

**Mazinaw Property Owners' Association**  
**Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 1st, 2015 9:15 am - 12 pm**  
**Barrie Township Hall, Cloyne**

The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Mazinaw Property Owners' Association (MPOA) was held at the Barrie Township Hall, Cloyne at 10 am on Saturday, July 1st, 2017. The meeting was preceded starting at 9:15 am by registration and a meet and greet during which membership renewals were offered, gypsy moth trap inserts were handed out, new gypsy moth traps were sold and some informational brochures from such groups as FOCA, the OPP and the local municipalities could be reviewed. In honour of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, Fran Bates conducted a short Canada trivia quiz and members consumed a Canada themed birthday cake.

Board members present: Arndt Kruger, Francine Bates, Richard Colden, Murray Russell, Lisa Martin, Kate McGovern, Kelly Wilson.

Board members absent: Harry Van Ymeren, Archie MacDonald

**Call to Order – Arndt Kruger**

Arndt Kruger, MPOA President, called the meeting to order at 10 am, welcoming everyone and acknowledging special guest Henry Hogg, Reeve of Addington Highlands and conveying regrets from Ron Higgins and Fred Perry of North Frontenac. Arndt thanked the volunteers who had set up the hall for the meeting and arranged the refreshments. Each board members then introduced themselves. He announced the names of the retiring board members, Richard Colden and Lisa Martin, thanking them for their service to the board, the MPOA and the community.

**Approval of the Agenda for the 2017 Annual General Meeting**

Arndt then called for the approval of the agenda for the July 1, 2017 meeting. The motion was forwarded by Don Moulds and seconded by Kip Van Kempen.

**Approval of the Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting**

Arndt then called for the approval of the minutes from the 2016 Annual General Meeting as published on the MPOA website [www.lakemazinaw.ca](http://www.lakemazinaw.ca). The motion was put forward by Richard Colden and seconded by Kip Van Kempen.

**Business Arising**

No new business was added to the agenda.

**President's Report – Arndt Kruger**

- 2016 – 2017 year in review
  - Two directors meetings were held during the year.
  - In 2014/2015, the MPOA spearheaded a campaign to raise funds from the community to extend the dock at Tapping's Bay. There were some funds remaining after the dock extension was completed. The MPOA expressed interest in using these funds to

increase the parking available in the area near the dock but the township of North Frontenac did not agree to this proposal in 2015. A second proposal to excavate the boat ramp to make it deeper was eventually approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) and the township. This work was completed in March 2017.

- For a number of reasons including health and safety, accessibility and environmental standards, the Township of North Frontenac is renovating and adding an addition to the existing municipal building. Complete details about the new municipal complex can be found at the township's website [www.northfrontenac.com](http://www.northfrontenac.com). Arndt approached the mayor of North Frontenac regarding the cost of the new municipal building and its impact on taxes. Arndt was told by the mayor that this capital expense would not impact property taxes in any way.
- Arndt also raised the issue of fire stations as it has been rumoured that the Barrie fire station was going to be shut down. The mayor said that the existing fire stations are to be maintained and the township would continue its joint fire operations with Addington Highlands.
- The fish habitat enhancement project discussed last year has been delayed to 2018 due to lack of funding.
- The "Love Your Lake" program has also been delayed until 2018 due to lack of funding.
- Gypsy Moth traps, available for sale at the meeting, should be hung under deciduous trees now in order to be effective.
- Lyme disease has been found in ticks in Ottawa and Peterborough. Although it may not be in the immediate area, people should inspect themselves for ticks after being in woods, tall grasses and bushes and learn how to remove them.
- Boating safety should be everyone's priority. Life jackets should be worn at all times on the water and you should never "drink and drive". Arndt noted that a man from Belleville has been missing in Mazinaw Lake since June 24<sup>th</sup> and is presumed drowned in a tubing mishap near the rock.

### **Treasurer's Report – Richard Colden**

In 2016-2017, the association received a total of \$3,905 (memberships; gypsy moth traps).

Total disbursements for the same period were \$4,195 (gypsy moth traps; FOCA membership; insurance; excavation of Tapping's Bay boat launch) leaving a deficit of \$290.

Balance in the bank account as at June 30, 2017 is \$9,690.

Bob Reid moved that the treasurer's report be accepted and Don Moulds seconded the motion.

### **Lake Stewardship – Lisa Martin**

- 2016 water testing in Mazinaw Lake was negative for invasive species, specifically zebra mussels and spiny water fleas.
- The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority is now testing Mazinaw Lake water every 2 years. The 2016 test results are available online – go to [www.mvc.on.ca/watershed-report-card](http://www.mvc.on.ca/watershed-report-card) and click on Integrated Monitoring Report 2016 on the right side of the web page.
- Water Rangers is a project supported by a number of environmental organizations supporting

citizen science to help protect our waterways. The program offers a number of test kits that people or groups can purchase, use and report their findings online. The MPOA was selected to receive a test kit (value \$350) free of charge to provide test information from Mazinaw Lake. This year, there will be over 30 samples taken and tested from Mazinaw Lake. More information about the program can be found at [www.waterrangers.ca](http://www.waterrangers.ca).

