



Big Rideau Lake Association Board Minutes



Place: Portland Community Hall		Date	Sept. 25, 2011	Time	10:00 am
Persons Present			Regrets		
Toby Spry – President Barbara Keays - Treasurer Beth Evans – Recreation Melanie Sterling – Website Sue Van Slooten – Driftwords Mary Sue Evans - Secretary				Diana Petrie - Membership Peter Copestake –Sailing Hugh Burrows – Adam Lake Gordon Southam – Environment Ian Shackell – Recreation Doug Arrand – Cow Island	
Prepared By: Mary Sue Evans	Call to Order 10:15 a.m.			Action By	
Approval of Agenda				Approved	
<p>The meeting came to order at 10:15 a.m. with quorum present and with Toby Spry chairing the meeting.</p> <p>President’s Report:</p> <p>There was problems with a sailing instructor during the 2nd phase and Toby had heard that there the same thing happened on Wolfe Island the following week. Shouting matches and instructors disappeared once the boats were taken out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toby spoke with Glen about a 3rd week for advanced – bronze and Glen said not likely but we could ask them to have a qualified instructor to teach 4-6 people who want to go on to the bronze level. Possibly that an instructor can take them aside for special instructions - Toby will contact Peter to see if he will be involved with the sailing next summer and will speak to John if Peter does not take it on. - Sailing applications will be sent to Peter and the notice for request will come out in November. - Jennifer Trant will not host the instructors for next year - Should look into parent volunteers. <p>Toby said the summer camp went very well. Only one</p>					

child showed up for the August camp and so going forward we would run the camp in July only. We did not make any money this year. Possibly raise the fees since there has not been an increase in 4 years.

- The camp counsellor did not clean up after the day was finished. Toby said call him if she couldn't take the garbage with her but she never did. She will have to apply again next year for the position as there are a few other people in the area that have shown an interest.

Toby will send an email to Ian to come up with a plan about sailing memberships and product selling.

Beth will continue with the Tuck Shop as it was a success this year. Toby asked Doug to put a lock on the door to make it more secure.

The fridge only works on sunny days otherwise it trips the master switch the battery would drain. Possibly invest in a refrigerator that can run through an inverter system. Another option would be to get a second battery and that would be approximately \$400. Keep an eye out for a scratch and dent sale as it might be cheaper.

There were problems with the dock shifting. Will have an additional 20ft dock for next year for swimming etc. Doug had a diver find more anchors and we can get Lamont to move them into position. Good for swimming and can store them at Doug Good's. Doug Arrand's had leftover paneling put up at the clubhouse. Still needs to be painted.

Summer Sounds was financially successful this year.

Dinner dance made money not as much as the previous year. The heat was bad. Peter is not doing it next year. We should make a note to members to step up and volunteer

Recruit Junior board members. They don't have to come to all meetings. Can get their volunteer hours.

Treasurer's Report:

- Cash on hand is \$2900.
- The taxes have been paid.
- Major expenses

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barb had said the only concern is the need for 2K deposit in November for next year’s sailing classes. In the past Jennifer Trant used to put it on her VISA. Barb will discuss with Peter and will transfer money over but will keep enough to pay the deposit. Melanie said this is a new for us and that we should find out what the process is and get written documents laying out the details. Toby will look into this. - Major expenses have been paid. - Lamont will send his invoice in November. - Peter is the treasurer of RLEF. Barb will call Mike Peterson to get the check for the year. - Barb had sent out a financial report at the end of August to the Board. <p>Think of budget. Barb needs before end of year. A budget will be set up for the regatta.</p>	
<p>Membership Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have 287 members including a boater from Bayview who has paid for 2012. - With businesses we are at 304. - Melanie feels we can pass our 300 mark and Toby said we should send an email out in the fall. - People like the email communication but they need to be paid up. If they haven’t paid in a year we send out an email that would say “sorry you are leaving”. This might work as a reminder. - 2012 memberships are now due and Sue will put that in the next issue of Driftwords. - If you are not a member of the association complaints will not be taken – Toby will word it...your membership will include the following ie above. - Next Driftwords is the middle of October. <p>Anyone who wants to speak and vote at the AGM has to be a paid up member.</p>	
<p>New Business</p> <p>Planning for 2012 Summer Activities:</p> <p>Melanie said we can have a Friday movie night. She has an LCD projector and we could try and charge \$5. Possibly</p>	

include camping overnight.

Run exams for boat licensing. Toby has the course on a disk.

The group that had said they would like to rent Cow Island for a work party cancelled. They had forgotten to inform the previous counsellor who had originally brought this idea of having their staff party at Cow to their attention. Doug had cleaned and prepped the island for their visit. In the future we should ask for a non refundable deposit in case this happens again.

- Cow Island could be rented out for weddings, work parties, family reunions etc. and they would be responsible for getting their own alcohol licence.
- We should consider advertising – check the pros and cons.

Sailing Camp:

It was discussed that we would look into having the sailing lessons back to back.

Wireless Camera Close Down:

The camera will be turned off at the end of October.

- Not being recorded – we can zoom in and take a picture. We can't easily hook camera onto our website. The camera is a security camera not a web camera.
- Melanie got a hold of Media Force – website designer we need to get rid of the controls. They are claiming we can do it and Melanie is going to look into it. Need to have java, active X etc.
- Camera sits on the internet and we pay \$150 a month in fees

Toby will put a sign up on the island saying This island is protected by CC security and that the island belongs to the Big Rideau Lake association members only.

Committee Reports

Cow Island:

Doug and Toby will be moving the docks. Peter needs to take the sails off the catamaran.

Garbage is gone and the old tractor has been removed.

Driftwords:

Beth will provide info what you should have on your boat to Sue and post in Driftwords

Dates:

May 12th - May work weekend

July 1st - Fireworks

July 7th - AGM 10am

July 21st – 2 – 4pm Summer Sounds and Volunteer Appreciation the same time. Melanie will contact the Joyce and Peter Cowan

August 4th - Regatta

August TBD – Dinner/Dance

Barb handed over Marco's documents to Mary Sue.

Next BRLA Board meeting is Saturday November 19th at 10:00 a.m.

On a motion made by Toby Spry and seconded by Beth Evans, it was resolved that the BRLA Board meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.