

Salmon Lake Ratepayers' Association – Minutes of the AGM, July 30, 2011

Approximately 45 members and guests were present

\$700 in Membership dues collected (28 memberships paid)

1. David Conn - Seguin mayor, said a brief hello and then had to depart due to scheduling (overscheduling).
2. Opening remarks by Trevor Hawkes, our president, who welcomed new members Jack and Lisa Thompson.
3. Bruce Gibbon - Seguin councilor:
 - a. Roads, which formerly had a 5 year planning cycle are now a 10 year cycle
 - i. Brooks Rd. resurfaced this year
 - ii. Blue Lake Rd. – new surface with slurry seal overlay, should be done in the next few weeks.
 - iii. Salmon Lake Rd. – blasted the rocks which should allow for better grading and snowplowing.
 - b. Foley Master Plan – revitalized library, fire hall, and community centre on Rankin Lake Rd. has some issues, major budget gap which he is alone in opposing; originally budgeted for \$2M but recommendation accepted for over \$6M, which is a big concern. There will be a task force meeting on October 14 at the Foley Agricultural Hall, urged all to attend this.
 - c. Lake Stewardship – 3 new environmental initiatives at Rankin Lake Rd. public access.
 - d. Reminder about bylaws concerning tree cutting, fill, and blasting. Several hefty fines have been laid recently.
 - e. Rural severances – Seguin is one of the most stringent of any municipality in the area, and some lessening of rules is in consideration, but these will not affect waterfront properties. Meeting on August 15th about this.
 - f. Financial update – 2010 is yet another successful year, showing a modest surplus, 7th year, and on track to be debt-free in 2012.
 - g. Boucher subdivision – nothing active, except listing to sell entire property for \$2M.
 - h. Answered question about Blue Lake railroad crossing (CP), and mentioned that notice has been sent to urge them to repair the crossing which is in very poor shape.
4. Guest Speaker: Glenda from the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve, with support from Laura on invasive species.
 - a. The GBBR is one of the world's 554 biosphere reserves.
 - b. It's focus is on
 - i. Education
 - ii. Conservation
 - iii. Sustainable Development
 - c. Glenda then proceeded to give an overview of the various campaigns and initiatives.
 - d. For further details about the GBBR, please visit www.gbbr.ca

5. Trevor Hawkes – president: Brought up the issue of accepting last year’s AGM minutes. Linda Moore moved that we accepted the minutes, and Larry Colombo (at 387) seconded the motion.
6. Eva Kostiuk – treasurer:
 - a. Last year’s financials were approved, despite a small shortfall in petty cash.
 - b. Although we collected \$925 in membership, we spent \$969, but since we had \$2047 in the bank, not a problem. Most of the expenses went to buying 3 speed signs on the lake (\$278, erected by Trevor), \$167 for last year’s BBQ, the FOCA registration fee (\$207), a donation to the West Parry Sound Health Centre (\$150), plus some minor administrative expenses.
7. Wendie Scott-Davis – lake steward:
 - a. Water quality testing @ the lake midpoint: testing shows no change in clarity, temperature, or phosphorus from past years. Phosphorus is between 4.2 and 5.8, making us a “low phosphorus” lake. Water temperature is now between 24 and 26C.
 - b. Salmon Lake logo – several draft designs were developed, one passed review by the executive and was unanimously accepted; show of hands approved the logo as accepted.
8. George Kostiuk – secretary:
 - a. Shared email received from Helena Horvath
 - b. Minor corrections made to draft constitution, now finalized
 - c. 2 new brochures drafted; a Welcome to Salmon Lake brochure, and a Loon awareness brochure. Material was adapted from similar brochures produced by Otter Lake. Since Otter Lake brochures contained a logo, a web site and a contact email address, it was deemed that Salmon Lake should have these as well. See earlier point 7b as to logo development.
 - d. The domain name salmonlake.ca was registered, info@salmonlake.ca established as a contact email address, and a web hosting service established. Possible content on the web site could include:
 - i. Constitution
 - ii. Minutes of meetings
 - iii. Announcements
 - iv. Newsletters
 - v. Links to other web sites (including Wendie’s blog)
 - vi. Trading post (buy, sell, wanted)
 - vii. Member forum
 - e. It remains to be determined which content will be available to the public, and which would be accessible only to members. All of this to be determined.
9. Trevor Hawkes – president:
 - a. Another quiet year.
 - b. Road in good shape
 - c. History of when/why the association was formed (1992-3), to fight the proposed garbage dump nearby.

- d. FOCA meeting report.
- e. 3 Speed signs posted.
- f. Notice board posted, "Association" name added.
- g. Garbage bins still a problem - unsightly mess a chronic problem.
- h. Water use – we are all managing to work well together, respecting the diversity.
- i. Fire department reminder –fire ban still in effect, which includes fireworks
- j. Vote on new executive: positions of president, member at large, and lake steward open.
 - i. In absence of new volunteers, Allan Prescott proposed we swear in existing people for another term, Joyce Gilmore seconded the motion.
- k. Proposal made to keep membership in FOCA – accepted by majority.
- l. Adrienne Boersma agreed to audit the financials for the past year.
- m. No loon babies this year – anyone interested in assisting with man-made nesting areas asked to contact Trevor.
- n. The Moores (285 Salmon Lake Rd) should be good with hosting next year's AGM
- o. A raffle was held for 2 canoe paddles and a fire extinguisher; Ed Ferguson & Adrienne Boersma won a canoe paddle, while Joyce Gilmore won the fire extinguisher.