

2007-12-01 Board of Directors Meeting
of
Buck Lake Association Inc
at the
Queen's University Archives

Present: Randy Cousineau, Anna Fummerton, Maxine Lemieux, Wayne Myles, Crawford MacIntyre, Roy Mills, Sandra Rider Stephen Roughton, Duncan Sinclair (President), Ralph Wirsig

Regrets: Lisa McAvoy, Tricia Waldron

1. Welcome

Duncan welcomed Queen's Archivist Paul Banfield, and board members, and declared the meeting under way at 09:10. Board members introduced themselves to Paul who then retired.

2. Minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2007

The minutes, as amended, were approved on motions by Sandra/Roy
The amended minutes of this board meeting are on file with the Recording Secretary.

3. Minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2007

The minutes, as amended, were approved on motions by Crawford/Maxine
The amended minutes of this board meeting are ready for the President's signature.

4. Business arising from the minutes

Applicable items were reported in the agenda sections below.

5. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer (see following)

In Tricia's absence Duncan tabled her report. It was accepted on motions by Anna/Crawford.

Discussion took place regarding membership renewal fees. Ralph said renewal fee notices will be sent via e/snail mail by month end. Roy said the December newsletter will contain a reminder for those who have not previously paid their 2008 membership fee.

6. Report of the Community Outreach/Social Committee

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Maxine said that after she and her committee explored the feasibility of holding a “potluck social” in December but learned that another group of neighbours from Perth Road Village and Billy Green Road had already invited some 50 to 60 people, including a number of Buck Lakers, to what would have been a competing event in December. Therefore, to avoid the perception of competition, they recommended that no such “social” be held in December under the sponsorship of the BLA. Instead, the committee proposed to hold an event to be attended by board members and their spouses/partners. Saundra offered to host the event and, after discussion, it was agreed that it will be held between 2:30 and 4 Sunday afternoon, December 9th. Each board member is responsible for bringing an hors-d’oeuvre. Wine and beer will be made available by the Association. Anyone preferring any other alcoholic beverage should BYOB.

7. Report of the Communications Committee.

Roy said the next newsletter will go out the week of December 3rd. He indicated that, in addition to the President’s message (already in hand), he had the fee reminder and a fairly large supply of articles available for inclusion in the December issue. This will result in a 5 to 6 page issue presented in bullet form. Those items not included in December will be considered for inclusion in the issue going out following the January board meeting. The issue will include the BLA’s year end financial report and 2008 budget, in addition to reminders about an open meeting (expected in January) at which the Township Council will solicit community input to proposed amendments to the Official Plan (see item 9 below).

8. Lake Planning

a) Technical Information from Art Dunham

Ralph reported that Art’s web site was down when he attempted to access it November 30th. He will keep trying until he gets it.

b) Work Undertaken by Angela Barrie

Duncan reported having met with Angela at the MNR at which time she provided two large, coloured maps featuring (1) contours and (2) resources in our area at no charge. It would be possible to have these maps reproduced on a smaller scale for our use, but not for (profit-making) sale. Additional maps exist, including one for spawning beds. Mention was made by Roy that the Township of South Frontenac has maps, somewhat dated, showing concession and lot lines. In addition, the MNR is capable of creating a watershed map. Duncan suggested that the BLA consider posting one or more maps on the causeway bulletin board for the benefit of visitors. A number supported the idea of participating in a project leading to the creation of a map displaying water depths in Buck Lake. Such underwater “contours” may be already available in the MNR but if they are

not, Brett Coleman of the MNR suggested that the BLA might want to take on the project of underwater mapping, using MNR equipment, this summer.

Wayne led off on a wide ranging discussion of the work to be accomplished by his Lake Planning Committee. He suggested that work be undertaken, between now and the 2008 AGM, leading to the display of maps at that meeting which display components which do, and do not, exist. He indicated that he has an inventory of prospective committee members but expressed some uncertainty regarding what he was to intimate their functions would be when he called to ask for their participation. This led to a discussion of potential projects and the suggestion from Stephen that Wayne draft terms of reference for the committee for consideration at the next board meeting. Duncan formalized this request before moving to the next agenda item. Roy cautioned against "reinventing the wheel" saying that a great deal of lake planning information was already available. Duncan said he would ask the MNR to provide lake planning material in its possession for our guidance. MNR has recommended involving as many people as possible in the lake planning process. Roy reinforced this recommendation and said FOCA was of the same opinion. He said lake planning had to be an educational exercise and recommended board involvement. He also suggested the board hold a special lake planning meeting with that being the only subject to be discussed.

