

SDLCA Annual General Meeting – Saturday August 5, 2023 – Irondale Community Centre

Bill Holding welcomed on behalf of the SDLCA Executive 22 members to the meeting and thanked them for taking the time to attend. He noted that it has been four years since we last met here at the Irondale C.C. in person at the 2019 AGM. Much has happened in that time, a global pandemic which caused many deaths and left many with uncertain health outcomes. For many it was a time of isolation and loneliness. It also brought home the importance of family and social connections with those around us. As a society we were very fortunate to have the technology of the internet to soften the effects of isolation with zoom meetings, phones that go live showing the person you are speaking to and getting news, teaching on line, and researching and the reading of books, newspapers and magazines on line. We as a society have much to be grateful for coming out of covid as we have.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Bill asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the 2022 AGM as circulated prior to the meeting by e mail as if read unless there were any questions. Rob Stuart proposed that the minutes as circulated be adopted, Jordie McTavish seconded the motion. All were in favour.....motion passed.

SDLCA Executive Update

Bill then made an appeal for any member who might be interested in joining the Executive to help out with various duties and become familiar with some of the roles of the officers.

Nomination and Election of Executive Officers for 2023 - 2024

Bill called for nominations for the election of officers.

* Bill Holding	President
* Line Gervais	Web Site
* Rob Brown	Lake Steward and Environmental Director
* Jordie McTavish	Membership Secretary
* Rob Stimers	Web and Technology Chair / Youth Race
* Rob Stuart	Canoe Race & BBQ
* Michele Diano	Communications
*Bob Collins	Treasurer
Doug Rodger	Past President
*Kay Armatage	Director
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Margaret Clayton made a motion to accept the current slate of officers for election seconded by Sydney Clarke. All were in favour.....carried.

Financial Report Update

Bob Collins reported that for the year ending Dec. 2022 the SDLCA's funds increased due to the success of the Concert on the Lake and its sponsorship initiative covering part of the costs, the Merchandise sale and advertisers on the Web Page and Sentinel. As well Esther Atkins legacy gift continues to support the Concert on the Lake. Total receipts of \$13,981 (includes the \$5,000 bequest) and expenditures of \$11,286 for a net gain of \$2,678.

Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Rob Stimers and seconded by Line Gervais. All were in favour.....carried.

Communication Report

Michele Diano said among her duties are sending out e-mail blasts pertaining to upcoming events and lake news, designing the layout and distributing the twice-yearly Sentinel, helping promote the Concert on the Lake, organizing the Photo Contest and the Apparel Sale. Seven E-blasts were sent out to about 347 recipients from February to September. The number of recipients opening their communications ranged from 166 to 273 with almost all above 226.

The Photo Contest had 39 entries down from 49 in 2022, she felt that the numbers were down due to many cottagers not really starting their Summer before July when many children are still in school. The original date was selected so that the winner could be announced at the Concert. She was hoping to follow up with a second Contest later in the year. The Concert on the Lake Sponsorship Program was again sent out to local Haliburton businesses. It is comprised of three tiers of sponsorship, Gold for \$1000, Silver for \$500 and Bronze for \$250. We were pleased to have Vince Duchene with RE/MAX supporting again at Gold Level \$1000 and Stoughton Septic at Silver \$500.

She asked those present for stories, memorials and other information they would like to share in the Sentinel by e-mailing her at sdlca.communications@gmail.com.

Membership Report

Jordie McTavish provided the following update:

That there were 61 paid members for 2023, 16 prepaid for 2024.

Website

Line Gervais explained that she had taken over the Website duties four years ago during covid and had to establish training during that difficult time. She has been busy updating events and dates such as the recent county wide Fire ban and setting up the Advertisers business cards online.

Environmental Report

Rob Brown noted that a second Invasive Species test (DNA) will be conducted of which 20 lakes were selected, ours being one of them. Rob and his son Eric are both licenced in collecting Mystery Snails and will be searching for evidence of them in the lake. The project has the goal of collecting 1 million snails from lakes in the county.

The lake has a limestone bottom and continues to show good Secchi results for water clarity.

A discussion ensued on waterfront protection of trees, that it was better to limb up a tree than to remove it and that trees with a diameter of 4 inches at 5 feet are protected under the new law. A property owner was fined \$100K for bulldozing trees on their waterfront. Educating boaters to not plow, creating large waves but to slow down and plane their boat in the water to reduce shore erosion.

Annual Canoe Race & Barbeque

Rob noted that he had been part of organizing the Race for close to 50 years. Volunteers will be wearing orange shirts this year. There will be 10 categories with registration starting at 12 noon with Kim and the crew collecting entry fees and membership dues. The Race will start at 1pm. The paddles were designed and painted by John Leonard.

Rob Stimers said the race would again start again from Wendy's dock with 10:30 registration and an 11 am start. Cost per boat would be \$5, with 8 categories of racers. He was happy to provide a format for young kids to become engaged in events with others on the lake.

The BBQ and awards ceremony was well attended on a sunny afternoon and was a great occasion to meet up with others from around the lake. Natalie and Daniel Stimers once again assisted their father Rob with the children's games.

Concert on the Lake

Michele reported for Doug that the Concert on the Lake was a great success featuring the band Hitcher. It was estimated that 140 people attended with about 15 pontoon boats and many smaller boats present as well. Docks on the bay had many people out listening and enjoying the music.

Loon Report

The loon that had been earlier rescued from the entangling fishing line had died shortly afterwards. An autopsy indicated it had died from lead poisoning.

Other Business

Concern was raised that renters when boating or fishing were not keeping a proper distance from nesting loons and were either getting too close or creating large waves near the nests.

The 4 municipalities of Haliburton were not on the same page with their policies on short term renters and Air B&B in terms of responsibility for actions and relationships with neighbouring properties.

Motion to adjourn at 11:15 by Sydney Clark and seconded by Barbara Holding.