- The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority provided free native plants to help provide natural shore barriers. Approximately 28 properties participated receiving over 350 plants.

### **MPOA Communications Updates – Fran Bates**

- Communications happens two ways: by email: [communications@lakemazinaw.ca](mailto:communications@lakemazinaw.ca) and through the website [www.lakemazinaw.ca](http://www.lakemazinaw.ca).
- Members should ensure their email address is current as that is how all communications take place.
- On the website, there is Home section for news, a description of current MPOA initiatives (eg. emergency preparedness), a Lost and Found section, and a Buy and Sell section. Anyone who has an interesting story can submit it to [communications@lakemazinaw.ca](mailto:communications@lakemazinaw.ca) for possible inclusion on the website.
- Through an email and website advertisement, the top three cottager issues were identified as follows:
  - Speed reduction near the narrows – The board has agreed to approach MVCA and Bon Echo Park requesting reduced speed limits. Concerns were also raised about tubing and waterskiing near the park as well as canoes and kayaks in the narrows channel.
  - Dark night initiative – Suggestions have been made to pick a night when everyone turns off their lights to raise awareness of light pollution. Other suggestions include using outside lights only as necessary, ensuring outside lights aim down and promoting solar lighting on timers so they can be turned off when not needed.
  - Composting – Too much waste is being put into land fill. The MPOA board will approach the township to see if they will consider composting at the dump sites. Cottagers could consider onsite composting. Check the AGM presentation posted on the website to see one option offered by Murray Russell.
- A question was asked about the light at the narrows. Apparently it is not operating this year and the MPOA was asked to contact the park.
- With regards to issues and communications, the MPOA's mandate is as follows: "We will act in the best interest of all members. We will not divide our members when there are two or more sides/opinions on a topic. In this case, we will inform only." Members in attendance were in agreement.
- It is the intention that the MPOA will act only on issues where it can have some effect and on which the membership is generally united.

### **MPOA Membership Updates – Kate McGovern**

- Membership fees are due every year by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, there are 47 members out of approximately 370 properties.
- It would be great to get people in the habit of paying membership fees every year when making other annual payments such as mooring fees.
- A new lake directory is planned for 2018. The last directory was done in 2013.
- Volunteers would be appreciated to canvas property owners. As with the last directory, people must give their permission to have contact details included in the directory. Otherwise, only

publicly available information is included. If you are already in the directory, we assume your consent to publish your information is still valid. Fran will email this information to all current members.

- Any changes to existing listings should be emailed to [communications@lakemazinaw.ca](mailto:communications@lakemazinaw.ca). People with existing entries will not be canvassed directly for updates.

### **Elections to the Board of Directors**

- Arndt Kruger called for nominations to the Board of Directors to replace retiring members.
- Bob Reid from the Lower Mazinaw and Rose Prevoe from the Upper Mazinaw agreed to stand for election.
- The slate of directors was confirmed by the members in attendance.
- The association has a maximum number of directors of ten. If any other member wishes to volunteer, please send an email to [communications@lakemazinaw.ca](mailto:communications@lakemazinaw.ca) or contact Arndt Kruger.

### **Other Business and Membership Concerns**

- Kip Van Kempen prepared a comparison of the administration costs between the townships of North Frontenac and Addington Highlands which he presented to the members at the meeting. He noted that the administrative costs are significantly higher in North Frontenac than Addington Highlands although both townships have roughly the same population and geographical area. Anyone who wishes more information can contact Kip at [kipvankempen54@rogers.com](mailto:kipvankempen54@rogers.com).
- A question was asked about FOCA's position on Hydro One. Murray Russell said that FOCA has put all the pressure it can on Hydro One to reduce its rates. The response is that the decisions that produced the current situation were all made long ago. Currently, it is not known if cottagers fit into the R1 or R2 category. Murray suggested checking the Ontario Energy Board website and writing your MPP.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forward by Murray Russell and seconded by Val Luck. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

### **Guest Speaker**

Immediately following the adjournment, Margaret Axford of the Cloyne Historical Association & Pioneer Museum gave a presentation to the members entitled: Through the Lens of History: What Has Changed Since 1859 and What Has Not. Some things have changed but surprisingly, many things are still the same.

Margaret was thanked by Arndt Kruger. Murray Russell encouraged everyone to visit the Pioneer Museum, to check out the new pathway behind the museum and to support the work of the Historical Association by buying a calendar.