

12 Mile Bay Community Association
Annual General Meeting – 20030518

President Donna La Rush in the Chair:

1. Norm Miller, M.P.P., Mike Kennedy, Mayor and Bertha Howe, Councillor, were introduced as guests.

2. Remarks:

Norm Miller: expressed recognition of cottagers concerns re: park planning process – the park management plan is due out this summer. West Nile virus is a government concern and provincial funds are available to municipalities to provide larvicide but should expect that we will always have mosquitoes with us.

Bertha Howe: public input on O'Donnell Point proposal will make the difference. Money for water testing has been approved. Mary Mutter will provide good ideas for improving water quality. Report any issues with boats and illegal discharges as soon as they occur so that action against offenders is possible.

3. President's remarks: various activities were noted including responses to the French Report re: O'Donnell Point; attending meetings such as Georgian Bay Association (and its O'Donnell Point Committee), Georgian Bay Foundation, Delawana Conference, local M.P.P.; directors' meetings, O'Donnell Point sub-committee meetings (10); mailings to membership (5).

4. Minutes of previous meeting:

Approved on motion of G. Chiarello/ P. Watson

5. Treasurer's report:

A Balance sheet was distributed and explained by the treasurer. It was especially noted that all expenditures for activities relating to O'Donnell Point were funded exclusively from the Environmental Fund and not from the general membership fees of \$100. \$40 of the membership fee goes to the Georgian Bay Association which does a lot of work on behalf of all the Georgian Bay Associations.

Treasurer's report approved on motion of Bill Harrison

6. Incorporation:

Paul Smith advised that now the Association had again become a Corporation, it was necessary to approve the By-laws since without them the new Corporation would have no authority to do anything.

A few copies of the proposed By-laws were available for circulation. Some discussion ensued since these were generic By-laws having no specific relationship to the work of the Association.

Motion: that the By-laws for incorporation be approved and that amendments be made at the next Annual General Meeting, 2004 – Paul Smith

Amendment: To No old to be entered by the Association in the public's possession and enjoy the Crown and until approved by an Annual Council Meeting - Main REICN#1 Protected Area located on the south shore of Georgian Bay. The amendment was approved and the motion as amended was approved.

7. The fees for the Georgian Bay Association for the public are adequately considered in connection with the current proposal by the municipal, Provincial and Federal governments to dispose of a portion these lands to the Moose Deer Point First Nation Reserve.
8. The fees for the Federation of Cottage Associations were approved on motion of La Rush/Hermann to ensure that the appropriate environmental and social concerns of the public are adequately addressed in connection with any decision to dispose of a portion these lands to the Moose Deer Point First Nation Reserve.
9. The expense of insurance for the Association and for the directors in the discharge of approved Association business was approved on motion of La Rush/Hermann
10. The following names of directors was approved on motion of La Rush:
Scott Gourley, Rudy Hochrein, Sylvia Hermann, Alan Bowers, Eugene Chiarello, Tim Fallis, Bill Harrison, Ron Kowk, DL Leslie, Randy Walden, Tim Berry, Terry Fallis, Joanne Freve, and Donna La Rush (Past President)

11. Break

12. O'Donnell Point Update:

The president provided an update:

The final version of the French Report is now published and no opportunity is available for response. "The report ignores the science." The Association will have 45 days to respond to the Parks Management Plan when it becomes public. Various experts have been consulted to assist with the development of appropriate responses and strategies.

A water quality report for the Georgian Bay Township was available for review and specific pages were referenced as pertaining to 12 MB – pages 17, 19, 22, 25, 27-8, 34 and 42-3.

Georgian Bay Association and Partnership for Public Lands are working on the O'Donnell Point issues – their work is much appreciated and liaison with these groups has been and will continue to be fostered.

Points 1-8 from a document were read to the meeting. They are:

1. To work together to preserve the rights of the public to use and enjoy the Crown and Provincial Parklands deemed to be an IUCN#1 Protected Area located on the south shore of Twelve Mile Bay.
2. To ensure that the rights of the public are adequately considered in connection with the current proposal by the municipal, Provincial and Federal governments to dispose of a portion these lands to the Moose Deer Point First Nation Reserve.
3. To ensure that the appropriate environmental and social concerns of the public are adequately addressed in connection with any decision to dispose of a portion these lands to the Moose Deer Point First Nation Reserve.
4. To oppose any proposal which could potentially result in a negative impact to the ecosystem in Twelve Mile Bay or on the south shore of Twelve Mile Bay considering the wildlife and plant life and any related matters.
5. To lobby all levels of government to ensure that the proposal to dispose of a portion of the lands on the south shore of Twelve Mile Bay is concluded only after proper consideration is given to the public's interest.
6. To establish and maintain a working relationship with the Moose Deer Point First Nation Reserve and to assist them in meeting their goals and needs while adhering to this mandate.
7. To use the assistance of appropriate professionals.
8. To solicit support for this mandate.

Moved by Harrison: that the Executive be directed to follow these points in its O'Donnell Point activities. (Withdrawn)

In discussion the Chair clarified that:

The Executive would determine the direction of all activities of the O'Donnell Sub-committee, including any intended funding. And The Executive would appoint members to the Committee including some new members – if available.

It was approved, on motion of Harrison/Bowers, that these eight points shall be guidance for the Executive which shall be accountable to the AGM for their implementation.

It was approved, on motion of Doug () that the Executive take steps to broaden the communication strategy with point form guidance to members plus contact names and addresses, to improve letter writing from Association members.

13. It was agreed, without motion, that all communications be sent to all eligible members of the Association.

14. New Business:

- a. Nancy McPherson advised that Jim McPherson was qualified and willing to assist on boat tests as required.
- b. Mayor Kennedy, in response to a question, advised that the garbage fence would be repaired.
- c. Mayor Kennedy suggested calling the local municipality to get access to larvicide. He also noted that the Board of Health has some concerns with the program.

15. Adjourned noon.