

# **Big Gull Lake East End Cottage Association**

## **Annual General Meeting Minutes 2017**

1. **Introductions:** Introduced the board. VP: Donna Commerford, Treasurer: Debbie Bird, Environment: Lynda, Corkum, Director at Large: Keith Rowe, North Shore Rd Manager: Dave Cox and Ken Grant  
President

### **2. Review of 2016 AGM minutes.**

*Motion by Bernie James, seconded by John Fenton that they be accepted.  
Passed.*

3. **Fees:** Cottage Association Dues for 2017 to remain as \$30 per cottage, collection of outstanding dues and next year's dues can be directed to the Treasurer today. Weeding cutting is still \$25.00. We are reordering gypsy moth kits. Contact Dave or Ken.

4. **Cottagers who have left us (memorials):** a moment of silence for Ed Braunsdorf, Marie Kingston and Ruth Pattenden.

**New cottagers:** introduced by Susan Prior, Harvey and Doreen Berg who recently purchased the Young's cottage.

### **5. Directors' Reports:**

#### **Vice President Report by Donna Commerford**

- Thank you to all the Area Reps.
- Thank you to Judy Pietrusiak for her calendar work. Requested photos for next calendar.
- Thanks to those who helped secure ads for the calendar.
- Thank you to all the Activity Organizers: Triathlon: Nancy and Donna, (Triathlon Trophy went to Donna's team: ages 3 to 93Yrs). Golf Outing: Jim and Joyce Kuhr, Kid's Fishing Derby: Keith Rowe and Shean Goonetilleke, Sailboat Races: Hindsons & McIlveens.

**Treasurer (Debbie)**

- Balance sheet and Expense report was presented to attendees.
- Financial review from Aug 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017 completed by Robert Jelking on Aug 5, 2017.

**North Shore Road Group Report by Dave Cox**

- At our annual road meeting: Completed spreading gravel, discussion on speed limit, looking into liability insurance.
- Fee unchanged at \$200.00

**Environment (Lynda)**

- Bev Williams brought to her attention that there is a virus that is causing the death of finches
- OMNRF testing fish in late June and early July on Big Gull Lake
- Correction to the length of the walleye catches.
- History of stocking and building spawning beds for our lakes
- 2 invasive species in our lakes: fresh water jelly fish (will not harm you) and one report unfounded of a round goby fish (fins on belly).
- Historical Society has a book out. \$50. Entitled "Lodges: Past and Present in North Frontenac". Lynda has 10 copies to sell.

**Director at Large/Communication: (Keith)**

- Successful newsletter piece for kids (adults too): Look, Listen and Learn.
- Sandhill Crane spotted on Hwy 506 near the airport
- Fishing Derby: 33 Kids. Katherine Ericson set up online registration.
- Thanks to all those who helped out
- Thanks to FOCA (orange T shirts) and to Rapala our sponsor (prizes)

## **President's report (Ken)**

- Thank you to Jim Kuhr for looking after the shoal lite, to Judy Petrusiak for the calendar, to the Hindsons & McIlveens for the sailing regatta, to Triathlon organizers Donna and Jim Commerford and Nancy Gibson, Leslie Maitland for editing the newsletters, Bev Williams and Virginia Grant for Secchi Disc readings, Janet Sidey and Kathryn for their work maintaining the website, and Gord Erickson for organizing this year's dock sale.
- Keep up to date: with our website: [www.bgleeca.ca](http://www.bgleeca.ca) (past newsletters, history, links to interesting documents Cottaging in a changing climate, fish derby results and pics, dues sheets, Directory, etc.).
- Email is increasingly used to communicate updates and announcement.
- Directory Changes: names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, please see Debbie Bird
- Special Thank you: Shean Goonetilleke for donating their property for both the kids fish derby and the AGM
- To the organizers/helpers of this year's AGM: Debbie and Steve Burnie, Dave Cox, Jim and Donna Commerford, Keith and Diane Rowe, Debbie and Wayne Bird, Virginia Grant and Lynda Corkum.
- We are looking for help/organizers for the Fish Derby and Golf Tournament for next year
- EORN: you have heard me mention internet and cell phone coverage—I wrote to the County Rep on EORN and they have applied for a new Federal and Provincial money – planned enhancements are targeted for 2021. Don't hold your breath.

**6. Charter Revisions:** a revised charter was sent to you. Major changes are

1. Financial Stewardship—with technology advances, cheques are being used less, and electronic transfer more. We have introduced wording changes to ensure that 2 Board Members with authorization will approve all payments.
2. Financial Spending limit by the board of directors has been increased from \$1000 to \$2000
3. All wording changes will be taken under advisement and reviewed by the board and incorporated.
4. Change to voting: to be consistent with other not for profit organizations, one membership equals one vote at the AGM. As opposed to all cottage members being able to vote.

Discussion regarding one vote per one membership.

*Motion that the charter be accepted with approved edits by Jim Commerford, seconded by Nancy Kingston.*

1 not in favor, passed. New Charter will be available on our website.

**7. Elections:** Lynda Corkum and Anne Racicot are stepping down; Keith Rowe and Debbie Bird are up for re-election; two cottagers have volunteered to join the Board: Greg Best from area 4 and Steve Burnie from area 12; and Ken Grant will be staying on one more year as president. Your BGLEECA Board for 2018 will be Ken Grant, Donna Commerford, Debbie Bird, Keith Rowe, Dave Cox, Greg Best and Steve Burnie.

*Motion by Murray Finch that the above 2018 Board as stated above be accepted, seconded by Bernie James. Passed*

8. Thank you to all volunteers who make BGLEECA a success.

9. Door Prizes and Picnic

**Handouts:** Agenda, Financial Report, (2016 AGM minutes and Charter Revision sent to all members by email).

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**Financial Report**

	31-Jul-17	31-Jul-16	<i>Changes</i>	
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash in Bank	37,460	31,062	6,398	New electronic enabled bank account opened in August 2016. Former paper based account closed August 30, 2016.
GICs	15,128	15,065	63	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>52,588</b>	<b>46,127</b>	<b>6,461</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>TOTAL Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
General Fund	14,686	14,741	(55)	
Calendar Fund	3,818	2,360	1,458	
Environmental	17,858	17,858	-	
<b>Association Funds</b>	<b>36,362</b>	<b>34,959</b>	<b>1,403</b>	
North Road Fund	16,226	11,168	5,058	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>52,588</b>	<b>46,127</b>	<b>6,461</b>	

**Fund Activity Summary, August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017**

	General Fund	Calendar Fund	Environment Fund	Totals	North Shore Road Fund
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	14,804	2,360	17,858	34,959	11,168
<b>Total Revenues</b>	4,111	2,855	-	6,966	11,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	4,229	1,397	-	5,626	6,442
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>14,686</b>	<b>3,818</b>	<b>17,858</b>	<b>36,362</b>	<b>16,226</b>

**General Fund Income Summary**

Dues from 130 members	13,922
Bank Interest	189
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,111</b>

**General Fund Expenses Summary**

Activities	504
Bank Fees & Cheque Printing	138
FOCA	554
Insurance	1,212
Misc - Donation to MVCA	100
News Letters	81
Picnic & AGM	1,302
Seminars	50
Signs	124
Web Site	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,229</b>