

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
FOURTEEN ISLAND AND MINK LAKES ASSOCIATION (FIMLA)**

**Sunday August 04, 2013 at 12:30 hrs**

Verona Lion's Hall, 4504 Verona Sand Road, Verona

**1.0 Members in attendance:**

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| ▪ Peter Bedoukian            | ▪ Floyd & Elaine Deyo       | ▪ Peter Peart                   |
| ▪ Tom & Yvonne Bourne + 1    | ▪ Lorna Jean Edmonds & Sam  | ▪ Bill Pine                     |
| ▪ Alan Boyce & Joyce Hodgins | ▪ David & Marion Gilmore    | ▪ Jim & Susan Pine              |
| ▪ Timothy & Ann Brown        | ▪ David & Gail Jefferies    | ▪ Rob Powell & Sandra Barrie    |
| ▪ Tom & Judie Bryant         | ▪ Mike & Catherine Jennings | ▪ Daryl & Marian Poyner         |
| ▪ Jo & Eve Buckley           | ▪ Ian & Jane MacKay         | ▪ Gord & Barb Rodgers           |
| ▪ Chris & Sandy Caswell      | ▪ John McDougall            | ▪ Ken & Wilhelmina Smee         |
| ▪ Karen Cooney               | ▪ Isobel McLeod + 2         | ▪ Keith & Kathy Spriggs         |
| ▪ Grace D'Alo                | ▪ Curtis & Pam Morey        | ▪ Stu St John & Kathy Ladouceur |
| ▪ Brett & Lory Dark          | ▪ Walt Natynczyk            | ▪ Anne Tucker                   |
| ▪ Taneda Dawes               | ▪ Megan Peart               |                                 |

**Guests:** Cllr John McDougall, Cllr Ron Vandewal, Mary Gunning, (Quinte Conservation)

**Apologies:** Terry Murphy, (Quinte Conservation)

**2.0 Social hour and buffet lunch commenced at 12:30**

**01:25 Welcome**

*FIMFLA President, Gord Rodgers:*

- Welcomed new members Karen Cooney, and Alan Boyce and Joyce Hodgins.
- Welcomed guests Cllr John McDougall and Cllr Ron Vanderwal.
- Welcomed guest speaker Mary Gunning from Quinte Conservation.
- Drew members' attention to the new FIMFLA boating regulations sign that it was planned to erect at the Willy's Lane Boat Launch and on Isobel McLeod's property, produced in response to concerns about speeding in narrow channels and boat wakes.
- Referred members to Pine Lake Community Association's piece on boat wakes reproduced in the FIMFLA July Bulletin.

**3.0 01:30 SPEAKERS**

**3.1 Jim Pine – Co-lead of the Eastern Ontario Regional Broadband Network (EORN)**

The speaker gave an update on the progress made in implementing the EORN high speed internet initiative in Eastern Ontario.

**3.2 Questions**

In response to a question about difficulty in getting a satellite signal it was acknowledged that in some instances clearance of tree canopies or other obstacles was necessary to get a stable signal.

**3.3 Mary Gunning – Environmental Technologist, Quinte Conservation**

*The speaker gave an overview of aquatic species typically found in Eastern Ontario lakes and wetlands covering:*

- Quinte Conservation role and programs
- Buffer zones and riparian areas
- The benefits of wetlands and different types of aquatic plants
- Native and invasive species
- Control measures and how you can help

With regard to control measures, members were informed that permits were required from government departments and conservation authorities to treat aquatic plant growth. Members were also advised that different control measures were needed for each species, stressing that some removal methods could be counterproductive as they could aid plant reproduction. Actions taken

needed to be well thought out as interference with the plant community would have consequences for other elements of the ecosystem.

*Suggestions for action and help were:*

- Learn to identify and monitor species
- Report invasive species
- Refrain from planting invasive species or exotic plants
- Take the necessary precautions to avoid transportation of unwanted vegetation (seeds, shredded leaf material or rhizomes etc.) via boats, equipment, footwear and clothing
- Don't compost lake vegetation plant material, especially Phragmites (European common reed) which reproduces from rhizomes.

