

GOLDEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday, July 8, 2017

LOCATION: Killaloe Public School, Killaloe, Ontario

CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 am.

President Don O'Reilly welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Golden Lake Property Owners Association. Don acknowledged the Cottage Cup of Golden Lake for the wonderful coffee and sweets. Don introduced himself and shared his respect and appreciation for the guidance and mentorship of past President Kevin O'Connor. Kevin was unable to attend the AGM with regret this year. Don commended and gave huge Kudos to all the volunteers of GLPOA. He stated that "Volunteers are the engine that runs everything". Don shared the list of events that are vital to GLPOA now and in the future. Don commented on the abnormal flooding season and sent out his thoughts to those affected by it. Don stated that GLPOA is the recent recipient of the FOCA Achievement Award. This honor is bestowed on cottage and lake property associations in recognition of outstanding achievements, either past or present. This award is presented annually to the top Association in Ontario. There are over 500 Associations in Ontario. Don and Kevin O'Connor travelled to Toronto on March 4/17 for the presentation. Don stated that the path to this award is because of 5-6 years of good building blocks, a foundation built by past GLPOA volunteers. Don thanked these past and present volunteers on behalf of GLPOA.

MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2016, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : Sharon Neff

Secretary Sharon Neff reported that the minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting had been on the GLPOA website in 2016 and 2017, posted in the Golden Lake Post Office. Sharon stated that it was noted that the financial report of 2016 was not attached as posted, this will be corrected.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of Annual General Meeting of July 2, 2016.

MOVED: Sandy Nash SECONDED; Kate O'Hara CARRIED

Special Presentation: BVT Fire Chief Dave Murphy

Introduction by Ron Rimmer

Dave thanked GLPOA for the opportunity to attend and educate members on Fire Safety.

Dave addressed fire safety, road maintenance and burning laws. Dave shared some of the rules and suggestions around rural private road standards, especially during the past flooding crisis. Dave stated that the flooding was a new situation for the fire department Dave reminded members to remember that fire apparatus are not off-road vehicles. He suggests roads be clear of large boulders and rocks due to low ground clearance on the vehicles and 15 feet of width and height clearance. As well, snow clearing in the winter is equally as important. Dave reflected that working with Townships, members, students, a well co-ordinated response effort along with good communication during the flood crisis was essential to their success. Questions and Answers from the membership were fielded around private road seasonal maintenance, accessible turn around and clearance for the Emergency vehicles. He also went over the guidelines for open air burning, citing the current wildfires in British Columbia. The fire season takes place from April 1 to October 31, BVT website includes information regarding types of open fires, rules, limitations, by-laws, information on Level 1 & 2 fire bans and permits. Any fire bans in place will be outlined on municipal websites. Dave encouraged all members to educate themselves and other in regards to these issues.

Ron thanked Dave for all of his valuable information and taking the time to participate in today's AGM.

Ron presented Dave with a GLPOA shirt in thanks.

INTRODUCTION OF 2017 – 2018 EXECUTIVE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

DAVE LEMKAY

Dave introduced the Executive as follows;

President – Don O'Reilly, Rocky Point Drive, Vice-President – Ron Rimmer, Hawkins Drive, Treasurer – Rick O'Brien, Golden Lake, Secretary – Sharon Neff, Tramore Road, Lake Steward – Glenn Bingham, Island View Drive, Past President – Kevin O'Connor – Gravenhurst, Ont.

Dave also introduced the Directors as follow;

Bill Gardner (Boyle Lane), Sandy Nash,(Ininatig Inamo), Chris Hamilton, (Rocky Point Drive), Phil Godon, (Tramore Road), Jeff Raisbeck, (Rocky Point Drive), Allison Wood, (Hawkins Drive), Dan Ralph, (Log Cabin Trail), Kate O'Hara, (Island View Drive).

Dave shared the Bio of Dan Ralph (new member). Dan has been a seasonal resident at Golden Lake for over 60 years while calling Ottawa his home during the winter months, Formerly VP of Hydro Ottawa. Dan now operates his own management consultant business, assisting clients with a variety of services related to Human Resources Management, Strategic Planning, Supply Chain Management, Healthy & Safety, Executive Coaching and Board Governance. Dan is a graduate of Carleton University, and holds a diploma in Electrical Engineering from Algonquin College, a former sessional lecturer at Sprott School of Business in Ottawa. He is a past President of the Canadian Ski Coaches Federation, former Managing Director of the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance. Dan is married with two grown children, and hopes to make a positive contribution to GLPOA and give back to a community that has provided his family with so many rich lasting memories.

