their expenses/analysis and revenue. She stressed that the plan forecasts "everything" that they could think of. The Strategic Plan is done, indicating where we are going and how we plan to get there. Residents are encouraged to read this report. Her comment was, "the Municipality is in good shape overall". This report includes a Private Road strategy and uses that of North Frontenac Twp. as a guideline. Parameters are now set as we need to plan for minimum standards allowing for Fire truck/emergency vehicle access.

A Question & Answer session followed.

Q. Bob Berry asked about public access laneways - are they up for sale or closed off?

A. Mayor McKay acknowledged a NLA letter sent on this topic - namely, not to sell to create additional lots. If adding to an adjacent cottage, then OK. She stated that the council would look at each request individually but accepted the NLA suggestions.

Q. Bob Berry then asked about the cost of buying such an access.

A. The township sets the price - it is done by looking at market evaluations and therefore would vary.

Q. Chuck Weatherdon asked about the situation with respect to the trailer park.

A. Mayor McKay reported that Darrell Wagner had contacted Ross Hemsley to do an electrical inspection and check for a septic system for possible safety violations. The Township is looking into "everything". The significance of this is that after the new by-laws come into effect (August, 2018), then the township can take action. We were given the impression that they fully intend to do this if violations are found.

Q. Bob Berry asked if AirB&Bs are allowed on the lake.

A. Yes they are. They have rules and regs - but they are not regulated by the Township.

At this point Darrell Wagner explained a little about his role. Included in his talk was a comment on building permits, namely, can you still sever land? The answer was yes, following TWP guidelines.

Asked about the state of our fire equipment, the answer was that it needed attention. Our water tanker does not meet standards and is out for repairs.

He also commented on the private road requirements, namely that 20 feet of road clearance is a must - rocks on the side can be a hindrance to safety vehicles.

Darrell reported that the township has 35 volunteers with himself being the only full time fire employee.

A fire ban is still in effect with campfires OK. But subsequent to our meeting, we were informed that a full fire ban is now in place.

4. Treasurer's Report: Sue McDonald reported that we now have over 110 members. Expenses in 2017 amounted to \$706 with FOCA accounting for \$222. of this - the largest single expense. This has been reduced by 50% from now on. Other expenses included 'get well' wishes (flowers) to Glenda after her accident, the annual Bar-B-Q and shallow water markers.

Income from membership fees, donations, Bar-B-Q collection came to \$380. While expenses overshadowed income, our bank balance is still a healthy \$1500.

The souvenir fund is a separate account. Sue pointed out that we have a wonderful selection of Norway Lake souvenirs for sale and encouraged members to take advantage of the great values!

5. Director's Reports:

i) Neighbourhood Watch

North Side: Jake Charron reported that he was aware of a couple of items stolen and cautioned everyone to not leave anything lying around that would only tempt someone to steal it. He suggested that there are no break-ins - items stolen were in plain view.

Damage has been done to the Beaver dam but "beaver engineers" are busy repairing their structure. It was suggested that installing a 'trail camera' could be one way to prevent this or at least, finding out who is doing it.

South Side: It was reported that beer cans have been found on the small island, possibly by campers or winter fishermen. Since there is no camping allowed, a suggestion was made to put up a 'No Camping' sign. After discussion, it was suggested that if anyone sees campers there, just talk to them.

ii) Water Stewart

Anastasia Turner reported the 2017 lake readings taken from the middle of the lake and in front of the trailer park. Overall, the water quality is good. The test looks at 3 items:

Phosphorus - 7.4 mg/litre - down from 2016 (good). This reflects the amount of algae in the water.

Calcium - 30 mg/litre recently (good) but unable to test for this - will have results for 2018 later.

Water Clarity - 6.2 meters in 2016 - also good.

There are lots of snails this year but still no sign of zebra mussels. White lake does have them. Remind visitors bringing in boats to make sure they are 'clean'!

iii) Mapping

David Johnson reported changing a few names but not many changes had to be made. Please let David know if a cottage changes hands, contact information changes, etc. as he wants to keep the map as current as possible. Again, thanks were expressed for his work to give us all such an accurate picture of cottagers on our lake.

iv) Web Site/Face Book

Fauve Gauthier reported that the Web Site is under construction with a new 'hosting platform'. It should be up and running in the next few weeks.

Re lost and found items, if you send information to Fauve, with a photo of the item, and are not a member on Face Book, she will be able to enter it for you.

v) Other Business

Mark Gallivan reported that the Executive will remain the same for next year.

Many thanks to Larry Licari for keeping us all up to date on happenings relating to Norway lake via his excellent emails. Good work Larry!

Nat. Garrow told how the NLA Golf Day has grown over the past 3 years since it's inception.

This year, the event is being held on **Friday, Aug. 24, a.m. at Calabogie Peaks.**

Please send Nat an email if you wish to join this fun event - you do not have to be a 'golfer' as it is a scramble format. If you have a team already made up, send him the names as well.

We are hoping for 10 teams this year (40 golfers) so that we can have a shotgun start, meaning that the time between the first and last team tee-off will be reduced so that we can all get back to Nat's cottage for our usual pot-luck 'pick-nick' and social time.

It was also noted that fishing has not been so good this year on the lake. Pickerel have been hard to find but the Pike population seems to be thriving!!

Approximately 45 cottagers were in attendance. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and with all in favor, the meeting ended at 11:45.