### 3.4 Questions

In response to a question about the efficacy of controlling invasive species with the introduction of weevils/beetles, the speaker said that she had had no experience of this practice, but advised that that the quantities of insects required made such measures very expensive.

3.5 In response to a question about posting the slide presentation on the FIMLA website it was agreed to do this subject to approval from the conservation authority.

### 4.0 Business meeting

The meeting commenced at 02:15 and was quorate with 35% of paid-up members present.

#### 4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting

Secretary, Robert Powell, reviewed the minutes of the 2012 FIMLA annual general meeting.

#### 4.2 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4.3 **Proposed:** Adoption of minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

**Moved by:** Joe Buckley      **Seconded by:** Gail Jefferies      **Approved:** As a correct record

### 5.0 Treasurer's report

*Treasurer, Robert Powell circulated a financial report for 2012-13 outlining the following details:*

Balance reported on July 31, 2011	\$7,392.16
Expenditure to date	\$1,442.96
Income received over the year	\$1,925.69
Balance on August 05, 2012	\$7,874.89

The balance was healthier than anticipated owing to two large items of expenditure being deferred. It was proposed to carry over adjusted funding for these items (dam repairs and production of an information booklet) to the following year. For 2013-14 it was proposed to reduce the reserved amount for dam repairs to \$4,000 and to underwrite the \$2,500 cost of a lake vegetation study to be conducted in August 2013. Continuing efforts would be made to secure grant funding for these items, but was proving difficult in the current economic climate. Expenditure, in the proposed 2013-14 budget, including annual running and administration costs, totalled \$9,152.50 leaving \$472.39 for contingencies.

5.1 **Proposed:** Adoption of the Treasurer's report and budget for 2013-14

**Moved by:** Jim Pine      **Seconded by:** Anne Tucker      **Carried:** Unanimously

5.2 Gord Rodgers, President, confirmed that having approved the budget (incorporating expenditure on a lake vegetation study) the study would now go ahead in August 2013.

### 6.0 Lake Vice-president's report

#### 6.1 Update on water quality

Brett Dark reported on the continued success of water testing for temperature, clarity and phosphate readings, and thanked the water testing volunteers for their continued efforts.

#### 6.2 Water levels

A dam management agreement had been drawn up with the MNR and QCA based on the lake levels established under the 1981 agreement. Agreement of the property holders on each side of the dam had been secured. Water gauges had been obtained and would be installed in Fourteen Island Lake and Little John Lake. The procedure agreed was to maintain water levels at 20" below the top of the dam, remove one board to lower water levels by about 8" for a short period in the fall to allow waves to scour the shoals, and then replace the board in the late fall before the lake freezes over.

**6.3 Fourteen Island Lake Dam**

The dam was not in imminent danger of failing but required timely repairs. Efforts to obtain funding from provincial government and conservation agencies to match the \$5,000 put aside by FIMLA had been unsuccessful, but it had been established that the Association may qualify for Trillium funding under the 'ecosystems restored and safe-guarded' provision. It was proposed to submit an application for Trillium funding by the November deadline, and again in the spring as necessary, and to further pursue matters with South Frontenac Township for funding or in-kind donations.

**6.4** In response to a question about why the contingency fund for dam repairs had been reduced to \$4,000 it was stated that the Association would continue to set aside funds for dam repairs each year, and that once all grant funding options had been exhausted, depending on the outcome, the executive would consider proposals for a special levy to secure any additional funds required.

**7.0 Lake Steward's Report**

Susan Pine, Lake Steward, thanked Mary Gunning for her excellent presentation on aquatic vegetation and reported that Mary and Brad McNevin, Regulations Officer/Fisheries Biologist at Quinte Conservation had visited Fourteen Island Lake to look at shoreline vegetation issues. She stressed the value of the lake vegetation study to be carried out in August 2013, given that, as stated in the presentation, accurate monitoring was an important first step in assessing lake vegetation issues.

