

GLPOA Conservation Committee
Minutes: July 16, 2018

Present: Carol Brayman, Brenda Leis, Jeanne Lafranier, Reid Rusonik, Sue Vorvis
Regrets: Edwina Follows

After welcoming Reid Rusonik as the Committee's new Chair, past Chair Carol Brayman summarized how the conservation sub-committee was formed in 2013 as well as the committee's major accomplishments including the Lake Plan.

Before tendering her resignation from the committee due to moving to town, Sue Vorvis advised she will upload any key committee information she has to the GLPOA website. Joanne Schneeweiss will take over GLPOA website management. Additional Lake Plan publication purchases can be completed through the website. Sue plans to be active with CHA (Coalition of Haliburton Cottages Association) and thus available for lake conservation resource info. The GLPOA continues to be a member of CHA.

Carol Brayman reported on the Environment Haliburton (EH = umbrella organization under which CHA falls) presentation she attended in Minden and distributed several handouts. Focus of EH is mainly on climate change and how the local community and cottagers are working together to adapt to it.

Future Work & Goals:

1. Continuing Education:

- *Invasive Species is the greatest threat we face as a lake community* = Key statement of Committee and one which entire GLPOA needs to embrace.
Action:
 - a. Brenda will investigate the possibility of privately paying to continue invasive species testing due to government defunding.
 - b. Water testing: Important to get as many 'new' participants involved in our water testing.
 - c. Motion Banning Renters' Boats = essential to mitigating contamination by invasive species. Following visual education prior to (Progressive Dock Dinner) and at 2018 AGM, committee would like to present a motion banning renters from bringing their boats (motor, paddle, canoes, etc.) to Growler. Reid to research short video presentations on Invasive Species/algae blooms and shoreline erosion.

- While it may seem redundant to some of us, new cottage owners on Growler Lake require education re. shoreline preservation, forest management, septic health, water testing, erosion, etc. Clear cutting of brush/trees immediately touching the shoreline is a current concern

requiring attention. Action: Handouts at AGM?? Discussion session? Bring in a speaker to speak to all topics?

2. Wildfire Prevention:

- Edwina via her email to the committee has volunteered to spearhead initiatives toward wildfire prevention.
- Reid is looking into purchasing a Fire Hazard Status wheel to be positioned near the entrance gate. Jeanne will update the Message Centre Board with current Fire Ban Status.
- Brenda will contact Paul MacInnis(CHA) re. jumpstarting email alerts of fire/burn status updates to cottage associations as previous requests for accurate updates have gone unanswered.

3. Message Centre:

Reid will explore with Executive: better use of it and who is responsible for posting what sort of information. Do we need to relocate Message Centre for better impact?

4. New Member:

Agreed that a younger (teenager or early twenties) member not related to any committee member needs to be recruited for the Committee.

5. Cottage Kits:

Brenda will get a dozen \$3 cottage kids from Dysart et al Municipality. These kits are often available to rental cottagers.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, August 19th @ 3pm