Dave also shared the Bio of Kate O'Hara...Kate has been the Zone 2 Rep for 10 years for GLPOA. Kate and her husband Jack McGillis have been coming to Golden Lake seasonally for 21 years. Kate has recently retired after 30 plus years in the Insurance Company. Kate has volunteered in many other areas such as the Target Insurance Broker Licensing responsible for membership. Kate also taught insurance licensing.

Dave called for any further nominations from the floor 3 times. Dave declared the Executive and Directors acclaimed.

Dave asked for following motion;

MOTION: To Amend the fiscal year from Mar 31 to Dec 31.

MOVED: Kate O'Hara **SECONDED:** Sandy Nash **CARRIED**

MOTION: To include the position of Lake Steward to the executive.

MOVED : Carrine Cybulski **SECONDED:** Gail McPhee **CARRIED**

Special Presentation: Ron Rimmer

Ron stated that GLPOA was hoping to present Marion Fuder and Kevin O'Connor each with certificates of appreciation. Unfortunately neither Kevin nor Marion were in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER: FRED BLACKSTEIN

Ron introduced Fred as an Engineering Physics graduate from the University of Waterloo. He spent 24 years engaged in scientific research and development at the Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories of Atomic Energy of Canada, followed by several years as Dean of Technology and Continuing Education at

Loyalist College in Belleville. Taking a very early retirement (40ish) he has spent the past thirty years, working with thousands of other volunteers on projects such as; the 1994 International Plowing Match, establishing the 911 Emergency system, the 1998 Ice Storm Emergency recovery, the building of the New Miramichi Long Term Care facility, Pembroke's Millennium Waterfront Park and most recently the new Ottawa Valley Campus of Algonquin College. He is also a founding board member of the Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre and is currently it's Co-Chair. His leadership in Search and Rescue activities has resulted in Bravery Citations from both the military and civilian police sectors. Other than noting that he is a proud Member of the Order of Canada, he declines to list any other award and honors. Today Fred shared his insights into how large volunteer driven initiatives can accomplish major community projects for the benefit of all. Thus, his title to his presentation "The power of community". Fred commended GLPOA for not only recognizing all their volunteers but also honoring your sponsors. Ron Thanked Fred and offered a gift on behalf of GLPOA.

Draws were held for 5 prizes donated by GLPOA Corporate Sponsors;

- 1 .From 101.1 Country music station – t-shirt & CD- Draw winner- Steve Kutschki
2. Sands Spa: gift certificate for pedicure for 2 -Draw winner – Jane Corbett
3. Walker's Landing: Dinner for 2 – -Draw winner – Tammy Gaudrey
4. Gord McMillan: Video (wildlife) – -Draw winner – Norm Edwards
5. Gwen Stewart of Killaloe: gift certificate (massage) -Draw winner – Allison Wood
6. Cottage Cup: \$30 Gift certificate -Draw winner – Theresa Rasp

COFFEE BREAK: – Courtesy of The Cottage Cup, Golden Lake

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rick O'Brien

Treasurer Rick O'Brien presented the Financial Summary for the operating year ending March 31 ,2017, showing a starting balance on April 1, 2016 of \$15,457.39. Revenue of \$23,050.80, Disbursements of \$25,855.65, and a balance on March 31, 2017 of \$12,652.54. (This includes Chequing and Savings Account)

The Treasurer reported that the 2016-2017 financial records had been reviewed by Micheal J. Afelskie, Certified Management Accountant (retired), of Golden Lake. He reported " Nothing came to my attention that required any changes. The books were in excellent condition". The Financial report is attached to these minutes with approval note by Micheal J. Afelskie.

Year end Financial Report 2016-2017

Financial Review Comments 2016-2017

MEMBERSHIP: Kate O'Hara

Kate introduced herself as the new Director looking after the membership activities along with Chris Hamilton. Kate regarded and is proud our accomplishments with respect to building and growing our association since inception in 2004. Working together, our founders, directors and canvassers have built a vibrant organization based on the principles that make our association strong: membership, stewardship and communication. Our memberships are averaging approximately 460 paid members annually, comprising both residential and corporate members. This is a healthy percentage of the 750+ properties on this lake. Membership has maintained at \$20 since 2004 that goes towards; shoal & channel marking, monitoring water quality, fish committee (includes smelt harvesting, contact with MNR respecting fish stocking & replenishment), public area upgrades boat launch signage, membership in FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottage Association), this includes insurance and access to FOCA alerts and a contribution to the annual \Poker Run a fun social for the lake – it's proceeds donated back to local charities. Our members are active over the whole lake and Bonnechere which is divided into 11 zones. Kate shared the geographic area of Golden Lake and Bonnechere with Zone reps and areas that require reps including: Zone 5, 8 & 10. Volunteers would be appreciated. We do host a Volunteer Appreciation Diner each year to honor our volunteers. This year's date is August 26, 2017 from 4-7 pm at the Elder's Lodge in Pikwakanagan.

