

Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association Annual General Meeting – May 20, 2023

Minutes of Meeting

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting (the **Meeting**) of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association ("**HLCA**") held on **Saturday, May 20, 2023**.

Start – 10:08 am

Welcome and introduction of Board Members in attendance. Brent recognized this as the 70th year of cottaging on the lake

Present:

Brent McLean, President
Brayden Siersma, Treasurer
Connor Blackwell, Director
Kathleen Boss, Director and Communications
Larry Marion, Director
Candace Bradbury Endicott, Director
Jay Kea, Director

Introduction of Guest Speakers

Walt McKechnie Deputy Mayor /Barry Boice Councillor Ward 5 – Dysart Update
Murray Fearey - regrets
Melanie Klodt Wong, Executive Director – HHHS Foundation

A question/answer format was used with Walt/Barry

Issues raised by the Board:

- 1) Boat launches in need of repair
- 2) A sports court for the public beach

Q – Bill Drummond – Could Walt/Barry speak to the Minden ER closure?

A- Walt – Dysart has no authority over the decision. It was made at a higher level. The Closure means a busier hospital in Haliburton.

Follow up – Lori Hillaby - Can we encourage youth to go into science/healthcare to staff the hospitals?

Walt – It comes down to money.

Brent - Board looking at an AED for beach in summer/ marina in winter

Q – When will the road to Ross Lake be completed?

Barry – Slated for next week. Culverts will be addressed as well. Also, some pieces of Curry Rd will be added to next year’s budget, as well as Hodgson to the new development.

Follow up – Any thought to doing the roads all at once?

Barry – Recognizes that doing it in small pieces does not fix things, but repairing all at once would have an astronomical price tag. Walt and Barry drove Curry – needs to be dug out and re-done

Q – Speed and Traffic on the Roads – current signs not adhered to. Can speeds from Morris Lane to the bridge be reduced to 40 km?

Barry – The HLCA can present to council to have a speed reduction/solar speed monitoring sign.

Follow up – Can speeds be enforced?

Brent – We have “kids playing” signs and Dave Freeman did a study re: 50 km limit. Comes down to police presence.

Walt – suggested calling companies if their trucks are speeding

Q – Will Harburn and Hodgson be fixed?

Walt – Will bring it back to the county. Sweeping will be done in the next few weeks.

Follow up - The sweeping is creating a berm that allows water to run along the road, peeling up the tar and chip up. Perhaps grading the area would fix it.

Barry – did a tour a few weeks ago and recognizes the problem. Has been in talks with Rob in the roads department.

Q – Septic inspections

Joan – had her septic inspected after installing new system. She was faulted for a day bed on the porch and for a pipe that was too long. She fixed both issues and sent pictures. Had to pay \$200 for re-inspection. Emailed Walt but no reply

Walt – He will look into her file and get back to her. He has a report about inspections on out lake that he will provide

Follow Up – An Air B’N’B on the lake failed inspection but it still fully rented. Any repercussions?

Brent – This issue was reported to Brie
Barry – He will look into the issue and report back.

Follow up – A septic inspection failed because the tank was not pumped and the ballasts did not pass. It has been fixed. Are the owners now in compliance?

Barry – The same thing happened to him. No letter means compliance.

Walt – Will take addresses of those with septic issues and look into particulars.

Follow up – Septic inspections seems to be beyond the original scope of the program. Are fines funding the program?

Walt – He feels the program is working and overall, it has a been a positive effect on lake health.

Updates from Walt

- 1) Shoreline By-Law – coming in June. Will prevent clear-cutting and is more of an educational piece. Building inspectors will check landscapes when visiting a property.
- 2) Short- Term Rental – Murray would like one policy for all 4 counties. Short term rentals would need a license. They would operate on a point system. Currently looking into the number of licenses per lake.
- 3) Fireworks – to be used on designated days only

Follow up – All of these policies make sense, but there is no enforcement.

Walt – We only have 3 OPP in the county

Follow up – How can we police cottagers who are loud. It is not just rentals.

HHHS Foundation

- Melanie Klodt Wong reviewed the services provided by the foundation
- She highlighted the long wait list for doctors, and the fact that new equipment helps bring in new doctors
- Application has been made to get a CT scanner

Q – Are seasonal residents considered in hospital funding?

