



Big Rideau Lake Association Board Minutes



Place: Portland Community Hall	Date	April 14, 2012	Time	10:00 am
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Persons Present	Regrets
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<p>Toby Spry – President Barbara Keays – Treasurer Melanie Sterling – Website Hugh Burrows – Adam Lake Dianna Petrie – Membership Doug Arrand – Cow Island Ian Shackell – Recreation Mary Sue Evans – Secretary Doug Good</p>	<p>Beth Evans – Recreation Sue Van Slooten – Driftwords Gordon Southam - Environment</p>
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Prepared By: Mary Sue Evans	Call to Order 10:07 a.m.	Action By
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Approval of Agenda	Approved
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<p>The meeting came to order at 10:05 a.m. with quorum present and with Toby Spry chairing the meeting. Toby welcomed the members – gearing up for the summer.</p> <p>On a motion by Toby Spry and seconded by Barb Keays and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the BRLA Board approves the minutes from November 4, 2012.</p> <p>President’s Update:</p> <p>The solar system will be connected today. Batteries will have to be brought over to the island.</p> <p>Currently looking into making changes in our camera. Difficult at the moment the way it is as it is far too complicated. The camera is good but difficult to access. We hope to get credit for camera and go to a place like Radio Shack to purchase a webcam. This way it can be hooked up to our website for people to view.</p> <p>Docks have to be brought over to Cow.</p>	<p>Toby Spry</p>
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<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>The audit has been completed. There were a few questions to be answered but otherwise no problems.</p> <p>We currently have \$15,838 in the bank but the following will be coming out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4400 for the sailing • Insurance is due in May • Auditors • Lamont Brown • Fireworks • Taxes <p>Our business advertisements are down. Barb sent business appeals and 16 are already signed up. There are 4 – 5 more individuals to contact. May 1st should be the due date to get response/money for these business ads.</p> <p>Hugh recommended that as a group we should be aware of those who have been contacted. We must determine who we need to approach and who is renewing. Review prices and procedures to avoid confusion. Barb, Hugh & Toby will coordinate.</p>	<p>Barbara Keays</p>
<p>Membership Report:</p> <p>Dianna feels we need to narrow out the mailings to approximately 600. Melanie will clean up the database with the returned mailings.</p> <p>Hugh would like a list of who is a member on Adam Lake.</p> <p>Toby would like a print out of members from 2011 that paid and a list of 2011 names from Melanie. Exploring options into changing the current database.</p>	<p>Dianna Petrie</p>
<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Driftwords We need to fix up a couple of business card ads as they are not showing up properly in Driftwords. They have been</p>	

scanned in black and white.

Toby will contact Sue and ask her if she would like Mary Sue to scan these colour business cards as this could possibly help.

2012 Summer Activities

Doug Good spoke about the annual chicken BBQ dinner which will be held on Saturday August 4th in Portland. The sail past has been cancelled this year although there will be music playing in the park from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

A poker run has been planned depending on the interest.

There would be 3 runs:

- Paddle and row
- Pleasure boats
- Cruisers

Doug said this would run from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm to make it a full day for people to enjoy the lake. We would need approximately 4 to 5 boats (pontoon) to hand out cards. Whoever ends up with the best poker hand wins.

The board would need to advertise in Driftwords, and the township would be asked for volunteers. Doug Good would be the point of contact.

It was suggested that BRLA could set up a booth. The idea is to make this a friendly afternoon on the lake and not a race. A plaque or trophy for the winner and it was recommended that possibly one of the marinas could provide.

Shannon Castledine will be coming back as camp counsellor for July. She will be paid the same rate as last year. We are currently looking for additional assistance to help Shannon and earn their hours.

The board will be looking into whether or not we will continue the summer camp next year seeing that we lost approximately \$2K last year.

Doug Good

Sailing School 2012

There are currently 5 spaces left for the second week. After the lessons the sailboats will be on the market for approximately \$2300.00

Fireworks 2012

Melanie has submitted the forms for the government grant and has not heard back. BRLA is asking for \$1700.00.

We are doing a series of advertisements on Radio Station Lake 88.1 which will air 5 days before the fireworks.

Looking into getting some volunteers to go out on their boat and collect money before the fireworks.

2012 Board

Toby would like the board to indicate if you are staying on and if want to change positions. He encourages people to suggest names of those who might be interested in joining. Toby has 4 names and he will contact them.

Doug Good and Tom Sled said they would be interested in joining the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cow Island

Last fall Doug had new heavier hinges put in the docks that were needed. We do not have sufficient anchors and it was recommended that we add 2 anchors added in the mid dock range.

Doug will be calling on people to help bring the docks over.

May 12th is too early to have the Cow Island clean up. The docks will not be installed by then as Doug Arrand will just be returning from being out of the country. The new date is May 26th. Doug will send Melanie a list of what tools are needed to bring for cleanup.

Melanie Sterling

Toby Spry

Doug Arrand

Contacted the carpenter and last September he was going to finish installing the gable ventilators.

It was recommended that we shouldn't put off another year without painting or staining the siding. The kitchen area needs to be cleaned up, painting the walls and stripping the vinyl tiles. Currently exploring students needing their volunteer hours.

Doug will contact the Cowan's about summer sounds as the musicians are waiting to hear.

Environment

The buoys will be put out before the May 24th weekend. The locks will open at their regular time this year but in 2013 they will not open until June.

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.