Corporate Membership: consists of 30 local sponsors that advertise on our boat launch billboards. We are adding 7 spaces on the billboards this fall. These businesses support very many activities in our community, we are fortunate they include GLPOA in that support. Kate stated that the Poker run would not exist without their support, we are sincerely grateful and value them as members in our association.

LAKE & RIVER STEWARDSHIP : Glenn Bingham

Glenn noted that with the help of Eric Weckworth, Jay Foran and 16+ volunteers there are 57 buoys placed throughout GLPOA water ways. Glenn sated they are focused on better location system and communication in regards to appropriate placement of the buoys. Water quality testing is behind 6 weeks due to increased water levels. Water quality is also behind to increased water levels. The Ministry of Climate Control has done 4 tests on E-Coli and results have come back favorable. These results can be further viewed on our website. Glenn is working with NAW/MTO/MNR to remove debris from the river/lakes due to high water levels. We have partnered with NAW for a launch site at Deacon. Bob Richer

Committee chair has stepped down as of Feb 2017. Glenn asked “Why participate in smelt harvesting?” To improve overall fishing and there is a better chance of sustaining other species. This year’s Smelt Fry served over 158 people at the Sands. Feedback was very positive.

COMMUNICATIONS: ALLISON WOOD

Allison stated that GLPOA is always trying to communicate with members throughout the entire year. Allison highlighted the various ways GLPOA reaches its members; the AGM – a face to face social where members can meet and get to know the Executive/Directors and various volunteers that support GLPOA. There are information tables, door prizes, guest speakers and an opportunity for questions & answers. The Newsletter which is published and sent out 2x/year, this highlights all our work and includes information regarding upcoming events, a list of Board of Directors, Directors including all working committees, and highlights volunteers. It also includes membership zones and canvassers as well as our 30 incredible corporate sponsors. GLPOA also uses email to send out information to members which is a primary means of direct communication (glpoainfo@gmail.com). Our website, is relevant and easy to navigate www.goldenlake.co. And lastly our Facebook group which currently has over 340 members, it is valuable and immediate. (Golden Lake Ontario Property Owners).

2017 FLOOD RECAP: Ron Rimmer

Ron shared pictures from Golden Lake Park, Island View Drive and the Bonnechere River. Don, Ron and Glenn felt their goal during the flood crisis was to communicate with members who don’t live here, updates regarding warnings etc. Weekly MNR teleconferences and posting daily water levels by Ontario through social media and emails to keep members informed. Emails were also posted around relevant information such as; flooded wells, flooded septic systems, water testing, flood relief and Red Cross. Attending KHR/NAW/BV council meeting also help keep members informed and assisted with emergency assistance. This Golden Lake communication also assisted in vocalizing requests and getting questions answered. Ron stated that Glenn was involved with news briefing with CTV, CBC, local papers and noted in Cottage Life. Ron took this opportunity to send out KUDOS to all who helped during this stressful time. Ron noted that they are still working with politicians. Their outlook for the future will be to be better prepared, pulling from what they have learned through this 2017 flood.

POKER RUN: Ron Rimmer

With great pleasure, Ron introduced the members involved in the Poker Run Committee. This is the 9th Annual Poker Run sponsored by the Sands on Golden Lake. The event takes place August 5, 2017. There are \$3,000.00 in prizes, 3 new dockstops and the registration fee is \$25.00. Again this year we

have amazing sponsors support this event. Kudos to all members.

Posters and newspapers will advertise the event and GLPOA will utilize all of it's methods of communication discussed earlier in the AGM.

Draws were held for 7 prizes donated by GLPOA Corporate Sponsors

1. Gord McMillan: wildlife print – Draw winner – Brenda Munder
2. Deacon Chinese Restaurant: \$50 gift certificate- Draw winner – Barb Kyle
3. Doreen Dunn-Scully: painting – Draw winner- Brian Dewis
4. McMillian's Cabins: weekend cottage includes 3 meals – Draw winner – Gayle VanRolsod
5. Bonnechere Lodge: weekend cottage get-away – Draw winner – Karen Vincent
6. Royal Lepage, Team Realty: \$100 cash prize – Draw winner- Kathy Lindsey
(* Kathy donated her prize money to the Bonnechere River Watershed Project)
7. Sands on Golden Lake: overnight for 2, includes breakfast and gift cert for dinner – Draw winner – Estelle Bernard

ADJOURNMENT: Ron Rimmer

Ron thanked all the special guests, members, GLPOA Exec/Directors for today and setting up yesterday, our sponsors for their support and prizes and once again The Cottage Cup for the coffee & sweets.

MOTION: To adjourn the AGM time – 12:20pm

MOVED: Kate O'Hare **SECONDED:** Eileen George **CARRIED**