

**KASZUBY COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015 AT 11:30 A.M.
PARISH STODOLA (BARN)**

1.0 Call to order:

Mark Wolnik called to order this 2015 KCA AGM at 11:30 a.m.

He stated that the notice of the meeting was posted on the KCA website bulletin board and in the newsletters. He thanked Pani Danusia for the use of the Stodola for this meeting.

The current executive is Mark Wolnik – Acting President, Barbara Milan – Treasurer, Rick Naranowicz – Vice President/Secretary and Roman Jagla – Communications Director. Rick Naranowicz and Roman Jagla were not able to attend the meeting today. Joan Ciupak –Past President attended.

1.1 Welcome and introduction of special guests:

Mark Wolnik welcomed members and visitors.

1.2 Establishment of quorum:

Quorum was met with a show of hands of 22 KCA members at this meeting.

1.3 Rules of order:

Mark Wolnik requested that when you wish to speak, raise an issue, make or second a motion to please raise your hand, state your name so that we can properly record it in the minutes.

2.0 Additions to and approval of agenda:

Ticks and Lime Disease information added to agenda motioned by Barbara Milan and Swimmers Itch warning added by Joan Ciupak. Motion to approve agenda with additions made by Dianne Stawiarski.

3.0 TMV Council Representative Presentations:

Mayor Kim Love attended the meeting and updated issues that the KCA addressed to TMV.

She stated that the council received the letter from KCA for improved fire signs after budget deliberations and they will revisit the request next year. She also explained that the TMV tax rate was decreased by 1.2%. She stated however, that this may not result in reduced property taxes due to an increase in the Renfrew County rate and the MPAC property value increase/ for this year.

Kim Love discussed the Municipal Strategic Plan for the township's future and requested input from the public by way of 3 upcoming meetings, Barry's Bay at the Paul J Yakabuski Community Centre on August 26 at 7:00 p.m. , Combermere Community Centre on August 27 at 7:00 p.m. and Wilno at St.

Mary's Catholic Church (Basement) on August 6 at 7:00 p.m. as well as an online survey at

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/township_of_madawaska_valley. Kim Love stated that during the

first few months of the new council, there is now a public question period at the end of council

meetings, volunteer members on committees who have a vote, they are dealing with a huge backlog,

still have closed sessions to deal with legal issues on how to best make sure to limit exposure and risk,

Many projects in progress and completed, connection link project, changing street lights to LED lights,

Combermere hall accessibility, sold surplus properties putting funds back into reserves, extrication

equipment for fire department. The council is still working on problems with Water and Wastewater

systems user pay but not intending to go outside to rural property owners (met with applause from

attendees). Septage spreading requested by Dombroskie family - on Olszeskie Rd- on a field has

concerns as there are wet lands could be draining to Diamond Lake. The neighbours or the Dombroskies

may dispute Council's decisions regarding proper setback either way and the Council may assess the option of using the septage unit. (Since the AGM meeting the Ministry of Environment approved the septage spreading requested by the Dombroskies. Mark Wolnik thanked Kim Love for attending and her presentation.

4.0 Expression of interest to serve on KCA executive/committees:

Mark Wolnik stated the need for volunteers for the executive, the committees and especially for a new membership drive. He asked if anyone is interested in serving on the KCA executive and committees to contact any of the present executive. (After the meeting Mr. Ted Bialy –came forward to express his interest in serving on the KCA Executive or Committees. We welcome his interest and involvement)

5.0 Approval of Jul 27, 2014 AGM minutes:

These minutes were sent online to members on September 6, 2014. Dianne Stawiarski motioned approval of these minutes, was seconded by David Afelskie and all in favour was indicated by a show of hands.

6.0 Business arising from minutes:

6.1 Wastewater charges issue:

During Kim Love's presentation, she stated that there will be no downloading of wastewater charges on rural property owners.

6.2 Improved Fire Signs and Dos/Don'ts on Public Beach:

A letter was sent to the TMV by Mark Wolnik regarding KCA concerns to improve fire signs. The fire signs need to be more explicit and gave examples of township signs. Craig Kelley, CAO/Clerk of TMV responded saying some improvements when and where possible and damaged signs may be done at this time only due to budgeting and that there has not been a fire ban since 2012.

Public Beach signage has been erected by the Township and is a good step forward, but there is room for improvement. Sign did not include good cottaging rules, use of soaps, and other issues. KCA is to advise the township of what they would like on signs and the Township will consider the request in next year's budget. Peter Bruck stated there is not as much boat traffic and usage on the lake as other years and other members concurred.

6.3 Website – update:

An update of the KCA website is necessary and this will be a topic of discussion with the Communications Director- Roman Jagla.

