**TROY LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (TLRA)**

**Minutes** of the **Annual General Meeting** held on **Sunday, May 22, 2016,**

at the cottage of Kris Cieplak and Veronica Prochazka #650.

**Members present:**

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| Arnold, ToddCieplak,KristopherD’Amore DeniseD’Amore PeterEarl, Courtney | Kellam, JeffKellam, JohnLauridsen, SteveLuomala, LeilaMcEvoy, Audrey | Parker, DougParker, RonProchazka, VeronicaRoth, Elaine Roth, Kermit |  |
| Earl, JasonFowler, RandyHoover, BarryHoover, LeaHorsley, Garry | McEvoy, BrentMurphy , ClaireNorton, JeffNorton, PeggyOrr, Don | Van Bolhuis, EvertWright, Tim |  |

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, Eric Draper from The Septic Store in Portland gave a talk dealing primarily with the installation and maintenance of modern septic systems. After a very informative discussion, he left a number of brochures, business cards, and an invitation to visit him at the Septic Store to discuss individual needs. Thanks to Don Orr for arranging this presentation.

The new cottage owners in attendance introduced themselves to those present. Welcome to Denise and Peter D’Amore (#338A).

1. Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved unanimously. (Steve L. and Kermit R.)\*

2. Minutes: Adoption of the minutes for the Annual Meeting held May 17, 2015, approved unanimously. (Peggy N. and Barry H.)

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 2015 was $2,556.39. Membership dues were received representing 28 properties for a total of $2,800. The financial report was accepted unanimously. (Steve L. and Claire M.)

b) A Road Improvement Grant has been received from the Township for $454.50.

 A modest increase from last year.

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. (Ron P. and Peggy N.)

d) The Road Insurance was renewed at $671.76 for the 2016 season. There was no increase from last year. The renewal was approved unanimously. The effective date is May 31, 2016 and applies only to members in good standing (paid dues). (Kris C. and Veronica P.)

e) A cheque of $275.00 for snow removal had already been paid to Don Orr. The monies collected represent voluntary contributions from members. The membership recognized Don’s excellent work.

4. Road Report: Don Orr has recently arranged for the road to be graded and additional gravel was added as needed. In late April, a major clean-up of fallen trees and scrub was carried out by a fearless group of fourteen who labored valiantly over a two day period. Huge thanks to Jason Earl for arranging the rental and the transportation of the chipper. A road budget of $3,000 was proposed and unanimously carried. (Steve L. and Kermit R.)

5. Membership/Road Dues, 2016-2017 .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 note that we can now accept Interac-e transfers. They can be sent to jeff.norton@symppatico.ca. (Evert VB and Steve L.)

***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 President-Elect: Tim Wright with coercion from friends and attendees accepted the position of President-Elect.

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, at this time, we are on a positive trend.

8. Clean-up Day: The annual Clean-up Day will be held on **Saturday, July 9.** All cottagers are encouraged to participate. Participants will meet at Steve and Margaret Lauridsen’s cottage #470B at 9:00 am for coffee.

9. Annual General Meeting 2017: The meeting will be held **Sunday, May 21, 2017** starting at **10:00 am** at Brent and Audrey McEvoy’s cottage #360.

10. Other Business:

a) Barry Hoover, our new President, presented an overview of the activities undertaken by FOCA which were of particular interest to the Association: new permits required for large dock/deck structures; the free handbook provided by FOCA for maintaining lake water quality. Their website is very informative: foca.on.ca

b) The Nortons at #522 will host the Annual Lake Party on Saturday, July 30th (rain date Sunday, July 31st). This year, the hosts will use the funds provided by the Association to purchase and prepare the food. Depending on the number of attendees, any remaining money will used to purchase beer and/or wine. Those wishing to attend should bring their own beverages and folding chairs. It would be appreciated if you could let Jeff and Peggy know if you are going to attend by Sunday, July 16th. jeff.norton@sympatico.ca The festivities will begin at 5:30.

c) Those members in attendance want the association to proceed with the purchase of a defibrillator. Randy Fowler, para-medic, will train those who are interested in CPR and the use of the defibrillator. He will look into the actual cost; however, he feels it will be in the range of $2,000. As we did not raise annual dues and as we have firm financial commitments in place (road work, insurance, etc.), we will need to explore ways and means of paying for it.

Some suggestions were raised such as: are grants available?; could the current budget cover a portion of the cost with the remainder to be carried forward to the following year?; could the members pay a one-time levy to cover the costs?

Other decisions to be made include the location of the defibrillator, the rules surrounding the upkeep and storage, the dates for training.

d) Great news: The Troy Lake Ratepayers Association will have its own website, thanks to Kris Cieplak. The cost is $53.00 for two years. Kris has suggested that we can post pictures, Association minutes and news, the water report, budget updates, important dates, items you may have for sale, etc. We will let you know when the website is up and ready. Kris will maintain the site and we can send items to be posted to him. Thanks Kris.

e) Thanks: Thank you to Veronica Prochazka and Kris Cieplak for holding the meeting at their cottage.

f) Todd Arnold chaired his last meeting as President. Please note that Todd held the position for four years. The Association members would like to recognize and thank Todd for his work.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

\**Names in brackets indicate the proposer of a motion and the seconder)*

TLRA Executive Committee Members:

Barry Hoover President

Jeff Norton Secretary-Treasurer

Don Orr Head of Road Committee

Tim Wright President-Elect

Todd Arnold Past-President