

October 4 Conservation Committee Minutes

Welcome Sign and Centre

Not yet moved; Reid will address issue with Collin

New Invasive Species signs (due to change in the Act pertaining to Invasive Species) to be distributed by CHA are delayed as require approval from 4 municipalities; should be available this spring

CHA Workshop

Lake Stewards Training Day will be held on May 14, 2022 at Stanhope Fire Hall; details forthcoming but indications that Lake Health and Invasive Species will be the focus

Water Testing (more info in AGM section)

Brenda reported that October's results will be completed by Al and Sharon Dodington and that Steve Owen's results are outstanding. Results are unusual this year due to effect of pollen but September's numbers showing improvement; Brenda mentioned that she was told we may not see improvement this year. Brenda also mentioned an article in the Star reported conditions existed for trees to drop pollen simultaneously this year, which is unusual

Phosphorus test taken in May; awaiting results

Newsletter

Jeanne working towards a completion for this weekend for distribution over Thanksgiving weekend; if not feasible, will be ready for AGM

Brenda submitted information from Drew for inclusion under section of Ice Fishing

Information will be included regarding Blue Green Algae Bloom as the timing is pertinent to possible sightings.

Nancy will forward to Jeanne information she acquired from Bait and Tackle Store in Minden regarding Ontario Sustainable Bait Management Strategy that becomes effective Jan 1, 2022

Roads

Carol mentioned an interesting read in the Highlander (which individuals can subscribe for a free on line distribution) entitled "Obeying the rules of the (private) road"

<https://thehighlander.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/Newspaper/2021/HOMES+2021+09+02.pdf>

Car Notes

After much discussion it was decided that the focus of the Conservation Committee is promotion of safe practices and education not addressing trespassing concerns (better addressed by the Executive/Roads). Carol will find documentation that was developed a few years back to mitigate the potential of invasive species potentially entering Growler Lake. A future agenda item.

Turtles

An update was given by Nancy on the nest that was protected by the beaver dam on Growler Lake Drive. With assistance from Al and Sharon Dodington, some of the turtles made it to the waters by the beaver dam.

Nancy plans to make cages to protect turtle nests next year. The Turtle Guardians Headquarters is located outside Haliburton at 6712 Gelert Rd (Highway 1). The program will assist with nesting turtles that interfere with safe road travel.

Blue Lakes

Blue Lakes aims to unite lake communities in a joint effort to support lake health.

Delivered by Watersheds Canada and The Land Between Charity 6 main areas:

Shoreline Health

Science Monitoring

Nutrient and Input Management

Communication and Social Outreach

Habitat Management

Invasive Species Management

Can join individually or as an Association

Suggestion from Leora Berman to look at the Blue Lake Report 2019 and Blue Lakes Brochure at www.bluelakes.ca

It was proposed that the link and information be put in the upcoming newsletter for members to become acquainted with the program and with the intent of asking Leora to make a presentation at the AGM in 2022

Chinese Mystery Snails

Reid reported no sightings

NOTE: Article in September 23 issue of Haliburton Highlander on 450,000 snails removed from area lakes (page 6) <https://thehighlander.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/Newspaper/2021/2021+09+23.pdf>

AGM presentation by Conservation Committee

Jeanne will recap, what we have done and where we are going (Newsletters, Hike, no Mystery Snail sightings, Shoreline bylaw update etc)

Carol will do a consolidated report on the resurvey

Report to be submitted by Brenda on Water Testing (as her internet connection is poor). Carol suggested a note to request more participants (more people involved in testing, more commitment to goal)

Ask for new members to Committee

Chair

Jeanne is done her term as Chair of the committee; THANK YOU JEANNE FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION OF TIME TO THE COMMITTEE

A two year position was agreed upon

No volunteers came forth; Jeanne then recommended it be a position that is fluid. Reid volunteered to do the first meeting post AGM