

Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association Annual General Meeting – May 21, 2022

Minutes of Meeting

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting (the **Meeting**) of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association ("**HLCA**") held on **Saturday, May 21, 2022.**

Start – 10:00 am

Welcome and introduction of Board Members in attendance. Each member gave a brief message of introduction.

Present:

Brent McLean, President
Serena Bradbury, Secretary
Brayden Siersma, Treasurer
Nick Mezzapelli, Director and Webmaster
Connor Blackwell, Director
Kathleen Boss, Director and Communications
Larry Marion, Director
Owen Blackwell, Director
Candace Bradbury Endicott, Director
Jay Kea, Director

Update on Marina

Brent informed the membership that the Fort Irwin Marina had changed hands. He thanked Brad and Maria Willing, and welcomed new owner John and Michelle Mihalic to the lake.

John and Michelle spoke briefly, introducing themselves. Brad and Maria also spoke briefly.

Serena presented Brad and Maria with a bench thanking them for their contribution to the lake.

Introduction of Guest Speakers

Andrea Roberts/ Walt McKechnie – Dysart Update
Lindsay Bevan – Lake Quality Project
Nick Mezzapelli – TSW Water Management
Bill Odell - FIRA

Andrea Roberts, Mayor: Andrea thanked the membership for inviting her to the meeting.

Updates: Cell Service: Rogers was successful in their bid in the Cell Gap Project. 265 new towers will be built; 75 of which will allow other cell companies access. There are 2 proposed sites on Haliburton Lake but now news about when these towers may be built.

Shoreline By-Law: Consultant firm hired in January 2021. Despite this there is still no consensus. At a recent meeting a 20 metre setback was agreed upon, but the process is still

permit heavy. As of April, the bylaw is on hold. The county is hiring a person to work in planning, promoting healthy shorelines and lake health.

Climate Change Co-Ordinator: The county has a plan to adapt and mitigate the effects on the environment of things such as their fleet and buildings.

Short-Term Rentals: Should be a county driven issue in her opinion. On the agenda for the May 25 Dysart Council Meeting, where a report from consultants will be heard (a survey was previously sent out inviting feedback). There are currently no regulations. Andrea looking at a reasonable, self-running licensing agreement.

Dysart: Dysart has a new strategic plan in place. Programs such as Music in the Park and Art in the Park are back up and running for this year. Check Dysart's website/social media for information.

Walt McKechnie, Councillor: Walt thanked the HLCA for having him and told the obligatory Leaf joke. He thanked Andrea and Pat Kennedy for their work this year.

Shoreline By-Law: Walt is against the new bylaw. He stated that we already have good policies such as the 30 metre setback. Tree cutting policies, and septic policies. He would prefer to see erosion and fertilization of lawns addressed.

Short-Term Rentals: People are now buying cottages as businesses. More has to happen with education around rentals.

Amalgamation/1 tier Government: Brent Devolin a proponent. Walt foresees that taxes will be higher and services will decrease.

Roads: Quite a bit done but there is more to do. Highlighted Fort Irwin Road, Dunn, Dignan road work that was completed.

Brushing: Will be done in the fall.

Speed limit radar Signs: Not up yet due to staffing.

Questions for Andrea/Walt

Question #1: Who drafted the terms of reference for the shoreline bylaw?

Andrea: They were drafted by the county planner and approved by council. She was hesitant about the consultants from the beginning.

Follow up: Planners do not know about trees and vegetation

Andrea: The process was off the rails from the beginning

Walt: Talked to Paul Wilson who gave him statistics. There has been a 30 m setback for 10-15 years. He believes we should educate and communicate about shorelines rather than create new rules that have no one to enforce them.

Question #2: Cottage associations seem to be for the bylaw with executives deciding. Is council vetting that cottagers were asked their opinion?

Brent: The HLCA made it clear that we only represent half of the people on the lake and therefore would not provide an opinion, but rather remain neutral.

Andrea: Kennisis lake association took a stance without asking cottagers. They have since changed to advocate for individual choice

Walt: When out and about, very few people seemed pro shoreline bylaw. Many seemed happy to have the current rules enforced instead.

