
Annual General Meeting

Crane Lake Association

July 22, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom

Attendees

Darlene Cade, Ross Fraser, Monica Gemeinhardt, Bruce Sanderson, Carolyn Ferreira, Fred Nagy, Gary Mueller, Steve Neugebauer, Steve Ridout, Oliver Woodburn, Brian Harris

Agenda

Call to order - D. Cade

- Called to order - 7:40 pm
- Darlene noted that there may be some technical issues during the meeting
- She described the Q and A function which enables participants to ask questions during the meeting and noted that the business meeting will be brief
- The voting process by internet and phone was outlined
- Darlene confirmed that we had quorum but we will miss the chance to be together with our fellow cottagers

Minutes of the July 14 2019 AGM - C. Ferreira

- Carolyn noted that the minutes had been distributed by email and were available on the association's website
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- There were no questions
- Ross Fraser moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Bruce Sanderson
- Approved

Appointment of Directors - F. Nagy

- Fred stated that all of the current board members have agreed to stand for the 2020/2021 board
- He also welcomed the nomination of Alysha Ferguson who agreed to accept the nomination to the board
- There were no further nominations
- All members were acclaimed

Treasurer's Report - S. Neugebauer

- Steve noted that the CLA's financial records and statements were reviewed by Marilyn Schreiner and approved by the board
- Regarding the Statement of Operations and Funds, there was income of \$15,192 in 2019 from membership dues. These funds were split 60/40 between the Operation Fund and the Capital Fund. There were operating expenses of \$8,153 and capital expenses of \$674. The operating fund balance was \$9,178 and the capital fund balance was \$40,790.
- The bank accounts had a combined balance of \$52,113
- So far this year \$11,325 has been received in income, the majority for membership dues and to date membership fees have been received from 105 members
- With the forecast for additional income and expenses, the Operating Fund is expected to finish the year at \$8,601 and the Capital Fund at \$45,202
- Monica Gemeinhardt moved approval of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Gary Mueller
- Approved unanimously
- A question was asked about whether decreasing the membership fees had been considered. Darlene said that this will be discussed at the next meeting of the board

Fire Safety Committee - B. Sanderson


- On April 21, the MNRF declared a province-wide Fire Ban for the Ontario Forest Fire area due to a possibly slower response for their teams due to not having all of the Covid 19 protocols in place. When the fire ban was lifted, TOA implemented a ' High Fire Hazard' rating as a milder winter and little rain during April resulted in extremely dry forest conditions. The rating has since fluctuated based on rainfall and the state of the forest.
- There were two early forest fires in our immediate vicinity. Both were quickly extinguished
- To date, there have been significantly more forest fires in Ontario when compared with last year but below the 10 year average
- The contract with Seguin Township was renewed for the next 5 years at the same rate of \$236 per year
- Bruce reinforced the need for cottagers to keep fire extinguishers around the cottage and accessory buildings
- The Fire Pumps are in good shape and maintenance is scheduled for some of the pumps this year
- The AEDs require periodic maintenance including battery and pad replacement
- As the regatta is cancelled for 2020, members were invited to take a pump from one of the 5 locations to practice at their docks for an hour before returning the pump.

Regatta Cancellation - O. Woodburn

- Oliver reported that the regatta was cancelled for 2020 given the Covid-19 virus.
- The sailing regatta is scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd. Oliver asked for people to preregister for the event. He noted that Steve Neugebauer has been the commodore for many years and needs volunteers to assist with the race including monitoring the buoys. High school students can get volunteer hours (needed for graduation) if they volunteer
- Steve N. noted that the sailing race will begin at 2 pm in the central part of the lake. Darlene will send out an eblast reminder re the need for volunteers

Water Quality - G. Mueller

- Gary noted that water samples will not be tested this year as a result of Covid-19
- An increase in phosphorus levels can be addressed by maintaining natural shorelines and not using fertilizer. Secchi readings have been positive with readings down to 4 meters
- GBBR noted that Crane Lake water is very clean

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- Darlene reinforced that we all need to do our part to maintain that quality of the water in Crane Lake

Councilor's Report - I. Mead

- Ian reported that Covid-19 has underscored the need for improved internet in rural areas. TOA will have \$500,000 to create a plan to provide high speed internet.
- He noted we are missing our neighbors from the USA and hoped that the Canada/US border would open soon
- He congratulated Ross for setting up today's Zoom meeting
- Ian was asked about the status of the resort. He replied that progress has been made to allow severance of the marina land and that to date, none of the units have sold

Crane Lake History Project - G. Mueller

- Gary noted that the project is almost finished with one final interview to be completed. He thanked his editor for his outstanding contribution to the project. A new 2 minute trailer has been produced and Gary shared it with the attendees

Adjournment

- Monica Gemeinhardt moved to adjourn the meeting, Gary seconded the motion
- The AGM adjourned at 8:30 pm