

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2023

Shalom by the Lake – Halls Lake

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The meeting started at 10:00 a.m. with D’Arcy LeNeveu, Board Director, welcoming everyone, reviewing the agenda, thanking the artists and artisans for their donations to the auction, and introducing the guest speakers: Liz Danielsen, Mayor of Algonquin Highlands; Sabrina Richards, Councillor of Algonquin Highlands; Frank Figuli, Liaison Coordinator of U-Links Center for Community-Based Research; Ken Cox, Southern Region Fire Advisor, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; and Morgan Daniels, Hit Squad Staff Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

Shelley Fellows, Board Director, read the Land Acknowledgement.

Peter Dadzis, Board President, asked for a show of hands in the audience for new members and for members from each of the three lakes. Each lake was represented by approximately one third of the all members in the audience.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. 2022/23 AGM Minutes Approval
 - a. Peter briefly reviewed the 2022/23 minutes which are included in the HHLPOA website for all to read.
 - b. No changes to the minutes were noted.
 - c. **Motion** to approve the minutes as presented from 2022/23 Annual General Meeting held on June 8, 2022.
 - i. Moved by Mike Wylie
 - ii. Seconded by Graham Wright
 - iii. Motion carried (none opposed)
2. Treasurers Report: Financial Update and Budget Approval for 2023/2024
 - a. Mo Jansons, Board Treasurer, reported that there was a \$7 surplus balance. Almost one third of the members made due payments of over \$40 each.
 - b. Major expenditures the past year included \$5,900 for the Founders Brunch in July 2022 and insurance \$2,730. The calendar is self-sustaining due to the inclusion of advertising to offset the cost. The cost of printing maps is being recouped from the ongoing sales. HHLPOA sold over 400 *Lure of the Lakes* books. There are only twelve books remaining.
 - c. **Motion** to approve the 2023/24 budget and 2022/2023 Financial Statements as presented
 - i. Moved by Larry McKenzie

- ii. Seconded by Grace Mals
- iii. Motion carried (none opposed)
- 3. Review of Ongoing and New (Newish) Activities Presented by Peter Dadzis
 - a. Ongoing Activities:
 - i. Lake Steward Program and Lake Plan Review
 - ii. Benthic Monitoring
 - iii. Navigational Buoys
 - iv. Annual Photo Calendar
 - v. Advertisers
 - vi. HHLPOA Website
 - vii. Association Memberships – FOCA, CEWF, CHA
 - viii. Digital Newsletter
 - ix. Cottage Tales
 - x. Green Up Date April 22 and July 2
 - xi. AGM and BBQ June 24
 - xii. Parade of Lights August 5
 - xiii. Floating Markets August 12
 - xiv. Nine & Dine Golf August 18
 - xv. Paint Along July 22
 - xvi. Township Monitoring
 - xvii. Lake Plan Review
 - b. New or Newish Activities:
 - i. *Lure of the Lakes* reprint
 - ii. Memory Lookout and Bench
 - iii. Photo Laureate Program
 - iv. GIS Maps
 - v. Portage Fire Pumps
 - vi. Natural Shorelines and Native Plants Presentations
 - vii. Shoreline Rehabilitation Assessments and Native Plant Sale
 - viii. Ask Us Anything Heat Pumps May 3 and October TBD
 - ix. Kids Fishing Derby July 15
 - x. Bakers Contest July 29
 - xi. Floating the River August 8
 - xii. Kids and Parents Photo Challenge August 10
 - xiii. Astronomy Night August 12
 - xiv. Wildlife on Our Lakes Seminar August 19
 - xv. Fabulous Forest Hike and Foraging September 30
 - xvi. Snowshoe Bush Hike February 18 2024

