

# Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association AGM 2009

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August 2, 2009

Camp Kawabi – Big Hawk Lake

AGM started at 10:02 a.m.

Agenda:

## 1. Opening Remarks

- a. George Legate thanked Camp Kawabi for hosting the AGM and the fire department for coffee and donuts.
  - b. George moved to donate \$500 to fire department; Robert Hartry second the motion; passed.
  - c. George thanked Grace Mals and Elaine Burbidge for updating the membership database.
  - d. Mark Hanlon and Diane Rock will update the HHLPOA website
  - e. There will be a symposium August 22 at Oakview Lodge with 3 speakers. Topics will be fish hatchery, Frost Centre, and the loon.
  - f. Program available free of charge on shoreline restoration (50 to 100 feet to restore) where a person will provide information on how to restore shoreline. Flyers available. Gerry Pinch will gather names of those who are interested.
  - g. Coalition of Haliburton Lakes Association (CHA)–There are 10 Associations in CHA. Our association is not officially a member. HHLPOA will speak to it in greater detail at AGM 2010.
2. **Minutes of 2008 AGM** - Diane Rock reported the minutes. George moved to pass; John Perkins seconded the motion; passed.

## 3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Grace Mals gave the treasurer report. \$18,385.35 currently in balance. George moved to pass; Carol Pinch seconded the motion; passed.
  - b. Carole Russell gave a report on the number of members. Carole reported that the following events will help increase the number of members: social events and updated database with about 650 names. Alf Jenkins suggested put flyer on every car inviting people to attend meeting. Send to local newspaper seeking new members. Put id on end of docks to indicate membership. George Legate suggested to have paid advertising in our newsletter.
4. **High Speed Internet Service** - Jamie Parks reported on high speed internet service with Bell Alliant, DSL to 4800 new locations, majority of Halls Lake has service, those not having service can use Bell stick. Can suspend DSL and then request to start again – for seasonal users.
5. **Constitution Changes** - Robert Hartry proposed changes to the HHLPOA Constitution. It was last revised in 1999 and is outdated in some areas.
- a. Fees and Budget – Proposal: a larger reserve fund and increase discretionary limit to ¼ of money on an annual basis in the bank.

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- b. Guidelines for Expenditures-Proposal: increase signing officers to three, who individually can sign checks.
  - c. Change "Stanhope Township" to "Algonquin Highlands."
  - d. George Legate moved to "general membership gives direction to the Board to modify the constitution in a manner that reflects the intent of the changes regarding fees, budget, guidelines and expenditures as presented at the annual general meeting." Charlotte Bouckley seconded the motion, discussion on ¼ and what is discretionary spending and voting by email. Carole Russell suggested we communicate our proposed spending for the year and then the actual spending. Motion passed.
6. **Fire Department** – Ryan gave a report, including five calls on Hawk and Halls Lakes for help, ATV also used on Little Hawk. Fires caused by camp fires and fireplaces. Boat almost finished. Built a trailer for ATV, etc. Smoke detectors are available for \$10 at AGM.
  7. **Lake Stewards Report** - Gerry Pinch presented the Lake Stewards Report . The lake levels are higher and the phosphate levels tests are done (Halls Lake is at 6.) 10 is when to get concerned. Lakes are doing great and in good shape.
  8. **Lake Plan Initiatives** - Carole Russell reported that the CEWF update is in spring/summer newsletter. Our association supports "its all about the water." We are working with the Voices of the Trent. A Management Board might be developed to work on all stakeholders wants. CEWF has a good relationship with Parks Canada. CEWF is now 3 years old and changeover in board will occur. Our association may want to contribute an annual fee to CEWF.
  9. **Uranium Mine**-Suzanne Lauten reported on the status of the Uranium Mine on Gull Lake. American Mining Co. exploring for uranium about 20 K away. There may be fallout and washout (from German study) radioactive, carried up to 400 K, increased cancer and fatalities. Ontario gets uranium from Saskatchewan. Haliburton County has history of uranium mining. Uranium is unstable and once in air it gives radon gas. Paudash Lake worked to close down their mine. Property owners do not own mineral rights.

## 10. Airport Update

- a. George Legate presented the project plan. Reason for new runway: safety regarding winds, medivac, and economic benefits. George read his letter to the Canadian Environment Assessment Association. (CEAA).
- b. Andy Muirhead of Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes Association reported on the estimated cost of proposed new runway.
- c. Rita Dadzis moved that "the HHLPOA oppose the expansion of the Stanhope Airport and to lend support, as possible, the legal expenses incurred by the Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes Property Owners Association in preventing the expansion. The Association supports the rehabilitation of the existing runway. "
- d. Barbara Bell seconded the motion; discussion on cost of legal support , tree removal in rehabilitation. Eleanor Harrison presented that the township wants small, clean manufacturing businesses. With permission of landowner, township will top trees

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without adversely hurting environment. Airport can break even, might be possible, can bring more economic development therefore keep taxes down.

- e. George Legate moved membership oppose the new airport runway. Barbara Bell seconded the motion. Passed.
- f. George Legate moved to support rehabilitation of the existing runway. John Perkins second the motion. Passed.
- g. The Association will submit a plan in fall newsletter about supporting legal expenses to oppose new runway. Straw vote gave the executive permission to proceed with the plan. The association will not spend money without membership vote.

## 11. Township Highlights –

- a. Carol Moffat reported on Council news.
- b. Lorne Mitchell leaving.
- c. Sewage hauling report.
- d. Recycling report. Landfill hours report.
- e. Applied for stimulus money and got money for backup generators.
- f. Boat wrap is now banned in landfills. Waste electronics now being accepted in collection sites.
- g. New ice skating Rink and tennis court.
- h. Public dock on Little Hawk straightened meant for loading and unloading only – 3<sup>rd</sup> portion not coming back.
- i. Buckslide bridge still out.
- j. Capital projects on roads.
- k. Bears – working with MNR and will continue to monitor it.

## 12. Other

- a. Carole Russell announced and presented the 50/50 raffle winner of \$55.
- b. Carole Russell moved to allocate \$1500 for symposium. Carole Pinch seconded the motion. Passed.
- c. Fall Newsletter – Include article that green light from fire fighters means pull over when driving.

The AGM was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Diane Dennis Rock, Secretary