

**Morrison Lake Ratepayers Association Summer Meeting
Sept 3, 2011 at North Morrison Lake Road Landing
Chaired by: Karen Fairbrass**

In Attendance:

**Dan Boydell
Daren Boydell
Terry Clark
Ron Coe
Steve Davenport
Geraldine and Glen Debes
Karen Fairbrass
Joanne Forth
John Gordon
Paul Kelly
Angie Kobe
Jody McQueen
Lee Morrison
Louise and Doug Pegg**

Minutes:

Taken by Louise Pegg

1:15pm – Meeting called to order by Karen Fairbrass

Agenda Item (see NOTES for details):

- 1) Resignation of co-presidents Karen Fairbrass and Louise Pegg effective immediately. Nomination of new president: Darren Boydell was elected unanimously for a one-year term. Karen Fairbrass and Louise Pegg will act as secretary. Joanne Forth will stay on as treasurer. Need a candidate for VP. The public landing will continue to be the meeting place for the May 24 and Labour Day meetings.
- 2) Large turnout due to the reminder sign at the forks. Thanks to Glen Debes for making the sign and posting it.
- 3) Discussion of the need for an association to give the lake a voice in community affairs. All agreed that the Association needs to exist.
- 4) Fire Pump Maintenance: Ralf Buschke and Brad Fairbrass have examined most of the pumps and made recommendations (see notes). Karen will make a map of the lake with pump locations and post it on the website.
A vote was taken and unanimously accepted to move the pump on the north end of the lake to Buschke's.
A vote was taken and unanimously accepted to provide up to \$300 from the treasury for replacement of the pump boxes at Buschke's, Boorman's (lid only if feasible) and the Cove, if necessary.
Maintenance: Ongoing maintenance of the pumps will be carried out by Ralf Buschke, Brad Fairbrass (Cove and Boorman's) and Mike Proctor.

Written instructions for the use of the pumps will be created by Brad Fairbrass and a copy located in each of the pump boxes.

- 5) FOCA membership and environmental issues affecting the lake: Bob Bruce was not in attendance. Glen Debes will check with the MNR regarding zebra mussel signage and/or make a sign to be posted at the public landing.
 - 6) Defibrillator: There are many unanswered questions regarding the potential value of a defibrillator. It was suggested that those interested in the purchase of a defibrillator form a committee. Due to the relatively high cost of purchase and maintenance, fundraising specifically for this purpose should be considered. Internet research suggests that CPR training is very effective in saving lives and that CPR is required along with the use of a defibrillator (see notes).
 - 7) Dues: over the past few years there has been a problem with collecting MLRA dues of \$25 per cottage.
Discussion: a personal, door-to-door, collection is likely to be most effective. Dividing the lake into manageable sections with a goal of collecting dues from each cottage by May 31 of each year as follows: Evanswood – Paul Kelly; Mile Island – Joanne Forth; Balfour Woods – Geraldine Debes; Green Place – Mike McLean; South Morrison Lake Road – Angie Kobe; North Morrison Lake Road – Darren Boydell. Darren will work with Geraldine to create a new form with an explanation of what the dues are used for and a simple way to remit.
 - 8) Website: A thank you to John Lemme for his continuing interest in the MLRA by maintaining the website even though he no longer owns a cottage on the lake. Proposed and approved that Ralf can spend up to \$50 to make a certificate of some kind to present to John thanking him for his continued support.
 - 9) Treasurer's Report:
Balance: \$3,384. 2011 Regatta has yet to be accounted for (generally a loss). Major expenses include: Insurance \$1,019.96; Website \$271; Memorial donations \$100.
 - 10) Landing Garbage Bins: Add note to newsletter that the bins are for the exclusive use of the Islanders and that tires and other construction debris are not to be left there.
 - 11) Reminder about barge for island septic pumping. Contact Bob Dean or see website for details.
 - 12) Newsletter: Submissions due by 3rd week of September. Thanksgiving is target distribution date.
Include thank yous for those involved in this years' regatta and a solicitation for a convener and next years' volunteers.
- 2:20pm – Meeting adjourned.

NOTES:

- 1) In the past the VP took over from the president at the end of the president's term. There has been no VP for at least the past 4 years.
- 2) Sign can be altered as required to announce each meeting.
- 3) In the past, a member of the MLRA board attended municipal meetings in order to keep up-to-date on developments that might affect Morrison Lake and its residents. This has not happened in several years. There are minutes available on-line and there are various other on-line forums available to keep up with issues, however, much of the side discussion at the meetings contains important information as well.
- 4) The report for the 5 pumps is as follows: i) Mason's - pump is missing. ii) Next to Tituses - pump is working but must be relocated as there is no dock anymore and access is limited. Ralf offered to move this pump to his dock. iii) Proctors on Mile Island - Pump is maintained by Mike Proctor and is in working order. iv) Boorman's on Evanswood Rd. - pump is 6 years old and replaces the one that had been stolen from Green Place. v) Cove (at Bennett's) behind Melody Island - this pump has not been checked.
- 5) Live wells in fishing boats are the greatest hazard for introducing zebra mussels. Guidelines suggest that: bait is not dumped into the lake; boats be left out of the water for 24 hours when being moved from a body of water to another; empty bilge on land before putting boat in the water.
- 6) A list of people with CPR training could be made available to the membership by posting it on the website. The newsletter would be a good place to try to get feedback on who might be interested in a CPR clinic. Please send any opinion you have on this issue to the Morrison Lake email.
- 7) Discussion of setting up a PayPal account or something similar to simplify the remission of dues. Make dues form printable from the website. Create a way for people to register with the association on the website and to update contact info. Make a banner for the forks encouraging people to register on the website.
- 8) John is reimbursed for the cost of the domain name only. All his time and expertise has been generously donated.
- 9) FOCA offers insurance to cottager associations. Look into our current insurance coverage and the FOCA policy to obtain best rate. Bank balance has been declining each year for the past several years due to the lack of dues payments. Conservative accounting requires that at least 2 years of insurance coverage be maintained in the account.
- 10) Not a legal issue for MLRA.
- 11) Gord Kobe has taken over the email distribution of notices.
- 12) Kim Burns, Bruce Wallace and Geraldine Debes will help out but a convener is required. Anyone interested in being involved with Regatta, please email your interest to morrisonlake@rogers.com.
- 13) We encourage each area of Morrison Lake to send a representative to the Spring and Labour Day Meetings in order to speak on behalf of your concerns and bring information back to you.