

MINUTES

OTTER LAKE LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (OLLA)

21ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JULY 21, 2012

1. WELCOME:

President Phil Mayhew welcomed all to the 21st. annual general meeting, and he introduced the current executive.

2. CURRENT EXECUTIVE:

Phil introduced the current directors.

Phil Mayhew	President
Carol Schaefer	Secretary
Marcia Maxwell	Past President
Lisa Baker	Treasurer
Doug Franks	Web Master and Lake Steward
Ed Wilton	Membership Coordinator
Cam McKay	Director in waiting
Bob Langstaff	Director

3. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS:

Phil advised he became president earlier this year and is looking forward to the year ahead. He thanked Marcia for her years as president.

This spring, OLLA (via Phil) installed one loon nest. The intention is to install 4 more this fall. Attempting to put nests in the water in the spring in time for nesting is very cold work. We must be patient in waiting for the loons to accept the nests. They are very wary. It could take a few years before they accept our help. He asked that residents stay away from nesting pairs, and to especially avoid wake from boats which can damage or destroy nests.

He referred to the newsletters which are sent out 3 to 4 times a year. Feedback from OLLA members is appreciated.

4. APPROVAL OF AGM MINUTES FOR 2011:

The minutes for 2011 are posted on our current web site. As well, copies were sent with the notice for this meeting. A few copies were available for review as members arrived at the meeting. No errors or omissions were noted.

MOVED by Karl Fiander **SECONDED** by Gina Lewis that the AGM minutes for 2011 are approved as printed. **CARRIED**

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our treasurer, Lisa Baker, delivered her report. An overhead was provided for all to follow and Lisa reviewed the highlights.

The current bank balance as of July 21, 2012 is \$ 2,422.17
GIC value as of December 31st, 2011 was \$ 5,233.10

MOVED by Dolly Smith, **SECONDED** by Lorna Stewart that the report be accepted as printed.
CARRIED

6. SUCCESSION PLANNING – CALL and APPROVAL FOR DIRECTORS:

Elaine Mackay led this portion of the agenda.

Two directors are up for another term this year:

Lisa Baker who has decided to step down at this time.
Doug Franks who was elected for another term

Cam McKay has been attending OLLA board meetings for the past several months and it is required he be formally accepted by members present. Cam was elected to the board.

There are now 3 vacancies on the board. It was noted attending board meetings during the winter months is difficult or impossible for those living a long distance from the lake. However, using technology available, those potential board members could be included easily.

Elaine asked for volunteers, and the following 3 members offered their services:

Frank Croft (Road 06)
Diane Taylor (Road 05)
Randy Hodgins (Road 12)

All were elected.

7. KARL FIANDER'S PRESENTATION REGARDING MPAC:

MPAC stands for Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Karl is a director with FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association), and he provided a comprehensive picture of the current tax system.

A copy of Karl's overheads is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Some points made during Karl's presentation:

Overall the process is not fair to property owners with lakefront. There is a terrible inequity when compared to non lakefront property.

An audience member advised one needs to have all the current statistics regarding similar properties to your own when dealing with MPAC.

FOCA has been working on this issue and is recognized by other agencies.
Current methods of assessment are incomprehensible.

Phil thanked Karl for a very informative presentation.

8. LAKE STEWARD REPORT:

Doug provided an in depth report on the current status of our lake. Some points are listed below, and a copy of Doug's overheads is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

The lake has a huge catchment area, including 13 feeder streams. The largest of these is Barkers Creek.

The lake consists of large areas of very deep water.

Regularly scheduled water testing is carried out by Doug himself and Doug in partnership with RVCA (Rideau Valley Conservation Authority). This is done in order to be able to report any problems to lake residents.

Current phosphorous and e-coli levels are acceptable.

The ice in the lake went out a month earlier than usual this year.

Overall, the lake is in good shape.

Doug reported, as far as he could ascertain, there are 5 pairs of loons on the lake. However, they have not had much success in raising their chicks.

There is 1 loon nesting platform in place this year and 4 more planned for 2013.

The current lake level is quite low.

Phil thanked Doug for his informative presentation.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bob Langstaff reported on his efforts to have our lake restocked with lake trout and splake.

Bob provided our current lake statistics regarding oxygen levels, etc. to the MNR in hopes the ministry would consider restocking our lake.

The ministry responded that they were impressed with the increased oxygen levels. However, they advised Bob that they stocked the lake in 2000, but in 2003 they could not find any trout. They feel this is because the minnows were eaten by pike and bass.

The question was raised however, what lake does not have a pike and bass population?

The ministry also feels the water temperature is still too warm and so they are not interested in restocking.

The ministry advised no one can independently restock a lake. Fish hatcheries will not provide minnows to anyone but the MNR.

An audience noted that, at one time, lake trout were naturally in the lake, but that was a very long time ago.

Bob will continue to attempt to change the Ministry's opposition.

B. What has happened to the renaming of the township's roads?

Marcia reported the township has taken no action, but they are still looking at the problem.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Mary Calahan and seconded by Elaine Mackay that the meeting adjourn.