

Mazinaw Property Owners' Association
Annual General Meeting, Saturday, June 30, 2018 9:30 am - 12 pm
Pineview Free Methodist Church, Cloyne

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Mazinaw Property Owners' Association (MPOA) was held at the Pineview Free Methodist Church, Cloyne at 10 am on Saturday, June 30, 2018. The meeting was preceded starting at 9:30 am by registration and a meet and greet during which memberships could be renewed, gypsy moth trap inserts were handed out, new gypsy moth traps were sold (the traps were completely sold out this year) and some informational brochures from such groups as FOCA, the OPP and the local municipalities could be reviewed.

Board members present: Arndt Kruger, Francine Bates, Bob Reid, Murray Russell, Kate McGovern, Harry Van Ymeren, Archie MacDonald, Rose Prevoe.

Call to Order – Arndt Kruger

Arndt Kruger, MPOA President, called the meeting to order at 10 am, welcoming everyone and acknowledging special guests Henry Hogg, Reeve of Addington Highlands, Fred Perry, Deputy Mayor of North Frontenac, Melissa Dakers, Lake Stewardship Coordinator from Watersheds Canada and Casey Cuddy, Fire Chief of Addington Highlands. Ron Higgins, Mayor of North Frontenac sent regrets. Arndt welcomed new members and thanked the volunteers who had set up the hall for the meeting and arranged the refreshments. Current board members were asked to introduce themselves and Arndt announced that Kelly Wilson had retired from the board, thanking him for his service to the board, the MPOA and the community.

Approval of the Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

Arndt called for the approval of the minutes from the 2017 Annual General Meeting as published on the MPOA website www.lakemazinaw.ca. The motion was put forward by Richard Colden and seconded by Joan MacDonald. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

President's Report – Arndt Kruger

- 2017 – 2018 year in review
 - Two directors' meetings were held during the year. In addition, there was a conference call in March as well as numerous phone calls and emails.
 - Two members attended FOCA meetings in the fall and winter and Bob Reid attended a lake planning meeting in Plevna.
 - Harry Van Ymeren's daughter-in-law was thanked for designing a new logo for the MPOA email signature.
 - Overall, it was an unusually busy year due to the production of the new lake directory.
 - The third edition of the lake directory was produced this year and provided free of charge to all members in good standing. Last summer, the entire lake was canvassed to update information and to solicit new members. Emails were also sent to existing members asking for updates. While all board members contributed, a special thanks was given to Fran Bates who did the majority of the work editing, entering changes and checking.
 - The fish habitat enhancement project discussed in previous years will be proceeding later this summer.

- The “Love Your Lake” program is proceeding this summer. Arndt thanked Shirley Grant for providing accommodation for the two summer students who will be surveying the lake and all of the boat drivers who volunteered to take the students around the lake. Arndt mentioned that he was particularly impressed with the sense of community here as demonstrated by the positive response to requests for volunteers to help protect and improve our lake.
- Gypsy Moth traps, available for sale at the meeting for \$5 each, should be hung under deciduous trees now in order to be effective.
- Some members have expressed an interest in learning more about cottage succession. Peter Lilico, a lawyer from Peterborough specializing in cottage succession, has been sponsored by FOCA to give a seminar on the topic. At this time, he would be available in August 2019 to give this seminar. A show of hands indicated that quite a few people are interested and the board will investigate arranging for the seminar.
- On a personal note, Arndt said that he has been a member of the MPOA since 2007 and became president in 2012. Since 2012, the board has addressed a number of issues including improving Tapping’s Landing, starting a website, selling Gypsy Moth traps, arranging 2 campaigns for native plants, arranging for septic system pumping for lake access cottages and clarifying 911 calls for lake access cottages as well as monitoring activities in the townships. After 6 years, Arndt is resigning as president but will remain on the board. He put in a personal plea for additional board members to keep the association active.

Treasurer’s Report – Rose Prevoe

- In 2017-2018, the association received a total of \$7,000 from memberships, gypsy moth traps and advertising. Total disbursements for the same period were \$3,591 including bank charges, gypsy moth traps, FOCA membership, insurance and the website leaving a surplus of \$3,409.
- The opening bank balance was \$9,690 and the closing balance is \$13,099. It was noted that there are significant expenses in 2018 of approximately \$3,000 for the lake directory and \$500 for Love Your Lake that have been paid but are not reflected in these numbers. They will be reflected in the 2018-19 budget year.
- Bob Reid moved that the treasurer’s report be accepted, Harry Van Ymeren seconded the motion and it was passed by show of hands.

