




REDSTONE LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION


July 10, 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Attendees: Shal Gewurtz Larry Cousins
 John Anderson Karen Feltmate
 Harv Bates Lee Hayward
 Keith Beard Aline Huleva
 MaryLou Ciancone Shirley Rule
 Judy Cole Cathy Lancia
 John Jackson Approximately 80 members

Regrets: Jim Howard-Tripp Fred Saunders

	Opportunities / Actions	Timing	Owner
1.	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognition of the turnover in the Board and encouragement of members to get involved  <p>RLCA AGM Insert 1.pdf</p>		Harv Bates
2.	<p><u>President's Message</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of the 1961 original mandate of the Association vs current needs/expectations and available resources ▪ Where we are – 15 volunteers working for an association of a lake with more than 650 residences; major disconnect between “Expectations” and “Resources” ▪ Where do we need to go? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Avoid less than optimal development that is happening on other lakes - Need to ensure we protect the quality of our lake - Need to reflect our changing demographics - Need for strong, vibrant, active association ▪ How do we get there? Through volunteerism and service.  <p>RLCA AGM Insert 2.pdf</p>		Shal Gewurtz
3.	<p><u>Finance and Membership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keith Beard moved to accept the budget, John Anderson seconded ▪ 2010/11 Membership is at 67+AGM registrants ▪ Non-payment for 2 consecutive years will result in loss of membership ▪ 13 new members in 2009 ▪ Redstone residents run approx 800, however we have only 200 members to-date ▪ Shal moved to accept this report, seconded by Aline 		Shirley Rule

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	<p>respondents of approx 400 residents in 2005; members present at this AGM confirmed no need to resurvey.</p> <p>Invitation to the members to contribute to the content via Larry Cousins, the editor.</p> <p>Question on how to get 75% of residents to support the Plan; proposal is to publish on our Website and invite comments from the residents; Proposal from the floor to call a meeting as per Kenisis Lake resident; response was that this is not always sufficient to draw 75% of residents. Question from the floor re proprietary information and security of the Plan if published on a website; response, we could copyright this Plan. Ultimately, a dedicated information session on this Plan is a possibility.</p> <p>The Lake Plan will be published on the Website as soon as the draft is finalized.</p>  <p>RLCA AGM Insert 6.pdf</p>	<p>Board to further consider how to rally 75% of resident support for the Plan</p>	
7	<p><u>Shoreline Advisor Program</u></p> <p>Program is provided by the Lakeland Alliance to residents of selected lakes. Program involves an advisor visiting and assessing the shorelines of properties which are volunteered by their owners..</p> <p>It is free, voluntary, confidential, non regulatory. It is strictly an educational program where residents invite this group onto their property for an assessment.</p> <p>Request from the program to try to 'batch' requests to ensure efficiency of the specialist' travel requirements.</p> <p>Question: Given that detailed confidential reports are given only to participating property owners, what involvement is there for the lake association, since the program description cites the education aspects to the whole lake community? Answer: A general report can be made to the lake association. Question: The program description also mentions that Lakeland Alliance can participate in followup educational sessions to the lake community. Answer: Yes.</p>		Mike Gibbs
8	<p><u>Election</u></p> <p>John Anderson moved to accept the proposed slate for 2010/11, subject to further nominations; Gord Simpson seconded.</p> <p>Nominations from the floor to join the Core Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karen Vose nominated by Gord Simpson; seconded John Anderson - Mike Johnson nominated by Bob Cole for co-Lake Steward; Seconded by David Douglas - Bob Cole nominated for co-Lake Steward by Jane Anderson; seconded by Peter Harcus - Ray Walters nominated by Lois Walters, seconded by Mary-Lou Ciancone <p>"Shadow Board" of volunteers will include the following:</p> <p>Cathy Lancia, Larry and Susi Cousins, Bev and Gord Simpson, Bonnie Jensen Dickson, Cathy Meads, Anne Bates (contact information below).</p>		Shal Gewurtz