**8.0 Any other business**

**8.1 Gord Rodgers** Gord Rodgers reported that Robert Powell had resigned his positions on the executive as he would be leaving the lake. He **moved a** vote of thanks to Robert Powell for his contribution to the work of the Lake Association, with particular regard to his work on publications and communications, and for taking over the role of secretary and treasurer for the previous two years.

**8.2 Rebuilding the Executive**

Gord Rodgers advised that co-options would be made to the executive to fill the roles vacated by Robert Powell, pending elections for the executive due the following year. Interested parties were invited to put themselves forward to enable a smooth transition to a new executive team, supported by the present incumbents.

**8.3** *Cllr John McDougall flagged up the following two opportunities for members to make their views heard at Township and County level:*

**Frontenac County Official Plan Open House - South Frontenac**

Tuesday, August 27th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Sydenham Public Library, 4412 Wheatley Street, Sydenham

**8.4 Joint Session of South Frontenac Council, Senior Staff and Lake Association Representatives**

Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 pm

Council Chambers, 4432 George St., Sydenham ON

**8.5** In response to a question about breeding of loons on the lake the meeting was informed of an anecdotal report of a sighting of one loon chick. Ann Brown cited a report from the Audubon Society pointing out that loon populations were under stress across the continent owing to human incursions. Gord Rodgers noted the need for more accurate monitoring of loon populations on the lake and requested volunteers to come forward to participate in the Loon Watch initiative. Further discussion led to the conclusion that loon platforms were not required on Fourteen Island Lake to encourage loons as there were adequate nesting sites around the lake.

**8.6** On a more upbeat note to close, Joe Buckley reported that he had received a 5% discount on his property insurance for his cottage because of the existence of a lake association on his lake.

**9.0 Date of 2014 Annual General Meeting**

In line with FIMLA's policy of alternating informal and formal meetings the next meeting will be on Saturday August 02, 2014 to be held at Fourteen Island Lake. Venue TBD.

**The meeting was adjourned at 03:35 pm.**

**Addendum: Financial Report 2012-13**

FIMLA Annual Financial Report 2012-13						
Income and Expenditure 2012-13						
Description	Budgeted 2012-13			Actual 2012-13		
Item	Income	Expenses	Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
<b>Balance August 05, 2012</b>			<b>7,392.16</b>			<b>7,392.16</b>
Lake vegetation study	1,000.00	1,500.00			0.00	
Dam repair		5,000.00			0.00	
Information pamphlet		1,500.00			0.00	
Boating regulations signs		0.00			463.30	
Communication		300.00			217.76	
Web hosting/domain name		100.00			62.15	
P O Box		150.00			0.00	
FOCA		250.00			264.75	
Boat launch repair		0.00			0.00	
Boat launch insurance		250.00			250.00	
Memberships*	1,600.00			1,900.00		
Donations				10.00		
Lake Plan book	0.00			15.00		
Hall hire 2013	0.00			0.00	185.00	
Bank interest	0.00			0.69		
<b>Sub totals</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>	<b>9,050.00</b>	<b>942.16</b>	<b>1,925.69</b>	<b>1,442.96</b>	<b>7,874.89</b>
*Includes arrears payments for 2011-12 and payments in advance.						
Proposed Budget for 2013-14						
Item	Income	Expenses	Balance			
<b>Opening balance</b>			<b>7,874.89</b>			
Memberships	1,750.00			9,624.89		
Lake vegetation study	0.00	2,500.00		7,124.89		
Dam repair*		4,000.00		3,124.89		
Information pamphlet*		1,500.00		1,624.89		
Communications		300.00		1,324.89		
Web hosting/domain name		100.00		1,224.89		
PO Box		150.00		1,074.89		
FOCA		352.50		722.39		
Boat launch insurance		250.00		472.39		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	<b>9,152.50</b>	<b>472.39</b>			
*Items carried over from 2012-13.						
Robert Powell, August 3, 2013						