



Sturgeon Point Association

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Sturgeon Point Association
Annual General Meeting
September 5, 2010, 10:00 am
Sturgeon Point Union Church

Minutes

The meeting was brought to order and chaired by Lynne Manning, President. Chris Appleton acted as Secretary.

Motions:

The following motions were brought forward and carried:

- 1) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated September 6, 2009, were circulated prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Mary Jane Large, seconded by Jim Howard, and carried by majority on a show of hands.
- 2) Current financial statements were circulated prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the Financial Statement was made by Babe Roberts, seconded by Jean Crighton, and carried by majority on a show of hands.
- 3) The following slate of 10 Directors was presented to the meeting by Chris Appleton, seconded by Norm Howard: Returning – Tom Anders, Colleen Clynch, Victor Isbrucker, Eric Jordan, Ramona Kozak, Lynne Manning, Liz Wallis, Ed Warlow; New – Jeremy Hall, Paula McMurtry. The slate was approved by a majority on a show of hands.

Minutes:

Lynne Manning convened the meeting and introduced the first speaker.

Bear Awareness

The meeting opened with a presentation from Don Little of the M.N.R., who talked about bears. There have been sightings of black bears in the area (golf course; church), with more reported to the north and around Balsam Lake. However, black bear attacks are rare. They are usually skittish, which is good. A problem bear is one which becomes unafraid of humans, or becomes fond of their garbage and won't be scared away. Good practices include: keeping garbage contained, rake up fallen fruits and other edibles, don't leave scraps around, make noise, whistle, don't get between mother and cub, don't corner an animal, don't run or climb trees to escape, if attacked – fight like heck.

The M.N.R. runs a Bear Reporting Line for information, and for central planning. This year call volumes are down 50 %, probably because it has been a good year for berries, the bears' main food.

Bears will eat other natural foods, but rarely eat meat or attack farm animals. Call the M.N.R. if you have a problem bear.

Water Irrigation System

Dave Kennedy and Bob Miller reported on the water irrigation system. There are 40 regular customers, 30 on e-mail. This season there were 2 major repair jobs related to road construction; patience was required for repairs to be completed. Dave and Bob attended to some minor leaks and electrical repairs. Reserves are building up; no defaults.

Trustees' Report

Jeanne DesBrisay addressed the meeting and provided a brief history of the land trust. Since the late 1800's Sturgeon Point has placed lands in trust, eventually including the Church, the golf course and the sailing club, which are all managed independently. In 2000, the Village put 5 parcels of public land into trust which SPA now manages, including the beach, playground, wharf, leaf dump and green lot. Tom Anders is a Trustee who also sits as a Director of SPA.

Treasurer's Report

Current financial statements were circulated prior to the meeting. A financial report was given by Colleen Clynch, Treasurer, who presented a review and responded to questions. A motion to approve the Financial Statement was made by Babe Roberts, seconded by Jean Crighton, and carried by majority on a show of hands.

Social and Membership Report

Ed Warlow reported on our successful social activities, including the May Community Clean-up; July 1st Welcome Back Lunch (225 people); August BBQ & Street Dance (250); Regatta (350). Thanks to SPA and the many volunteers that make it all happen.

The current membership is about 225; some memberships to be confirmed. Next year SPA is offering a family membership at \$100, in addition to the single at \$35. We need continued support and membership to maintain the trust lands and continue the social activities.

Communications Report

Communications Director, Victor Isbrucker, reported on ongoing activities including membership communications and the website. Postal costs are down; e-mail listings are up. The website continues to draw traffic, and we are looking for help and volunteers for next year. The golf club has its own website now. The Church's link is more active.

The Hotel Poster project was very successful. 60 prints sold out, generating \$1,500 in profit; if interest is high enough there might be another print run next year. Community interest in local history is very high.

Environmental Report

Chris Appleton reported on environmental matters. Chris has attended numerous local meetings and groups to see what is going on. The Kawartha Region Conservation Authority and the Kawartha Lake Stewards are two credible groups. The KRCA has recently completed a lake management plan for Lake Scugog and is now working on one for Sturgeon. In July SPA held an open house where we heard from Rob Messervey, CAO of the KRCA, who talked about many environmental issues. Of particular interest, the KRCA provides advice and financial assistance for shoreline naturalization. The KLSA have done a weed study, and are now doing an algae study in conjunction with Trent. The Lindsay-Ops landfill is still a topic of interest, but it appears to be reasonably well managed. Next year we hope to get another interesting speaker.

President's Report

SPA President Lynne Manning offered a review of the major events and initiatives of the past year. The park is a great success. The social events are well attended. Lynne expressed her gratitude to all volunteers, especially the Aspinwalls and Jeremy Hall for the Regatta.

Thanks went to the City of Kawartha Lake for Lake Street resurfacing; next we will lobby for 2nd, 3rd, 4th street etc.

Regarding insurance, our old insurer has been replaced by a new carrier at about twice the cost, but maintaining the status quo, including the raft.

There is a municipal election this year. Check the voters' list to see if you are on it. SPA will sponsor an all-Candidates' meeting at the Church – Saturday October 9 at 10 a.m.; all candidates for Mayor, and for Councilor in Ward 7, will be invited.

Lynne thanked all her fellow Directors for their support; special mention for the two retiring Directors: Chris Appleton and Greg Taylor.

Expression of Thanks

Victor Isbrucker took the opportunity to thank Lynne Manning for her service as President over the past three years. She is retiring as President but will remain on the Board for one more year as Past President. Under her leadership the community rallied to redevelop the park, and there is a renewed enthusiasm for community events. Her efforts are much appreciated by the community.

Election of Directors

Chris Appleton, on behalf of Liz Wallis, Chair of the Directors' Nominating Committee, addressed the meeting. He explained the by-law requirements and the recruitment process. There are eight returning directors: Tom Anders, Colleen Clynch, Victor Isbrucker, Eric Jordan, Ramona Kozak, Lynne Manning, Liz Wallis, Ed Warlow. Two individuals have volunteered to be new directors: Jeremy Hall and Paula McMurtry. An invitation for nominations from the floor was extended but none were forthcoming. The slate of 8 returning and 2 new directors was presented to the meeting by a motion

put forward by Chris Appleton, seconded by Norm Howard, and approved by a majority on a show of hands.

Discussion/Other Business

There was no other business raised.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Maureen McKellar, seconded by Jamie Wisener, and carried by a majority on a show of hands. The meeting was adjourned.