4. Community Donation: Station 80 – Algonquin Highlands Fire Services
 - a. **Motion** to approve a donation of \$500 to Station 80 – Algonquin Highlands Fire Services. Discussion – none.
 - i. Moved by Mike Wylie
 - ii. Seconded by Doug Dodge
 - iii. Motion carried (none opposed)
5. Resignation and Appreciation: Resignation of Peter Dadzis, Director and President for 10 years, Mo Jansons, Director and VP and Treasurer for 10 years, and Lindsay Day, Director for 3 years.
 - a. Peter reported that the new HHLPOA Bylaws include term limits of 10 years for Board members. He and Mo Jansons have served 10 years.
 - b. HHLPOA donated to the Dahl Forest by adopting two acres in Peter’s name and two acres in Mo’s name. Shelley Fellows presented a framed certificate of the Dahl Forest donation to Peter and one to Mo thanking them for their 10 years of volunteer work and service with HHLPOA.
6. Motion to Accept Slate of Directors for 2023/2024
 - a. **Motion** to approve the following directors and officers for the 2023/2024 year.
 - i. Shelley Fellows, President, Big Hawk Lake
 - ii. Joan Hamilton, Vice President, Big Hawk Lake
 - iii. Kris Willis, Secretary, Communications, Little Hawk Lake
 - iv. Greg Hebert, Treasurer, Little Hawk Lake
 - v. D’Arcy LeNeveu, Director, AGM, Little Hawk Lake
 - vi. Carol Foderick, Director, Social Programs, Big Hawk Lake
 - vii. Will L’Heureux, Director, Water Levels, Halls Lake
 - viii. Ken Comrie, Director, Safety Programs, Little Hawk Lake
 - ix. Alison King, Director, PR and Calendar, Halls Lake
 - x. Curt Alpeter, Director at Large, Little Hawk Lake
 - xi. Bruce Green, Director at Large, Halls Lake
 - xii. Peter Dadzis, Past President, Big Hawk Lake
 - b. Moved by Yvonne McTeague
 - c. Seconded by Paul Fletcher
 - d. Motion carried (none opposed)

GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Township Update

- a. Liz Danielson, Mayor Algonquin Highlands (AH), gave some updates on the following:
 - i. General Update:
 1. The budget this year has a 2.6 rate increase.
 2. The Minden ER closed in June.
 3. AH has increased its open hours during the week.
 4. AH has a new website.
 5. Property owners can now use e-billing to pay taxes.

6. Liz Danielson recognized the work of the fire department.
7. AH is attempting to hire more bylaw officers.
8. The goal for the airport is to make it self-sustaining and grow.
9. Elvin Johnson Park will have a new zip line. There will be no swimming instructions this year.
10. There have been no applications for installing a cell tower at Big Hawk Lake. If AH receives an application, property owners in AH will be informed and have a say.
11. AH is setting up a consultation program investigating regulations on floating houses. No taxes are collected from floating homes. Most of regulations will be handled by the provincial and federal government.
 - a. Q&A: Mo Jansons reported that most waterways in Ontario are federal. At this time floating homes can stay in one location for maximum of 21 days.
12. The Council formed a committee to look into St. Stevens as a green burial area, supported by the Green Burial Society.
- ii. Shoreline Preservation Bylaw was passed on April 1, 2023. Shorelines on opposite side of road are an issue. AH is trying to figure a fair way to continue using land and protect everyone. This issue may be resolved by July 2023. Septic inspections are in its final round and a new round will begin next year 2024.
- iii. Short Term Rentals – AH is having a hard time defining and solving this issue and wants to be fair to all. Finding a balance is challenging and she thinks they are close. Residents are moving out of AH because of issues with short term rentals.
- iv. Short Term Working Housing Initiatives – Looking into land by the airport for affordable housing.
 1. Q&A: AH looking at development of light industrial, commercial development, smaller homes, communal services, affordable housing,
- v. Hawk Lake Transfer Station and Maple Lake Dump. The Mayor reported that AH is considering hiring a consultant to review how to better serve the people regarding the landfill situation at Big Hawk Landfill. Maple Lake Landfill has dramatically changed.
 1. Q&A: Liz Danielson stated that no Councillor is forced to vote in a specific way on a bylaw.
 2. Q&A: The Mayor said it is very expensive to transport trash.
- vi. Parking at Big Hawk Lake Marina
 1. Q&A: It is very expensive to purchase land for parking.
- vii. Q&A: Gravel on shoulders of roads is expensive. Shoulder must be a metre and a half.
- b. Sabrina Richards, Councillor Algonquin Highlands

- i. Sabrina Richards introduced herself, described her history and background and thanked the community for support, such as the butterfly garden at Big Hawk Marina that was planted by Shelley Fellows and Rita Dadzis.

