

FIMLA AGM 2018 Minutes

The 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association (FIMLA) was held at the home of Leslie and Walter Natynczyk on Saturday, August 4, 2018. Approximately 50 members and several invited guests attended.

1. Welcome – Mary Rae

FIMLA Vice President Mary Rae called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. Mary welcomed everyone and expressed thanks to Leslie and Walter for hosting the meeting this year at such a perfect spot on the lake.

Mary welcomed the invited guests and visitors: Mayor Ron Vandewal; local councillors John McDougall, Ross Sutherland and Mark Schjerning; Doug Morey who is running for council this year; and guest speaker Katrina Furlanetto from Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA).

Mary thanked everyone who contributed to the newsletter and Alan Boyce for his work putting the newsletter together. In particular, Mary thanked David Jefferies for the newsletter article about Gord Rodgers. Mary expressed great sadness that we lost a good friend this year with Gord passing; his many contributions to the lake community include leadership as FIMLA President for 10 years and development of our lake stewardship plan; Gord's legacy will live on and he will be remembered.

Mary thanked Anne Tucker and Susan Pine for organizing the food and Jim Pine and John Moreland for barbecuing. Mary noted that Chris Caswell and Peter Bedoukian will not be carrying on as directors, and thanked them for all of their work over the years, including Chris' work on financials and keeping the budget on track and Peter's work developing the website. Mary asked attendees to please see Chris to pay membership dues if they hadn't already done so, and noted that there were some FIMLA mugs available for purchase.

2. 2017 AGM Minutes – Susan Grigg

Susan Grigg asked for corrections or omissions to the draft 2017 AGM minutes as published in the spring 2018 newsletter and on the FIMLA website. Copies of the newsletter were available at the meeting and circulated. No changes were noted.

Resolution 2018-1

A motion to accept the 2017 AGM Minutes as presented in the spring 2018 newsletter was moved by Joe Buckley; seconded by Anne Tucker. Motion voted on and carried.

3. 2017 Financial Report and 2018 Proposed Budget – Chris Caswell

Chris Caswell reviewed the 2017 Financial Report as of December 31, 2017, and the 2018 Proposed Budget (copies of each were provided). The 2017 income budget was based on 2016 membership fees, which decreased in 2017 (down from 60 to 47). Membership numbers have fluctuated over the past years and generally range between 50 to 60. The decreased membership fees also reflect that some members paid for two years in 2016, but

the 2017 portion doesn't carry forward to the next calendar year. There was no income from the sale of mugs as budgeted for, since there was a problem with the supplier. However, there were some donations by members not budgeted for. Expenses included the AGM (food costs; the free venue is appreciated), communication (printing, mailing, website etc.), community P.O. Box, FOCA membership and payment to Stace Trousdale for use of his boat launch and to cover us for insurance purposes. In summary, 2017 income was about \$500.00 lower than budgeted for; total expenses were about \$700.00 lower than budgeted for which covered off the decrease in income. The year-end balance as of December 31, 2017 was \$6,867.37 (about a \$200.00 increase from the opening balance).

The proposed budget for 2018 includes a total income estimate of \$1,515.00 (revenue from 54 memberships and selling the balance of the FIMLA mug inventory). The total expenses estimate is \$1,450.00; the only changes to expenses from 2017 to 2018 are no mug expense and a reduced FOCA membership fee. The \$5,000.00 reserve continues for future projects (e.g., dam repairs), leaving about \$1,900.00 in operating funds available in 2018.

Mary Rae noted that repairs are needed to the support structure at the end of the boat launch dock on the Trousdale's property, and that it seems appropriate to adjust the proposed 2018 budget to allow for an expense to assist with the repair cost since FIMLA members make use of the launch; we do not have a cost estimate for that work at this time. Discussion followed. Geoff Rae moved to approve a \$500.00 payment toward the cost of the repairs; Brett Dark proposed an amendment to allow the Board of Directors to increase the amount as reasonable based on the cost estimate for the work; the proposed budget for 2018 is amended to include the approved \$500.00 expense. Alan Boyce seconded the amended motion. The motion as amended was voted on and carried. The 2018 year-end estimate as amended is \$1,432.37 (reflects \$5,000 reserve).

Chris proposed two changes to the FIMLA financial statement moving forward:

1) Separate out reserve and operating funds from the balance in the financial report, to promote consistency with the budget. Geoff Rae moved to accept the proposed change; Alan Boyce seconded. Motion voted on and carried.

2) Chris spoke of the honour of working with Gord Rodgers over the years, Gord's love of the idea of setting up the reserve for future projects, and Chris' hope that the membership will make the reserve grow over time for future preservation of the lake that Gord loved so much. The reserve covers the cost of the FIMLA bank account and can be put into investments as it grows. Chris proposed to name the reserve the "Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve Fund", to be referred to as such in the budget and financial report, which will be amended accordingly. There was strong support amongst members present. Barb Rodgers thanked Chris for this tribute to Gord.

Resolution 2018-2

Be it resolved that the 2017 Financial Statement and 2018 Proposed Budget be accepted as presented at the August 4, 2018 Annual General Meeting and with the changes discussed. Moved by Chris Caswell; seconded by Sue Pine. Motion voted on and carried.

4. Proposed Constitution (2018) – Mary Rae

Mary reviewed 11 proposed revisions to the FIMLA constitution, as presented on page three of the spring 2018 newsletter (copies of the draft amended constitution as included in pages 13 and 14 of the spring 2018 newsletter were available and circulated at the meeting). Mary noted that the Board of Directors will adapt their roles based on availability and as circumstances change, which will allow continuity while bringing in new people and ideas. An amendment to the constitution requires a two-thirds majority vote of the quorum.