A – No. It is the address on your health card.

Q – Can we increase awareness of 50/50 draw?

Brent – We will include it in the email blasts

CALL TO ORDER 11:16 am

Call to order the formal part of the 2023 Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association Annual General Meeting at 11:16 am.

1. First order of business is the Approval of minutes from the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Motion to accept the 2022 minutes:

- a. Moved by Dave Freeman
- b. Seconded by Pat Berne

2. **Financial Statements for the 2022 Financial Year**

- a. Net Income for the year was \$9,717.98
- b. Revenue is up as Regatta returned to summer programming and returned to be a significant income producer. We also saw significant income from the sale of the HLCA Swag during the summer of 2022.
- c. Expenses held very steady and there was not a major expense that was the cause of an unforeseen event.
- d. Year end Bank balance is \$70,610

Highlights

- Membership continues to hold stable at 380 or 60% of the properties on the lake – really would like to see a 75% participation rate
- 54% of Members made a donation to Fireworks or Major Projects
- Swimming saw a record number of participants in 2022 – 161

Motion to accept the 2022 Financial Statements

- a. Moved by Rob Newton
- b. Seconded by Candace Bradbury

HLCA Update;

- 2022 saw the return of all of our traditional events as well as the return of an old favorite the Corn Roast
- Finances remain in good shape and the board is considering such additions as an AED for the public beach, updating the HLCA Hall, and a sports surface for the public beach
- Membership is currently at 65% of the 2022
- Lake Quality program started in 2022 and testing is scheduled for 2023 with the first date being this coming Tuesday

- Development of an HLCA volunteer program to help volunteers understand where help is needed, what is required, when it is required and a reward for those volunteers
- Fireworks and Christmas in July is July 1st, Regatta is August 5th, Corn Roast is August 26th and we need to announce that the Scavenger Hunt has been cancelled
- Lake Navigation markers were completed in 2022
- Email messages to over 600 subscribers
- Ongoing work with local associations
- Continue to ask that everyone document their history of life at the lake and the community around it

Volunteers

- Thank you to all our volunteers and their continued support of the Haliburton Lake Community
- We are always looking for additional volunteers and we are looking to recognize our volunteers moving forward.

HLCA Elections

Recognize the 2022 HLCA Board – Thank them for their contributions
 Thank Brady Siersma for all his contributions to the HLCA Board.
 Dissolve the Board of Directors and the Officers of the HLCA Board.

Agreed to Stand again as Director;

- Nick Mezzapelli – Webmaster
- Candice Bradbury Endicott – Membership
- Kathleen Boss – Communications
- Connor Blackwell
- Jason Kea
- Larry Marion

Agreed to Stand again as Officers;

- Brent McLean as President
- Serena Bradbury as Secretary
- New to the Board for the 2023 HLCA Board:
- Robert Lounds as Treasurer
- Deena Griffiths as Director
- Mark Shillum as Director

All in favour to approve and accept the named candidates for the HLCA Board of Directors for the year of 2023-2024.

Moved by Pat Berne

Seconded by Wayne Taggart

All in favour to approve and accept the named candidates for the HLCA Board of Officers for the years of 2023 – 2025.

Moved by Nancy Crump

Seconded by Andy Valickis

New Business:

- 1) Dave Freeman proposed a \$5000 donation to the HHHSF to help fund the CT scanner. Seconded by Nancy Crump. Melanie reminded the HLCA that they are still in the approval stages, so the motion was amended to a \$1000 donation today with a further \$4000 when approval is received. Moved by Dave Freeman, seconded by Nancy Crump. It was sent to a vote and passed.
- 2) The question of training around the use of the AED was raised. FIRA has someone in place to teach others in the near future. We can also look at mimicking their maintenance schedule.
- 3) Environmentally Friendly Fireworks – will we research further. Rob Newton asked for volunteers to help with current fireworks program.
- 4) Bob Bevan agrees a playing surface at the beach is a good idea. Dave Freeman suggested we have a proper inspection of property lines prior to installation.

Adjournment – 11:43 am