

Oxbow Lake Cottagers' Association
2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, June 29, 2019, 10:00 am, Interlaken Fire Hall

- 1) The President Brian McCann brought the meeting to order and welcomed the 43 people present.
- 2) Special Guest: District Councillor Mike Peppard addressed a few highlights.
Next year a mandatory septic inspection program is to be implemented.
Muskoka Water Council will introduce algae testing in 2020.
There will be new 'Welcoming' signage in the different communities in Lake of Bays.
Emerging issues – garbage is mounting much faster than anticipated, needing ways to address this. Composting will be encouraged in our area and include tips on how to deal with bear issues as a result. It has been noted that some recycling has garbage in it and vice versa. Cleaning/rinsing of recycling material should be done. There will be more information.
Additional Paramedic services are back for the busy summer season with one being stationed at Station 30.
Fire Hall Station 50 is closed largely due to lack of volunteers and it is not feasible to keep it open.
Questions and Suggestions:
What will happen to the Fire Hall building? This is not known at this time.
Will lake associations be consulted in the future of the building? ***Info should be sent to our Councillors (Mike and Rick) requesting consultation be sought from area lake associations.***
Composting: Green program should be introduced in this area.
Another bin at depot for composting would be very helpful and solve bear/animal issues caused by composting at individual properties.
Rezoning of Oxbow peninsula land for sale: This piece of property could also be preserved with a dedicated portion as 'protected'. There is a limited area suitable for building on it.
- 3) Moment of silence for cottagers who have passed away – Irene Wood and Joan Franklin.
- 4) Secretary's Report:
MOTION 1: Lynda Arnold/Angie Heydon
Be it resolved that the minutes of the June 30, 2018 Annual Meeting be approved as distributed (on the website). CARRIED
- 5) Upcoming Summer Dates:
Singleton Fireworks – Saturday, June 29th, 9:45 pm – with special thanks to Paul Singleton.
He advised: do not park boats near the launch platform. Dogs should be brought in to protect them from the noise. Dave Wylie will be helping with the prep.
Lake Social: Saturday, August 24th hosted by the Smyths on the West Arm beginning at 3 pm.
Lake Regatta: Sunday, August 4, 1:30 pm on the shores of the OLCC.
Angie & Peter Heydon are planning a fun time, encouraging a good turn out, and requesting help with awards and organizing the games.
- 6) Lake Items:
 - a) Lake Markers/The Narrows – Angie & Peter Heydon, Mike Conlon – One of the lake markers has gone missing from East Arm. If you see or find it, please let them know.
 - b) Fire Hall Station 50 – Murray Arnold – Hall is unmanned and closed at this point due to lack of volunteers, a common issue nation wide.
 - c) Lake Stewards' Report -

Marc Lichtenberg for the East Arm reported concerns on clarity. A white dinner plate is dropped into the water to see when it is no longer visible. It was 20 feet but now around 10 or 12 feet. Phosphorus level has doubled. There was to be a check of the water around the camp re-sewage/fertilizer but no report at this point.

Angie & Peter Heydon monitor the West Arm for clarity in the water and this has remained stable. It helps reduce the potential for algae blooms. This data gets posted on the Ministry of Environment. Ticks that may carry lime disease are not here yet but getting closer (Orillia /Peterborough).

d) Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA) – Angie Heydon

The OLCA is a member of FOCA. They advocate on behalf of waterfront properties and provide lots of resources. They are presently working on the Hydro rates and keeping them down, as seasonal properties are at risk of increase. Members are encouraged to sign up to receive informative emails – Elerts - from FOCA. To do so, go to <https://foca.on.ca/> and click on the “Sign up for Elerts” button.

e) The Oxbow Lakeside Community Club (OLCC) is pleased to be hosting the Lake Regatta again and also invited interested folks to their lake side for a good view of the fireworks.

The Artists of Limberlost will be at the OLCC this year – August 17 and 18.