Resolution 2018-3

Be it resolved that the Constitution as amended be accepted as presented in the spring 2018 newsletter and at the August 4, 2018 Annual General Meeting. Moved by Grace D'Alo; seconded by Ken Smee. Motion voted on and carried.

5. Election of Board of Directors – Mary Rae

Mary had noted previously that since Chris and Peter will no longer be serving on the Board of Directors, several members were approached to determine their interest. Karen DeLuca, Dan Gilbert and Craig Pettis have volunteered to sit on the board.

Resolution 2018-4

Be it resolved that the following candidates be accepted as the Board of Directors of FIMLA for the remainder of the 2018 calendar year to the end of the 2020 calendar year: Mary Rae, Susan Grigg, Karen DeLuca, Susan Pine, Alan Boyce, Dan Gilbert, and Craig Pettis. Anne Tucker will continue on as Past-President. The Board of Directors will elect the Executive after the AGM (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer). Moved by Curtis Armstrong; seconded by Carl Turner. Motion voted on and carried.

6. Discussion Items

Willy's Lane boat launch use – Marj Peart was available to accept cash today as voluntary payment for use of the boat launch (\$15 per boat).

Alan Boyce circulated information about the Frontenac Frolic fundraiser at Glendower Hall today (August 4), a foundation for maintaining the lake and boating club.

Anne Tucker noted that Craig Pettis suggested selling 14 Island t-shirts and hats as a fundraiser, and that it could be a good idea to raise funds for the Gord Rodgers FIMLA Reserve Fund. Discussion followed. The store in Westport already has the design for 14 Island Lake.

Joe Buckley re-raised the issue of powerboat speed through the narrows between 14 Island and Mink Lakes, causing increased erosion of the island shorelines, and how to get the message out to everyone on the lake, including those that aren't at the AGM. Discussion followed about increasing awareness of where to reduce speed and why the issue is important for safety and environmental reasons. Brett Dark noted that the existing signs posted at the boat launch(s) and rental property have information about fishing and boating regulations, invasive species preventions etc. and an image of the sign could be circulated as information. Mary Rae noted that there is one sign left in the FIMLA inventory. Discussion

followed about signage, buoys and other methods of effecting reduced boat speeds. Barb Rodgers noted that some people may not realize impacts from their use of the lake, and may not read the signs, and that speaking to them personally can be a good approach. Alan Boyce noted that it's an issue in all areas of the lake (also noise issue, respectful environmental stewardship of the lake). Eve Buckley offered to deliver information to landowners on the lake. Richard Nageleisen noted a need to also look at remediation measures to restore shoreline areas affected by erosion. The Board of Directors will discuss the approach to increasing awareness of the issues.

7. Guest Speaker – Katrina Furlanetto, CRCA

Katrina Furlanetto, Manager of Watershed Planning and Engineering, CRCA, provided information about the important relationship between groundwater and rural wells and septic systems, and a new Groundwater Protection Workbook resource available for property owners. The FIMLA watershed is actually in the Quinte Conservation watershed, directly adjacent to the west boundary of the CRCA watershed. Katrina commended FIMLA for being interested and engaged in watershed protection and encouraged everyone to keep up the great work they are doing. CRCA is part of the Cataraqui Source Protection Area under the *Clean Water Act*. Katrina presented a slide deck about the Cataraqui Source Protection Area, including drinking water sources and contamination, reliance on groundwater as a water source, and groundwater impacts from maintenance activities on lake properties. CRCA looked at four significant vulnerable groundwater areas, including Kingston-Belleville, for sources of fecal contamination. Maps of bedrock geology and overburden thickness for the CRCA watershed were shown (Quinte Conservation has similar maps; all are public information). FIMLA lakes are on the border of the Frontenac Arch - the southern edge of the Canadian Shield - which has variable water quality, and limestone plain, where high iron and salt naturally occurs. Bedrock fractures allow contaminants to flow directly from surface to groundwater. It is important to be proactive to maintain what happens on the surface. The number one recommended theme of the Cataraqui Source Protection Area is education and getting landowners involved and acting on groundwater protection, making educated decisions at the property level. The Groundwater Protection Workbook produced by CRCA is informative and uses a simple question and answer quiz format to assess vulnerability and rating for a property, and identify actions for assessing and monitoring potential impacts on groundwater. It includes provincial and local contacts, and a septic inspection report template. The Groundwater Protection Workbook is available at cleanwatercataraqui.ca or for more information contact Katrina by email at kfurlanetto@crca.ca.

Discussion followed. Use of the workbook and actions to address potential issues is voluntary; it will help property owners know what they can do to protect groundwater. Potential for an increase of *Escherichia coli* bacteria reporting from well water samples was questioned given the vulnerability of the area; Katrina was not aware of what is documented locally but there is a chance of that. New intensive farming proposals in the area were asked about as far as a potential contamination problem; CRCA has detailed mapping to assess proposals and consider potential impacts and is in contact with Public Health Ontario and other organizations. The question of septic inspectors arose, and how to know who is recommended; the workbook lists some that are recommended. If, when a tank is pumped, there are indications it is failing, that is a good time to have an inspection done.

8. Further Discussion & Adjournment

Marj Peart noted the growth of water milfoil in the lake, and asked those concerned to express their concerns to the directors.

Barb Rodgers expressed that Gord would be very proud of Mary and the directors for the AGM.

Mary Rae asked for a motion to adjourn the AGM at 12:27 pm. The motion was moved by Geoff Rae and seconded by Brian Grigg. Everyone was thanked for attending. The membership and guests enjoyed a barbeque and desserts and beverages overlooking the lake. The meat was purchased from Gilmour's on 38 on Highway 38 at Harrowsmith.

Minutes prepared by Susan Grigg.