

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2018

HEATHER BIRD's Cottage – 1038 The Spur

Present:

Don Jackson

Doug Roberts

Andrew Walker (via WhatsApp from London, England)

Heather Bird

DISCUSSION:

FINANCIAL REPORT – We are sitting with approximately \$8000 in the bank but have a \$2000 insurance payment pending. So, a \$6000 surplus for now.

DOCK AT THE END OF THE LAKE – The dock is in rough shape again. It is actually owned by the Association – not the Township or the County. It was installed by cottagers before any of the roads were established. As per minutes of 2017 AGM, we have direction to remove it and it will be removed before July. At that time, we will address any potential insurance savings.

BOAT LAUNCH – The construction company building the road is aware the pitch has been altered. They intend to try to adjust it when they finish work in this area. The road is still in development and the pitch will change before the work is completed. This work won't get done before June. People will have to take their chances on ramp or launch at Big Chute. By fall, we should have the ramp back to a more usable form.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – The construction is supposed to be completed, including the bridge, by the fall.

FIREWORKS – Fireworks will continue this summer courtesy of Rod Wright. They will be held the night of August 11th, the same day as the Regatta. Collections will be requested for \$30 / cottage.

REGATTA – We are reaching out to our previous regatta organizers to see if one will be held this year.

FIRE and CAMPER UPDATE – The Mayor has indicated he is willing to attend the AGM this year to address our camper/fire concerns and any other issues which may arise. Mike Collins has been in touch with the Mayor and has extended the invitation. We have been in touch with the Township and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as well as working with our

provincial representatives. Don Jackson submitted a request to the Township clerk to have a permanent outdoor fire ban implemented at the Township level. It was forwarded on to council for reading and accepted and subsequently passed to Staff for study with a report due to Council in June. The fire ban would only apply to Crown land and not personal property. The ban would extend on the Crown land from Lavis Lane over to the Big Chute. MNR has indicated a Town has the authority under local fire by-laws to impose a fire ban. The Town is attempting to determine if they have this authority. Nothing will be done in time for this season. Neither the Township nor the MNR can ban camping as it is a Federal issue. The Association may ask individual cottagers to volunteer to take responsibility to check on a specified weekends and alert authorities if a fire of more than 18 inches in diameter is underway. We are going to expend funds to have a sternly-worded sign manufactured to deal with a fire control message. (We are seeking appropriate wording.) We will ask the Association for three signs – one at the foot of Lavis Lane and the other two at the regular camp spots.

BY-LAW UPDATE – The Township is considering by-laws for saunas and floating docks. The association is not opposed to saunas or floating docks but we are interested in proper management. The Association has requested that the Township review its by-laws on the construction of floating docks and saunas. (This has been a big problem in Muskoka.) This is not a ban on saunas or floating docks, it is seeking to regulate their construction. The Township is in the process of reviewing existing by-laws with recommendations for change, possibly to be modeled on Muskoka.

LAKE ETIQUETTE – We want to remind everyone as the season starts there is etiquette to enjoying your property - light pollution, heavy wake, noise, excessive boat speed and bad renters all affect everyone on the lake. We are all responsible for the use of our property – either by family members or renters. We ask that Tea Lake residents demonstrate courtesy and respect. For more information, see the link from our website:
<http://www.tealakecottagelovers.com/cottagers.asp>

WATER QUALITY – We have yet to find a lab to do the testing which has been done in the past. (That lab has closed.) We are continuing to look for open water test facilities. Please bring forward any suggestions.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT – There is government money available to determine if we have invasive species in our lake. We have asked for grant money to determine if we have an invasive species already in existence on our lake.

Proposed Project Outline

Your Proposed Project Outline included the following information:

Tea Lake Property Owners Association

Contact Name, Phone, Email: Don Jackson, 416-500-9922 hdjackson1@gmail.com

Key Pilot Project Activities: Invasive Aquatic Species Identification Project and Education and Signage program.

Pilot Project Goals: Establish baseline profile of lake to understand current conditions and allow for monitoring. We hope to gain insight and knowledge so the association can monitor ourselves. As for education, our lake is accessible to the public and we would like to sign our boat ramp and present information to boaters to help control invasive species introduction.

Estimate of funds required: \$7,000.00

Estimated date Pilot Project will be complete: Sept 2018

Pilot Project Goals: Proposals are due by 11:59 p.m. on June 1st, 2018.

WELL WATER SURVEY REQUEST – We have received a request from a Queen’s University graduate student from the School of Environmental Studies. They are seeking to do a study in conjunction with McMaster University, the Dublin Institute of Technology and Public Health Ontario on cottagers using well water. They ask that any of our cottagers with private wells considering filling out this survey. The study takes only 10 – 12 minutes to complete and here is the link:

<https://surveys.publichealthontario.ca/SE/?st=U8fH8NInIt6u%2fQAA4almtGKACo5TbB1AMFQfXAHJDdY%3d>

ELECTION – This is an election year. Two of the existing executives have indicated their desire to step down. Vice President Andrew Walker and Secretary Heather Bird are stepping aside but will continue until the AGM in their present roles. President Don Jackson has indicated his intention to stand for vice-president while Treasurer Doug Roberts would like to continue in his present position. Therefore, now is the time for anyone interested to consider whether they want the satisfaction of performing community service on our lovely lake. A vote will be held at the AGM.

AGENDA ITEMS – If there is a specific item you would like to see on the agenda at the AGM, the constitution says it must be raised 21 days prior to the meeting. Therefore, if you want something discussed, please advise the executive by July 1st, 2018 through tealakeassociation@gmail.com