

Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association Annual General Meeting – May 18, 2024
Minutes of Meeting

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting (the **Meeting**) of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association ("**HLCA**") held on **Saturday, May 18, 2024.**

Start – 10:04 am

Welcome and introduction of Board Members in attendance.

Present:

Brent McLean, President
Bert Lounds, Treasurer
Serena Bradbury, Secretary
Connor Blackwell, Director
Kathleen Boss, Communications
Larry Marion, Director
Candace Bradbury Endicott, Director
Jay Kea, Director
Mark Shillum, Director
Deena Griffiths, Director
Erica Fisher – Webmaster
Andra Ashton – Water Quality

Introduction of Guest Speakers

Walt McKechnie Deputy Mayor /Barry Boice Councillor Ward 5 – Dysart Update
Rylan Villard from Mike's Communications
Features Brasserie

A question/answer format was used with Walt/Barry

Walt highlighted:

- Short term rental
- Shorelines
- Farmer's market
- Deer feeding by-law
- Landfill sites

Q –What can be done about Curry Road?

A- Barry – \$1.2 million will be spent in Ward 5's roads in the near future. Hodgson and Dignan will be completed in the next 4 weeks. Percy Road and Curry need to be ditched and re-surfaced. This will be done by the end of summer. Sweeping will begin in the next two weeks. Potholes are filled on a 10-day rotating schedule.

Follow up – What will Curry be resurfaced with?

Barry – tar and chip

Q – What will be done about poor quality work on Haliburton Lake Road?

Barry – The company who did the work is to come back and look/fix it.

Follow up – What about the dust on the road from road works?

Barry – The dust comes from the type of stone used and they are after the company to come remedy it.

Q – MPAC assessments – how will the town deal with coming higher assessments?

Walt – Not something being looked at right now

Barry – The new assessment date keeps being pushed back

Q – Where are we with the cell towers?

Brent – Brent talked to Rogers and was told they should be operational in 2025. The Highlander reported not until 2026 last week.

Walt – There was an update given to council last week in which no date was given.

Q – What efforts does the province do regarding wild fires?

Barry – We are lucky in our area due to proximity to Stanhope Airport and the amount of flights daily.

Q – Storage of docks at the public beach

Walt – We can continue to store them, but a policy is coming due to insurance issues. Might need a license of occupation

Brent – For those who store – please leave your name, address, email on the dock

Q- Better roads means faster driving. How do we reduce speed?

Barry – We have rotating digital speed signs. Speed is a provincial issue

Dave – We installed speed signs so police can enforce speeding

Walt – Speeding is like wake on boats, which is a big issue on other lakes. VORR – Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations – mean enforcement can come onto lakes

Brent – reference Pgs 64-66 in the magazine

Q – Septic Inspections

Walt – up to 100 letters were sent to out area regarding issues with inspections. Please respond to these letters. New letters will be sent that are orders and include fines for not complying.

Follow up – When is the next inspection?

Barry – They rotate and will be back

Follow up - Will identified problems be reinspected?

Barry – yes. There will be fines for non-compliance.

Walt – Extensions on weeping systems are sometimes an option

Issues Walt wished to discuss:

1) Landfills

- Investigating incinerating garbage
- \$1 million spent yearly trucking garbage

2) Shorelines

- The county has spent a lot on the Shoreline policy
- Dysart spends nothing – building inspectors note issues when there

Features Brasserie

A new restaurant is opening in Fort Irwin – Features Brasserie. The new owners introduced themselves and explained their vision. They plan to start with breakfast and lunch and expand to weekend dinners as staffing permits.

Rylan Villard – Mike's Communications

- Mike's Communications brings the service to your cottage/home. Bell will hook it up
- Collecting names for burial process
- Collaboration can be done digitally
- Cable buried 6 inches optimally
- Unknown when it will be live - maybe end of summer
- There is a connection fee with Bell
- Waiting on material for islands
- Conduit only needed in some circumstances – very tough wire
- Cable replaces phone line
- If power is out the landline will go out. Can use a generator to keep live. Can buy a battery for modem
- Installations/visits are Monday – Friday

CALL TO ORDER 11:04am

Call to order the formal part of the 2024 Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association Annual General Meeting at 11:04 am.