9. Official Plan Review

A number of directors, including Crawford and Duncan, attended the recent OP presentation provided by the Township of South Frontenac's Lindsay Mills. Of particular interest was the wording that indicated there will be no back lot development. That aside, Councillor Ron Vanderwall said that a party wishing to create a subdivision would have to submit plans which would have to provide for required road access under the planning act. This could lead to back lot development through the acceptance by the Township of formal plans of subdivisions. It was reported that the MNR regard the Township of South Frontenac's Official Plan as one of the most environmentally sensitive in Ontario. A public meeting will be held early in 2008 to give interested parties the opportunity to comment on the draft OP prior to Council considering/approving a final draft. It is desirable that this public meeting, and the Council meeting, be attended by as many BLA board members as possible. This section of the meeting concluded with the comment that the Township of South Frontanac has received a copy of the Bobs & Crow Lake Association's Lake Planning Report and considers it, and like reports (such as any the BLA might produce), valuable in developing documents such as the Official Plan. Duncan & Crawford will collaborate on preparing a summary of the proposed OP to be sent to the membership as a special issue or appendix to a newsletter in advance of the anticipated public meeting.

10. Report on FOCA (November 2007 AGM) meeting.

Roy reported on his attendance at this meeting and provided an overview of topics of interest to the BLA as one of its 400 member cottage/lake associations. Bob Maynard

advised delegates that the premium will be the same in 2008 as it was in 2007 for the Association's group liability, and directors and officers, insurance plans in spite of the fact that there have been several improvements in the coverage provided. Insurance contracts will be sent to each FOCA member. Crawford will review these and report to the board. Roy reported on the impact of the OMB, as discussed at the meeting, and said that the "septic tank issue is here to stay" thanks to the Province's Clean Water Act. At present a septic tank is considered to be a building. Lacking enforcement capability, townships contact district health units to fulfill that responsibility. Roy said FOCA is gradually getting its financial house in order. He said the meeting was advised there will likely be a small FOCA membership fee increase in 2008. The meeting also heard that the boat operator licensing deadline will remain unchanged at September 1, 2009. Finally, he said FOCA's head office is being moved from Metro to the lake country, to Peterborough.

12. Other Business

Stephen tabled a letter received from the Township of South Frontenac which advised property owners, within a specified radius of the subject site, that Buck Lake Development has applied to create a 5+/- acre lot addition to 7345 Perth Road, and a 0.4 acre lot addition to 7315 Perth Road. The board determined that no action is required.

Crawford advised that he was in receipt of a bill from the FOCA insurance broker in the amount of \$975 + 8% tax, for the FOCA group liability, and directors and officers, insurance coverage for 2008 which is arranged through Atrens-Counsel Insurance Brokers. On motions by Crawford/Saundra directors approved payment of this bill.

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Cousineau residence at 09:00, Saturday January 26, 2008.

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At 11:20 the meeting adjourned to enjoy lunch in the company of Paul Banfield. The directors returned to their morning meeting location at 12:10 for agenda item 11.

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11. Archives

Queen's Archivist, Paul Banfield, addressed the directors in the Frederick W Gibson Reading Room, the room in which our board meeting was held. He told us something of the history of the Archives, saying that its first archive item was dated 1869. He went on to indicate that archive containers were housed on 10 km of shelves. Before taking the directors on a tour of the four floors of the facility he presented Duncan with a draft agreement to be modified, as necessary, and entered into by Queen's Archive and Buck Lake Association Inc. Crawford and Duncan will review this and report to the January board meeting with recommendations.

Duncan expressed to Paul the appreciation of the directors for his hospitality and the tour.

The meeting concluded at 13:20

The minutes were approved 2008-01- on motions by & .

Signed : Duncan Sinclair, President