A Tuck shop is to be open at the OLCC, remembering days of past when there was one at the Lodge. Cottagers are invited to visit!

f) Roads Report - Neil Cambray reported the West Arm in good shape, with some tree trimming needed and the Wylie hill repaving is being checked on for when it is in the budget.

g) Communications/Lake Website – Lynda Arnold

Update emails continue to go out as needed and are included on the ‘News’ section of the website. Be sure to keep all contact info updated by letting Lynda know of any changes.

A survey of internet providers showed a wide variety used by cottagers and included Vianet, Bell, Rogers, Explornet with all claiming to be at capacity and with wait lists.

h) Oxbow - Sign Board/Mailbox/Bulletin Board/Wall of Recognition - Shelter proposal

Darlene Conlon recapped the recent Survey results – 37 responses –

30% picked up their mail	32% would like a mailbox shelter
40% use the bulletin bd	45% no opinion
56% would like to have the bulletin bd maintained	21% disagreed on having a shelter
70% would like the Name board to continue	58% in favor of allocating lake funds for a shelter

Neil Cambray spoke to a need and proposed design for a shelter having everything in one spot under one roof.

There was discussion with points offered both in favor and some concerns, particularly regarding the inclusion of some funding for this in the proposed budget and the value of the project to the association as a whole.

It was noted that the East Arm has a limited interest due to the name board being specifically with names from West Arm and Scott Lane.

Mailboxes serve a wide area including Scott Lane, Dotty, all of Oxbow and the Camp.

Voluntary contribution basis was suggested for funding of a shelter.

Thanks was offered to all who have worked on this.

Chris Rolls suggested a name board for each arm and one for the community part. She agreed to render a proposal for her suggestion.

i) Wall of Recognition – no names were presented.

7) Treasurer’s Report: Darlene Conlon

Last year the finances did well due to the increase in dues to \$45 and with the usual expenses, resulting in an excess. See report for details.

Proposed budget includes keeping the dues at \$45/cottage.

Re insurance: at minimal cost, additional insurance was added for coverage of volunteer members of the association doing various tasks (i.e. marker placement).

The Treasurer also pointed out the proposed budget included \$1000 allocated for the shelter project. The President clarified that this approval would be with the understanding that a plan would be further developed (concept/design/cost estimating etc) and the Board would assess feasibility of how to proceed within the approved budget.

Motion 2: Darlene Conlon/Angie Heydon

Be it resolved that the Treasurer’s Report be approved as presented and the budget for 2019-20 be accepted. Carried, 2 opposed

8) Recognition of Board members stepping down with thanks for their contributions: Angie Heydon, John Lilly, Sheryl Breadner, Ian Goodhand.

Motion 3: Bryan/Angie

That the Proposed Slate of Officers 2019 – 2020 for Election be accepted as presented. Carried

President	Brian McCann	East Arm Rep	Phil Guselle
Past President	To be left open	OLCC Rep	Carol Speers
Vice President	Markus Herten	Member at large	Larry Barber
Treasurer	Darlene Conlon	Member at large	Ian Goodhand
Secretary	Lynda Arnold	Member at large	Nick Mosgrove
Communications	Lynda Arnold	Member at large	Neil Cambray
West Arm Rep	Nina Lowe		

Officers: For Appointment: The following individuals have volunteered to stand for 2019-2020.

Lake Stewards – Angie & Peter Heydon, Marc Lichtenberg

Roads Committee – John Lilly, Jim Vigmond, Neil Cambray

Regatta Marshalls – Angie & Peter Heydon

* new Lake Marker Volunteers – Angie & Peter Heydon and Michael Conlon

Councilor’s Advisory Rep – Murray Arnold

9) Other: Roger Wingfield reported that someone’s dock is at their place and hasn’t been claimed yet, 1014 right beside the camp.

10) Adjournment – 11:00 am – Roger Wingfield

Thank you!

- “Paddle grill cleaner” draw – Drew Wingfield – winner (Thanks to Peter Heydon for organizing!)
- Yummy cookies were brought for the meeting with thanks to Darlene Conlon; and coffee and set up, with thanks to Murray & Lynda Arnold.