6.4 Thank you letter – donations:

Notice of the donations to St. Francis Memorial Hospital and Barry's Bay Public Library were published in the Valley Gazette. A letter was received from Tony Lavigne-Conway for the donation to St. Francis Memorial Hospital Foundation. The library advised that the \$250.00 was put towards a lockable cabinet as there was a theft of 9 area family books.

6.5 Membership drive:

Mark Wolnik stated that Olsheskie Road and Long Lake are areas where better efforts are required for obtaining new members. Volunteers are needed to prepare pamphlets for a membership drive. Ted Bialy offered to distribute KCA membership material to Long Lake Cottagers.

7.0 FOCA - AGM Highlights:

Mark Wolnik directed members to visit the FOCA website for the AGM details as well as the Newsletter summary prepared by Rick Naranowicz.

8.0 Water quality report - future testing: Contacted Renfrew health who only test public beach and test results were good.

9.0 Lake Steward's reports:

9.1 Dam Lake – W. Sokolski (not present):

9.2 Long Lake – K. Burbidge (not present):

9.3 Wadsworth Lake – R. Coulas:

Rita reported that the beach has been quiet, no report of break ins or other problems.

9.4 Kuiack Lake – S. Sudnikowicz:

Barbara Milan asked who does water testing for KCA lakes. Mark Wolnik stated that he and his son do the lake water testing according to the FOCA Lake Partners program. Sophia Sudnikowicz asked how they can have Kuiack Lake tested as well. Mark advised that the lake needs to be registered with FOCA Lake Partners program to get a testing kit and a registration number. Sophia also voiced concerns regarding maintenance of a private road and the garbage dumping problems. The garbage was searched for identity, possible contractors, and is worse at the end of the lake. Sophia stated that the police have been monitoring the area and have ticked people with ATVs. She mentioned that collecting membership fees on their lake is a problem.

10.0 Treasurer's report:

Barbara Milan read the 2014 financial statements, donations, FOCA membership, Joan Ciupak cost of \$45.00 to attend FOCA AGM, leaving \$706.26 remaining. Barbara Milan advised that there are copies of financial reports available. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Peter Bruck and seconded by Rita Coulas. Carried.

10.1 Number of paid members:

Barbara Milan reported that there are 100 members with half who have paid their dues. Mark Wolnik stated that reminders should be e-mailed for unpaid dues and to inform members of when their membership fees are due. He also mentioned when attending the AGM to ask at the meeting if your membership is due.

10.2 Number receiving newsletter by e-mail: 73

10.3 Number of delinquent members removed from list: 24

11.0 2015 Community donation recommendations:

Due to the reduced revenue as a result of fewer KCA members and unpaid dues, Mark Wolnik, Barbara Milan, and members decided to limit the amount of donations at this time as they should not have a balance below \$500.00. For 2015 donations, it was motioned by Peter Bruck and was seconded by Beatrice Wolnik to donate \$150.00 to Barry's Bay Public Library and \$150.00 to St. Francis Memorial Hospital.

12.0 Other Business:

Ticks and Lime disease – Barbara Milan reported that she called the health unit in Pembroke to enquire about lime disease and they advised that wood ticks have always been up north but are here now. Wood ticks are sesame seed sized, dark colour, are on vegetation, will attach when in contact with warm blooded animals. Some ticks carry the bacteria for lime disease. Lime disease may cause loss of energy, neurological effects, and flu like symptoms. Prevention includes covering up with long pants, sleeves,

footwear and checking skin after possible exposure. If a tick is found, carefully remove the tick intact with tweezers and bring it to the health unit to test for Lyme disease. This is not to alarm but to educate as there is a lot to learn.

Swimmers' Itch – Joan Ciupak stated that members of her family experienced swimmers itch on Wadsworth Lake. She mentioned that the shoreline water is where you can get swimmers' itch and not deeper water. As a precaution, she advised to lather sunscreen for protection, to shower right after swimming, and to use calamine lotion for the itch if you get it.

Joan Ciupak also wanted to acknowledge Mark Wolnik for his commitment and for taking over her duties last year. Mark, in turn, acknowledged the help from Barbara Milan – Treasurer and assistance of Brenda Dombroskie who recorded the Minutes of the AGMs.

13.0 Date of 2016 AGM:

Members agreed to have the 2016 AGM on a Sunday in July 25. The date of the 2016 AGM will be confirmed by e-mailed to KCA members and on the KCA website.

14.0 Adjournment

At 1:30 p.m., a motion by Dianne Stawiarski to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Beatrice Wolnik. Following the AGM, coffee and pastries were served.