2. Water Quality Update:

- a. Frank Figuli, Liaison Coordinator, U-Links Center for Community-Based Research and Jordan McDonald.
 - i. Frank Figuli gave a presentation on the Water Quality Program, Sampling, Parameters, Lab Results, Temperature/Dissolved Oxygen, Total Phosphorus Comparison 2022, HHLPOA Benthic, Program, Applied Biomonitoring, LKO Benthic Sampling Schedule, Benthic Sample Locations, LKO Benthics Review-Species Composition, Percent EOT 2019-2021, and Simpsons Diversity Index 2019-2021.
 - ii. Q&A:
 1. Frank Figuli rated the health of our three lakes approximately 8.5 out of 10.
 2. Many organizations, such as HHLPOA, fund U-Links.
 3. Liz Danielson stated there will be a Water Quality Council in AH.
 4. HHLPOA will share this presentation with its members.

3. FireSmart and Fire Mitigation

- a. Ken Cox, Southern Region Fire Advisor, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
 - i. Ken Cox gave an overview of the Fire Mitigation program including wildfire preparedness, awareness, negative and positive impacts. The FireSmart Program describes how to protect homes and dwellings from wildfires. In the last 300 years increased population has changed our environment with development resulting in viewing wildfires differently. There are advantages of wildfires for birds, wildlife and vegetation.
 - ii. Q&A:
 1. Ken Cox described how controlled fires are started.
 2. Daytime burning is not allowed because vegetation becomes dryer from the sun during the day.
 3. HHLPOA has portable water pumps at several locations, including Oakview Lodge and Big Hawk Marina.

4. Invasive Species:

- a. Morgan Daniels, Hit Squad Staff, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
 - i. Ontario has most of invasive species compared to other provinces, including spiny waterflea, zebra mussel, Chinese mystery snail, rusty crayfish, banded mystery snail, Eurasian watermilfoil, Japanese knotweed, spongy moth, dog-strangling vine, wild parsnip, curly leaf pondweed, beech bark disease, European frog-bit.
 - ii. Call 800 563 7711 if you spot an invasive species.
 - iii. Q&A:
 1. We had a diverse lake, but no longer.

5. Floating Cottages: Mo Jansons asked the members to contact him if they want more information about this issue.

50/50 DRAW, SILENT AUCTION WINNERS, AND LIVE AUCTION

Peter Dadzis announced the winners of the 50/50 Draw and the Silent Action. He auctioned several pieces of art in the live auction. Following are the artists who donated their creations to HHLPOA for auction.

- a. John Lennard, Big Hawk Lake, painting
- b. Bob Mowbray, Big Hawk Lake, bird carving
- c. Liz Thomson, Little Hawk Lake, painting
- d. Chris Halliday, formerly Little Hawk Lake, pottery
- e. Jan Carey, Halls Lake, candle holders
- f. Celine Duguay, Halls Lake, wooden bowls
- g. Ruth Oldman, Halls Lake, painting
- h. Nikola Boadway, Little Hawk Lake, painting
- i. Will L'Heureux, Halls Lake, canoe paddle
- j. Curt Alpeter, Little Hawk Lake, maple syrup
- k. Dorothy McCord, Halls Lake, painting
- l. Emilew Designs, lake hats

MEETING ADJOURNED

Shelley Fellows thanked Shalom, the Board of Directors, several volunteers and artisans and artists. She announced the BBQ will be open immediately following the AGM and donations will be welcome for payment of the food.

Motion to adjourn the AGM.

Moved by Barbara Bell

Seconded by Mike Wylie

Motion carried (none opposed)

The AGM ended at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Diane Dennis Rock, Volunteer

For Kris Willis, HHLPOA Secretary and Communications