

June 29, 2008

## DRAFT MINUTES FOR NINE MILE LAKE COTTAGE MEETING

Those Present: Shirley Pate, Klaas VanGraft, Lisa and Larry Pascucci, Brad and Lynne Jolly, Fred and Doreen Hiltz, Dan and Jill Bernhard, Jane and Paul Evans, Mike Moore, Doug Curr, Mickey and Margaret Willett

KVG: Moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

DH seconded.

The minutes were adopted.

### SP: Treasurer's Report

The association's budget is in bad shape -- \$18.61 in the hole. Not everyone paid the suggested \$20 membership fee last year.

It cost \$75 + \$2.75 per cottage + GST to join FOCA, coming to \$96.99.

Plus envelopes, mailing costs were incurred.

If we keep to \$20 membership per lot for next year, this should cover the FOCA membership fee and any additional mailing costs incurred.

(At the end of the meeting, PE and JE paid both last year's and this year's fee, so the budget is now in the black.)

Agreed to the \$20 membership fee per lot.

### DH: Amendments to the Constitution

Handed out copies of the original Nine Mile Lake Cottagers' Association as well as proposed amendments to that original document.

PE asked what the fees for the association were for (to maintain a membership in FOCA; for mailing expenses, etc.)

There was a discussion re: the two right-of-ways the Constitution mentions. One right-of-way is off Kirkham Road; DH would like to investigate where exactly the other one is.

DH moved that we adopt the constitution as we reworded.

DC seconded it.

The newly worded constitution will be handed out at the next cottagers association meeting.

## ISSUES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### **Mining Stakes**

SP made a copy of what she found out so far, as well as copies of what happened at Sharbot Lake.

PE explained that there is a review underway of the Mining Act (which hasn't been changed since the late 1800s): you can't stop the staking under the current Act; you may get some surface compensation, however.

Mining Watch Canada is trying to change the laws.

It would like cottagers' associations to join them.

So what should we be doing?

PE says: 1. Being members of FOCA; 2. Expressing concerns about claim staking on this lake (stressing its connection with surrounding lakes).

DH asked how we express this concern.

SP suggests a letter be sent around to members of this cottage association, and everyone can add their name.

In fact, FOCA suggests that cottage associations write letters to FOCA so that if any other cottage associations have similar concerns, they can join together.

SP volunteered to do the letters.

PE has since sent names/addresses to her.

Three letters: (1) to the three ministries involved (Minister of Northern Mines; Minister of Natural Resources; Minister of Municipal Affairs); (2) to Mining Watch; (3) to FOCA.

### **Water Testing**

Lisa P will find out the rules/regulations as to how to do this for the lake as a whole (as opposed to doing it for wells, for instance).

### **Water Level of the Lake**

FH expressed a concern re: lake level, level of dam.

The question is how to have a level with which everyone is safe and happy.

Some background information: The dam was built in 1927, put in because it was thought that the lake was going to be used as a water source for electricity. In 2000, Parry Sound Power Gen became responsible for the safety of the dam/structure/lake level.

A discussion around this ensued, with comments re: the lake being naturally volatile and the concern expressed that if we push the Power Gen company too hard about being responsible for the safety of the dam, the company may well just take the dam down altogether.

### **SUGGESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Prodding township re: signs to be posted re: campsite/speeding limits. ACTION: DC volunteered to talk to Fire Chief, Brian LeDuc, about this; SP to ask FOCA how to regulate campsites on Nine Mile Lake. Bob Threisz mentioned at last meeting that he could monitor the township website; since he was absent, PE said he could take this on, look into land use, etc.

Connecting the cottage association with snow mobile club. Will check with Debbie when she's here in the summer; DH and FH will ask OPP about winter checks.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Change in Temporary Executives

FH regretfully resigns from his position of president.

Dan Bernhard to be the new president.

Judy Pfenninger to remain as vice-president

Shirley Pate to remain as secretary/treasurer.

Next meeting we will elect a new vice-president.

PE acknowledged and thanked the presidency of FH and moved that the meeting be adjourned.

NOTE: Please forward \$20 to Shirley Pate, 80 Eagle Road, Etobicoke, Ontario M8Z 4J2 to join our cottage association for the 2008-2009 period, if you haven't already done so.

Paid members so far: Bernhard, Hiltz, Curr, Evans, Pate/Vangraft, Willett