Question #4: Is it possible to consider density of short-term rentals in an area when licensing?

Andrea: She will note this and bring it back to council.

Question #5: When will the roads be swept?

Andrea: Staffing and weather make setting a date difficult

Walt: It is almost on schedule – will probably be into June.

Question #6: Awareness raised about website haliburtonwaterfrontowners.ca. Website is meant to educate, inform, and engage.

Question #7: What is the status of internet in the county?

Walt: There were 2 sites on the lake that were inspected and deemed not suitable. There is another application in place. There will be a site visit in 2024.

Further questions for Andrea or Walt: Send an email to president@haliburtonlake.com. Brent will forward.

Lindsay Bevan: Lake Quality: Under the leadership of Lindsay, Haliburton Lake is going to be collaborating with other lakes to standardize and compare lake health. 10 lakes are participating with support from U-Links and CHA. Testing sites will be in all parts of the lake. Cost is \$2000-\$3000 for equipment and training.

Nick Mezzapelli: TSW Management Plan: The TSW is creating a 10 year plan to deal with ageing infrastructure. The current system is complicated and not automated. Suggestion was made for the inclusion of half logs but this is not yet in place. Good news – 2021 had the same rain as 2013, but there was no flood, so some good changes have been made. There is a link on the HLCA website for those who wish to leave comments/suggestions for the TSW Management Plan. This link will be open until the end of June.

Bill Odell – FIRA: The president of the Fort Irwin Residents Association spoke. He stated that FIRA is open to all, and there is a discounted rate for HLCA members. FIRA has a hall across from the West Bay boat ramp. Activities at FIRA include crafts, fitness, cards, and socials. They also have a fixed price propane program. Their website is firehall.ca.

CALL TO ORDER 11:20 am

Approval of Minutes from 2021 AGM

Moved by Serena Bradbury, seconded by Candace Bradbury Endicott

Financial Statements 2021

- Broke even

- Donations growing - up 16% from 2020
- Expenses higher because of swimming, fireworks, navigation, water testing, and a major project
- Year end balance \$60,892

Motion to accept the 2021 Financial Statements

- Moved by Candice Bradbury Endicott
- Seconded by Drew Bishop.

Highlights

- Membership stable
- 50% of Members made a donation to the HLCA
- HLCA – now able to accept etransfers

HLCA Updates:

Items that the board is working on:

- Return of traditional summer programs
- Return of the August corn roast
- Financial assistance from Dysart for beach clean up and grass cutting
- Updating navigation markers
- Lake quality testing
- Bi-weekly email sent to over 600 email addresses
- Ongoing work with local associations
- Please share stories of the history of the lake with the board

Volunteers

- Thank you to all of our volunteers for their continued support of our lake community

HLCA Elections

Existing Board of Directors: Dissolve the existing HLCA Board of Directors as of May 21, 2022

Agreed to Stand Again as Director:

Nick Mezzapelli - Webmaster

Candice Bradbury Endicott - Membership

Larry Marion

Kathleen Boss - Communications

Connor Blackwell

Jason Kea

Note: The roles of President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the HLCA are two year terms moving forward. Director Positions remain at one year.

Is there anyone in attendance that would like to become a director or officer of the HLCA? No

All in favour to approve and accept the nine named candidates for the HLCA Board of Directors 2022-2023 – Moved by Pat Berne, seconded by Drew Bishop.

New Business

- HLCA swag
- Volunteers needed:
 - Help for Lindsay Bevan – water testing and beach winterization
 - Swimming supervisor
 - Fireworks
 - Magazine
 - Corn roast

Question – What can be done about the boat launch in West Bay?

Brent – We will bring that to Andrea’s attention

Adjournment – 11:42 am

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn the 2022 HLCA AGM.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2022 Annual General Meeting is adjourned. **CARRIED**

Termination

There being no further business before the Meeting, upon a motion regularly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the Meeting terminated at 11:42 am. The Meeting there upon terminated.

Dated this 21st day of May, 202.

Brent McLean

Serena Bradbury

President

Secretary