
Annual General Meeting

Crane Lake Association

July 14, 2022

Meeting held at The Log Cabin

Attendees

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

Agenda

Call to order - D. Cade

- Meeting called to order at 9:45 am
 - Darlene began the meeting by acknowledging the indigenous Peoples of all the lands that we are on today
 - She then welcomed the group to the Log Cabin and thanked the owner
 - Quorum was confirmed at 9:55
 - Darlene then introduced each of the board members and identified their responsibilities
 - A number of the accomplishments of the board were then acknowledged including: the development of a revised map of Crane Lake, the distribution of native plants as the result of a successful proposal submitted to Watersheds Canada, establishing a Go Fund Me page that generated the funds for new pumps at the marina, an
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Ecology award from FOCA, an article in Cottage Life re the Fire Boat which is the 'envy of other cottage associations' and publishing the 'Preserving Paradise' guide

Minutes of the July 16, 2022 AGM - C. Ferreira

- Bob Ferguson moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Julie Gillett
- Approved

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
- He reported that there was \$14,128 in operating funds and \$49,225 in the capital reserve fund for a total of \$66,568 at the end of 2021
- In reviewing the current funds up to July 12, 2022, Steve identified that there is a balance of \$16,590 in operating funds and \$53,505 in the capital fund.
- Steve identified that fewer members paid their membership fees in 2021 and 2020 when compared to previous years. Brian suggested that COVID may be a factor.
- Brian moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Wayne Harlock
- Approved

Appointment of Directors - F. Nagy

- Fred stated that all of the current board members have agreed to stand for the 2022/2023 board
- He noted that we are allowed 12 board members with the past president as the 13th member
- Fred identified that there were 2 vacancies on the board
- Cindy Brandon nominated Dianne Jennings. Dianne accepted.
- There were no further nominations
- All members were acclaimed

Revised Map of Crane Lake - M. Gemeinhardt

- Monica noted that she worked with Bruce Sanderson and Alysha Ferguson to produce the revised map of Crane Lake. The group began meeting monthly in 2020 via Zoom.
- She thanked the CLA members for responding to the request for their consent to be included on the legend of the map and added that 175 members had replied
- The project was concluded on time and on budget as the total of revenues and costs resulted in a net gain for the CLA
- Monica thanked Bob Ferguson for his work in producing 'Boards by Bob' to raise funds to support the printing of the maps. In addition she acknowledged the technical work done by a volunteer and noted that a gift had been purchased for him as he is not a member of the Crane Lake community.
- Dock pickups of maps will be organized in the future

Regatta Events - O. Woodburn and S. Neugebauer

- Oliver noted that the new maps will be the focus of the 2022 'Lollapalooza Poker Run'
- The event is scheduled for July 30th from 1:00 to 3:00. The Fire Boat will be 'parked' in Homestead Bay and will be the starting and ending point for the event. The goal is to have fun and to learn about the lake. An eblast will go out encouraging participation
- The previous year's event focused on the location of the fire pumps. Playing cards were picked up at each location visited by participants. Sixteen boats participated, a success given that it was a rainy day.
- Steve N. added that the Sailing Regatta is scheduled for Sunday, July 31st at 2:00. The race will begin in the central part of the lake at Bump Rock. Volunteers are needed to support the race.

Fire Committee - B. Sanderson

- Bruce acknowledged several donations from the OPP including an Emergency Light Bar, an electronic siren, a handheld spotlight as well as some marker LEDs. He thanked Steve Ridout for obtaining the donations.
- He noted that to date, there had been fewer Forest Fires in Ontario when compared to the same time last year and the 10 year average. With respect to the local area, Bruce identified that there had been two small forest fires just north of Parry Sound and added that they were likely started by lightning strikes given the heavy storm activity in the Spring

- While the season started off with a 'High' rating, a 'Moderate' rating has been in place lately. He reminded members about the standard rules for camp fires relative to the hours and size etc. and added that we should always exercise caution and keep a method of extinguishing the fire at hand. He also reminded members that Fireworks are only allowed 3 times a year with the next opportunity on the May 24 weekend in 2023. Bruce recommended that members save the webpage of the TOA as the information about the current Fire Hazard Rating is available by clicking on the link provided there.
- Bruce reminded members to call 911 in the case of a structural fire or a forest fire. The operator will route the call to the MNR, the Seguin Township Team or perhaps both if a forest fire also threatens a cottage. He added that fire extinguishers around the cottage and accessory buildings are vital in preventing a small fire from getting out of control.
- Bruce noted that members are welcome to take a fire pump from one of the fire boxes to practice for an hour or so adding that practice could be invaluable in the event of an actual fire incident. He invited members to contact him if there are any questions about fire safety or the fire equipment. The dedicated email address for fire safety issues is firesafety@canelakeassociation.

Councillor's Report - R. Fraser for Ian Mead

- As Ian was not able to attend the AGM, Ross presented Ian's report on his behalf
- He reported that the Manager of Public Works, Greg Mariotti, left the TOA and has been replaced by Josh Badger. Josh grew up in Parry Sound and has a degree in Civil Engineering.
- A Site Alteration bylaw has been developed and will be presented to Council on July 21st. If approved it will be presented to ratepayers in August for their input.
- A Comprehensive Zoning bylaw is being developed but has been delayed. The bylaw requires input from the Planning Department which has been incredibly busy given an over 100% increase in building permits. An additional staff has been hired to help the Planning Department.
- Seguin has postponed the redoing of their portion of the Blackstone/Crane Lake Road until 2023.
- TOA hired a new CFO/Treasurer, Erin Robinson. She has implemented many changes that will 'make the TOA work smarter'. In addition, new software will make the budget process easier and faster. Council has kept expenses to a low 1.6% resulting in a very low increase to taxes.

Adjournment



- Darlene ended the meeting and thanked Bob Ferguson and the Cal Gals for their financial contributions to the CLA. She welcomed Dianne to the board.