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9	<p><u>Trent Severn Coalition Update</u></p> <p>Stimulus funding from the Federal Government is about to end and revert back to the \$3-4M annual budget whereas the TS Coalition recommended \$28M annual investment to maintain the area.</p>		John Anderson
10	<p><u>Keynote Speaker: TSW - Mr. Dave Ness</u></p> <p>Reference made to TSW.com website and Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) which are linked into our RLCA website. These enable our members to understand the existing lake levels and forecasted lake levels (one week in advance, on the assumption that there is no rainfall). The presentation outlined the challenges in fulfilling the TSW mandate while coping with the unpredictability of seasonal weather such as heavy winter snows, wet spring, etc. Recent stimulus monies allowed for installation of remote electronic water level monitoring. [embed slide deck when received]</p>		
11	<p><u>Bear Essentials: MNR – Mr. Bart Hilhorst</u></p> <p>April/May they come out of dens, males first, females with newborn cubs born in January come out last.</p> <p>Food source at first is grass, few sucker spawn then young leaves, then as summer progresses, they grab what they can. By July, raspberries then blackberries. Sept/Oct, then beachnuts, hazelnuts, acorns. October, back in their den. Therefore, in only 4 months, they have to eat enough to sustain themselves for the winter hibernation. Impregnation happens June/July. If they don't gain nourishment sufficient to sustain themselves, they will not give birth and may not survive the winter. 90% of their food source will be vegetation, 10% will be meat, i.e., larvae, grubs, fish. They are not built to run after and catch deer.</p> <p>Bears depend upon good weather to sustain their food chain. Bear problems are prevalent everywhere. Central Ontario has the highest population of bear due to best food and shelter source. Migration of bears south is due to loss of farms and change to food source. Bears have learned garbage and a good tolerance to people. They have learned freezers and fridges are also food sources and how to open them.</p> <p>Yearlings are kicked out of the den to be on their own as their mothers are in heat, e.g., July/August.</p> <p>Standing on their hind feet is to get a better look/smell!</p> <p>There is no proof but the gut sense is that the population has increased. One report from one dump site is that two sows each had 4 offspring. Bear reproduction has been facilitated by human garbage and greater number of year-round residents.</p> <p>When afraid, bears will blow at you, will smack their lips making a popping sound. This is "bear talk" telling you that you are too close and to back off. They may lunge at you. You should slowly back off. Sows with cubs will do this more readily than males. Sows will send her cubs up a tree and they will not come down until she is satisfied that they are out of danger.</p>		

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	<p>When bears come to visit your property, don't let them feel welcome because they will come back especially if they find an easy food source. Hassle them to break their comfort. Let them know it is you that is causing their discomfort.</p> <p>Recent efforts have deliberately been made at the landfill sites to cover the garbage in order to stop feeding the bears; this will force them to return to their natural food chain. It will take several years to wean them back to their normal population size.</p>		
12	<p><u>RLCA Community Support</u></p> <p>Motion to approve the proposed donation of \$250 was made by Anne Bates, seconded by Shal Gewurtz.</p>  <p>RLCA AGM Insert 12.pdf</p>		Shirley Rule to send cheque
13	<p><u>Acknowledgements</u></p> <p>Thank you to John Anderson, Cathy Lancia, Judy Cole, Larry Cousins and John Jackson as they retire from the Board and to Bill Burdon, West Guilford Shopping Centre for his continued food support at the AGM, and his overall support of RLCA through his regular ads in our Newsletters.</p>  <p>RLCA AGM Insert 13.pdf</p>		
14	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <p>AGM for 2011 on July 9th!</p>		
	<p><u>Contact information for new Board members and Volunteers:</u></p> <p>Bev Simpson bevsimp@gmail.com</p> <p>Gord Simpson gordonmsimpson@gmail.com</p> <p>Bonnie Jensen Dickson bonnie_jensen@hotmail.com</p> <p>Cathy Meades cathy.phil@rogers.com</p> <p>Karen Vose yosekaren@yahoo.ca cell (832) 231-4648 cottage (705) 754-0462 Note: only at the cottage over the summer and no e-mail access at the cottage; uses the library access</p> <p>Anne Bates nana_bates@hotmail.com (705) 754-0999</p>		
	<p><u>Note:</u> No contact information was acquired for the following:</p> <p>Mike Johnson</p> <p>Bob Cole</p> <p>Ray Walters</p>	Contact information required	Karen Feltmate