**TROY LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (TLRA)**

**Minutes** of the **Annual General Meeting** held on **Sunday, May 17, 2015,**

at the cottage of John and Willie Kellam #658B.

**Members present:**

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| Arnold, Todd  Cieplak,Kristopher  Earl, Courtney  Fowler, Randy | Kellam, Willie  Lauridsen, Steve Luomala, Leila  McEvoy, Brent | Prochazka, Veronica  Roth, Elaine Roth, Kermit |  |
| Hoover, Barry  Hoover, Lea  Kellam, Jason  Kellam, Jeff  Kellam, John  Kellam, Shawn | Murphy, Claire  Norton, Jeff  Norton, Peggy  Orr, Don  Parker, Doug  Parker, Ron | VanHarmelen, Andy  Wright, Tim  Wunderlich, April  Wunderlich, Dieter |  |

President Todd Arnold called the meeting to order at 10:45 am.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Ron Holman gave an address dealing primarily with Township Road Works, Township Budget and related issues. He informed the members that Davis Lock Road and Bush Road will be resurfaced this summer. As well, he took questions from the group. Thanks to Don Orr for arranging the Mayor’s visit.

The new cottage owners in attendance introduced themselves to those present. Welcome to Kristopher Cieplak and Veronica Prochazka (Ted Hill’s place) and Courtney and Jason Earl (Judy Massey’s place).

1. Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved unanimously.

2. Minutes: Adoption of the minutes for the Annual Meeting held May 18, 2014, approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report:

a) The Financial Update was distributed in advance of the meeting and presented to the AGM. The carry-forward balance from 2014 was $3,297.89. Membership dues were received from 28 members representing 30 properties for a total of $3,000. The financial report was accepted unanimously.

b) A Road Improvement Grant has been received from the Township for $445.50.

Mayor Holman pointed out that we are one of the few townships that still has this program.

c) The renewal of the FOCA membership was approved unanimously. The membership fee for FOCA is a function of the number of contributing association members.

d) The Road Insurance was renewed at $671.76 for the 2015 season. The rate increased 1.5% from last year. The renewal was approved unanimously. The effective date is May 31, 2015 and applies only to members in good standing.

e) A cheque of $250.00 for snow removal was given to Don Orr. The monies collected represent voluntary contributions from members. The membership recognized Don’s excellent work over a tough winter.

4. Road Report: Don Orr will have the road graded and additional gravel will be added as required. A culvert will be upgraded by the creek between properties #530 and #542. Don Orr recommended a road budget of $3,000 and a new motion was proposed by Steve Lauridsen and seconded by Kermit Roth to raise the road budget to $3,500 for this season. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Membership/Road Dues, 2015-2016 .The membership agreed that the annual dues would remain at **$100.00**. Those who wish to contribute $25.00 or more toward snow removal may continue to do so; however, this is strictly voluntary.

***Please forward cheques made payable to the Troy Lake Ratepayers Association to Jeff Norton, 485 Mansfield Avenue Ottawa, ON, K2A 2S8 or drop them off to any of the Executive Members.***

6. Position of Secretary-Treasurer: Don Orr proposed that Jeff Norton accept another term as Secretary-Treasurer. This was enthusiastically accepted by those present.

7. Water Lake Report: The Lake Report had already been distributed by e-mail. Todd Arnold reviewed the report noting the numbers were quite similar to last year, although slightly better. Todd distributed by hand an interesting trend analysis of the lake-water quality prepared by Steve Lauridsen.

8. Clean-up Day: The annual Clean-up Day will be held on **Saturday, July 4.** All cottagers are encouraged to participate. Participants will meet at Steve and Margaret Lauridsen’s cottage #470B at 9:00 am for coffee. Following the clean-up, liquid refreshment otherwise known as beer will be available at Jeff and Peggy Norton’s cottage #522.

9. Annual General Meeting 2016: The meeting will be held **Sunday, May 22, 2016** starting at **10:00 am** at Kristopher Cieplak and Veronica Prochazka’s cottage #650. The membership wishes to continue to hold the AGM in the morning.

10. Other Business:

a) Barry Hoover, President-Elect, has agreed to look into and report on the work carried out by FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Association) at the next general meeting.

b) If anyone is interested in hosting the 7th Annual Lake BBQ, $150 has been earmarked to help with costs associated with hosting the party. For those new to the lake, the attendees contribute to the food (salads, appetizers, desserts, etc.). It is generally held the evening of the clean-up day.

c) Don Orr raised the possibility of purchasing a Defibrillator for the lake. Randy Fowler indicated that the training is lengthy and somewhat expensive. He offered to do basic training as he is a Para-medic for anyone interested; he will also look into the cost of the machine. We would have to find an accessible location.

d) Don Orr suggested inviting the owner of the Septic Store in Portland to our next annual meeting to give a short talk on the care of septic systems.

e) Thanks: Thank you to John and Willie Kellam for holding the meeting at their cottage.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

TLRA Executive Committee Members:

Todd Arnold President

Jeff Norton Secretary-Treasurer

Don Orr Head of Road Committee

Barry Hoover President-Elect