Fire Safety – Casey Cuddy, Fire Chief, Addington Highlands

- Casey provided a comprehensive review of the fire department for Addington Highlands and North Frontenac including information on fire fighters, equipment stations and types and numbers of calls.
- He also discussed fire prevention and procedures.
- Casey noted that Chinese lanterns are banned in North Frontenac.
- Casey’s presentation is included in the AGM Agenda presentation which can be downloaded from the meeting section of the MPOA website, www.lakemazinaw.ca.
- Casey was thanked by Bob Reid.

Lake Stewardship – Harry Van Ymeren

- The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority is now testing Mazinaw Lake water every 2 years. The most recent test results are available online – go to www.mvc.on.ca/2016-integrated-monitoring-report-now-online.

- 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. Last year, the MPOA was selected to receive a test kit (value \$350) free of charge to provide test information from Mazinaw Lake and a number of samples were taken and reported from this lake. More information about the program and the results of the 26 tests taken in 2017 can be found at www.waterrangers.ca.
- Harry noted that there is a dye that can be used to test septic systems to see if they are leaking into the lake (Flow n Glow Septic Dye Capsules, Near North Labs, North Bay).

Love Your Lake – Melissa Dakers, Watersheds Canada

- Two students will spend approximately the first two weeks of July travelling by boat around the lake taking pictures and collecting data on each property on the lake.
- Reports on individual properties will be available online only to the registered owner of the property.
- The MPOA will receive an overview of the entire lake around March or April of 2019.

Fish Habitat Project – Melissa Dakers, Watersheds Canada

- Fish habitat project is supported by funding from Fisheries and Oceans. Woody debris in the lake is important for fish habitat and as development increases, debris decreases. The more woody debris – more habitat for fish – more supported wildlife – increased biodiversity – improved water quality. Brush bundles 6 to 8 feet long and 3 feet wide are tied together and dropped into the lake at pre-designated locations. The bundles are not intrusive as they are placed in water depths over 12 feet and generally in back bays.
- Volunteers are required to collect brush, make the bundles and deliver them to pre-designated spots in the lake.
- The current plan is to produce 12 bundles but more can be done if there is enough time, volunteers and brush available.
- The work will be done in August – date, time and location to be announced.

MPOA Communications Updates – Fran Bates

- Communications happens two ways: by email: communications@lakemazinaw.ca and through the website www.lakemazinaw.ca. Members should ensure their email address is current as all communications are done via email.
- The Newsletter, circulated this spring, is new for this year and has been downloaded 198 times.
- Website gets on average 900 visit per each ‘cottage season’ month and has 3270 visits year to date in 2018.
- 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 for possible inclusion on the website.
- The 3rd addition of the lake directory is now available. It is updated approximately every 5 years through volunteers canvassing properties, emails to members and township records. New sections with important contact information and emergency procedures can be removed and posted in your cottage for easy reference. Advertising from local companies, an initiative led by Bob Reid, was very successful.

- The 2018 photo contest has started. Check out the website for details.

MPOA Membership Updates – Kate McGovern

- Membership fees are due every year by July 1st.
- In 2017, there were 288 registered members.
- As of June 28th, 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.

Social Activities – Francine Bates

- River Adventure – A group will meet at the bridge in Brown's campground on August 18th at 9:30 am to kayak, canoe or paddleboard up the river. Bring a lunch, water, a hat, sunscreen, lifejackets, and your preferred form of transportation along with all of its required safety equipment as mandated by Transport Canada.
- Sail Mazinaw – The 4th annual Sail Mazinaw is July 7th. Breakfast at the Mazinaw Lake Resort on Hwy 41 is at 8 am. Get your sailboat out on the lake.
- Corn Roast – A proposed corn roast is to take place in August at a date to be confirmed. Volunteers are needed to organize it.
- Tennis – Howard Goodfellow suggested anyone who is interested in playing tennis meet at the tennis courts north of Cloyne on Wednesdays from 9 to 11 am starting July 4th. Contact Howard at hgoodfellow@cogeco.ca or 416-722-0870.
- Baseball – Shirley Grant said a group meets every Friday morning from 9 to 11 am behind the tennis courts.

Elections to the Board of Directors

- Bob Reid called for nominations to the Board of Directors to replace retiring members.
- Vern Hagerty from the Lower Mazinaw and James Fraser from the Upper Mazinaw agreed to stand for election.
- A motion to confirm the slate of directors was put forward by Richard Colden and seconded by Val Luck. The motion was passed 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.

Other Business and Membership Concerns

- Smart's Mercantile is holding a grand opening on July 1. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forward by Ann Hawkins and seconded by Bob Reid. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.