Quick updates:

- last year's minutes were emailed out and on website
- website being refreshed
- last year we made a \$5000 donation to HHHS. Will continue to support through emails
- AED purchased – to be posted at the beach spring, summer, fall. Winter location TBD.
- deal for those on the lake - \$800-1150 www.rescue7.net
- sports court in early stages of research

1. First order of business is the Approval of minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Motion to accept the 2023 minutes:

- a. Moved by Dave Freeman
- b. Seconded by Jay Kea

2. Financial Statements for the 2023 Financial Year

- a. Net Income of \$1,565
 - b. Revenue remained consistent from 2022 and continues to be higher than the pre-covid years.
 - c. Expenses higher in 2023 as we expensed the full HHHS donation in the fiscal year.
- Year End Balance - \$72,175

Highlights

- Membership higher in 2023 – 396 or 63% - Target 75%
- 54% of Members made a donation to HLCA
- Swimming saw a record number of participants - 209

Motion to accept the 2023 Financial Statements

- a. Moved by Pat Berne
- b. Seconded by Rob Newton

HLCA Update:

Volunteers

- Volunteer needed for magazine. Volunteer found
- Amanda Patterson the winner for \$100 to Rhubarb Restaurant as a thank you for volunteering
- Looking for a Volunteer for CEWF liason

Board Members

- Nick Mezzapelli stepping down

Status Updates

- Finances remain in good shape, Purchased an AED for the public beach, working on a sports surface at the public beach, considering updates to the HLCA Hall, working on an update for the HLCA website
- Membership currently at 60% of 2023, with more received daily
- Lake Quality program started in 2022 and testing scheduled for summer of 2024, results to be posted on the HLCA website
- Continue to strengthen the HLCA volunteer program. Allowing volunteers to understand where help is needed, what is required, when and reward those volunteers
- Fireworks and Christmas in July – June 29th, Regatta – August 3rd, Corn Roast – August 24th

HLCA Elections

Dissolve the Board of Directors and the Officers of the HLCA Board.

Agreed to Stand again as Director:

- Candice Bradbury Endicott
- Connor Blackwell
- Jason Kea
- Larry Marion
- Kathleen Boss
- Mark Shillum
- Deena Griffiths

Agreed to Stand again as Officers;

- Brent McLean as President
- Serena Bradbury as Secretary
- Bert Lounds – Treasurer

New to the Board for the 2024 HLCA Board:

- Erica Fisher – Web Master
- Andra Ashton – Lake Quality

Approval of new Board Slate for 2024-2025:

- a. Moved by Dave Freeman
- b. Seconded by Don Clearwater

New Business:

1) Rogers Tower – No real new information. The question was raised if a Roger's phone is needed to use the tower. Non-Roger's phones will work for 911 initially and eventually the tower will be shared.

2) Fireworks

- The Board will continue with fireworks Canada Day. There is overwhelming support in attendance and donations for this event.
- HLCA has been in contact with the Dysart fire chief, the government, and other lake associations regarding fireworks
- We are developing a best practices document
- Have looked at drone shows, light shows, and environmental fireworks
- Have reviewed the weather and videos of last year's event. There was a strong on shore wind
- If there is a similar wind it will be treated like a rain out. Decision must be made by 3:00 as once the shells are loaded they must be detonated.
- The launch area will move as wind dictates
- Launch angle will be maximized
- Snow fencing will be used to collect debris
- A formal clean-up crew will be created to clean the beach and neighbors properties at 9:00 am the day following fireworks
- It is the Board's opinion that one 15 minute show is better than many small ones
- Q – Has any consideration been given to using smaller fireworks?
 - We have historically (minus 3 years) used commercial fireworks
- Q – Size of fireworks means a lot of debris. What is the debris doing to the lake? Wouldn't smaller fireworks mean less debris?
 - We are working on mitigating amount of debris
- Q – Can we use a barge?
 - That requires different licensing and is more dangerous, and still creates noise and pollution
- Q - Has the membership as a whole been asked their opinion re fireworks?
 - No. Only 2 emails were sent with concerns about fireworks. Many positive emails were received.
- Q - How can we discourage individuals from setting off their own fireworks?
 - We will put information in the emails
- Q - Can the STR policy in Dysart include information about fireworks/ make renters accountable?
 - Brent will contact Walt regarding this
- Q – Are such large shells needed?
 - People were disappointed with non-commercial fireworks displays when used.

3) Hall update is needed. Looking at painting, cleaning the attic, replacing the furnace.

4) New public docks are in the works

5) Pickleball court – A question was raised about having the court at the hall rather than the beach. This idea is not off the table. The court we are looking at would be multi-sport

6) Wildfire protocols – A question was asked about how people would be informed. An immediate email would be sent if a fire was discovered in the area. The local fire information will be added to the weekly emails

Motion to Adjourn:

- a. Moved by Pat Berne
- b. Seconded by Wayne Taggart

Adjournment at 11:57 am