

2018 Manitou Dock Cottagers Association Minutes

Call to order at 11:15am July 14st, 2018

- Start of meeting outside at Strachan cottage with potential rain on the way.

Tom Pinkham opening remarks:

- Welcome
- Introduction of Board of Directors
- Tom review death of Peggy Muntz, age 97. Family has had celebration already.

Association Business

2017 minutes. Review:

- Motion to approve
 - 1st: Jamie Drayton, 2nd Lynn Warrel

John Hardy then presented the financials:

- **Profitable year**, revenues flat, but minnow race at regatta contributed to financial success.
- AGM, GBA, Insurance had to go elsewhere
- Up \$860.
- Year opened with \$2,020 in the account, finished with almost \$3000.
- Motion to approve
 - 1st: Darin Buckland. 2nd: Alan Shiels.

GBA: Jamie Drayton, director manitou rep at the Georgian Bay Association (GBA) update:

- Took over from Darren Buckland.
- Rupert Kindersley attended last year, was to come today, but couldn't make it. He was President last year, and is now Executive Director of GBA. Bob Duncan retired from that position.
- Rupert provided notes, and Jamie has condensed: GBA is an advocacy group. GBA is our voice with other organizations (non gov), great lakes protection act, great lakes quality agreement, e.g. disapproval of a plasma screen manufacturing plant.

- Aqua Culture arm in lake wasley in GB: advocate for closure of this facility.
- Joint effort with Georgian Bay Forever re phragmites.
- Petition Hydro One re hydro costs.
- Providers of services for special pricing of GBA members: Rice Insurance, discount cottage and boat insurance.
- AED at Bains malfunction/died after 10 years. Manitou exec decided not to continue re effectiveness/location/timing. Can buy your own AED. Coleman code "safeboat" 30% discount on their website.
- GBA has new website refreshed: georgianbay.com
- GBA focus on strengthening relationships with 1st nations. GBA celebrated 100th year anniversary, symposium reflected on last 100 years on GB, what will next 100 years look like with all these groups? like the last 100 years to enjoy like we have. Notion of Guardian of the Bay, Jamie is the chairman of this committee, anyone can be a guardian of the bay. Both small simple things and also large contributions, stories on the website that exemplify behaviour, positive stories, Jamie can take or be submitted on GBA website.
- GBA working actively on a number of issues including:
 - MPAC assessments on smaller islands that can't be built on
 - Trailer park developments on the shores of the Bay
 - Wiikwemkoong settlement discussions
 - Nobel former munitions plant and the potential for it still to be an active polluter into the Bay
 - Ontario Hydro rate increases
 - Update on dock permit requirements
- GBA works with other members of the GB5 to further the protection of the Bay
- Tom reminded members to GBA eNewsletter sign up

Questions:

- none

GBF: Dawn Drayton, Georgian Bay Forever (GBF) presentation:

- David Sweetnam is busy so could not come this year.
- Dawn stepping in to present to Manitou association today.
- GBF and GBA were the same assoc until 1995.
- advocacy and fundraising but couldn't do science also. Tony Burt help found GBF.
- GBF meets with funders, donors, partners.

- recently attended assoc of great lakes researchers.
- GBF and David working on province wide phragmites plan
- Will have Oct. 20th half day session with experts, topics will be microplastics, cage aquaculture, and phrag, all are invited.
- project in Parry Sounds compared to the one in Manitoulin. Phosphorus; is it a problem for native fish?
- Cage aquaculture. microplastics is a new problem: e.g. from our clothes, into septic, into the Bay.
- Dawn Drayton is on the GBF fundraising committee
- GBF annual report shows accomplishment: 48,750 kg of phrag removed. they have mapped stands, many hours of volunteer work
- Protecting your water pamphlet
- many orgs have been given grants for removal of phrag, your donations help with the grants for what GBF does.
 - GBF is strong with working together with below:
- What are the differences within the GB5?
 - Answer:
 - GBA: Advocacy nonprofit lobby group.
 - GBF: Charity which limits its activities to 10% advocacy and it is funded by donations and Government grants.
 - GBBR: Not a charity. Was formed when UNESCO designation was made. It is focused on a sustainable business model.
 - GBLT: buys land for the long term and steward it.
 - EGBSC: Used to be only focused on fish habitat but now partnering with GBF.
 - The five ED's work together and meet monthly.

Janet is a member of board of directors.

Phrag:

Tom Pinkham: was a big stand near marina, group cut down, last year Tom went down with 12 mile folks and cut more out, will go back this year again and that stand gets smaller every time.

Hurontario had a few small stocks which Hurontario and crew cutting down. Stand near Loon portage, camp will likely cut down, we can help if necessary.

Question: small tract near..... GBF using GPS coordinates to add locations. 12 mile bay more at risk and more inlets and stagnant water. Report stand if you find. 1st week of Aug. prime cutting time.

Association Business:

Regatta date, Sunday Aug. 5th. Thank you to Wilsons for hosting us.

Membership: Jeff Hughs and his family welcome! 5 new secondary memberships, adult children, money help fund GBA and initiatives.

Upcoming Muni election this fall. GBA will put a group to vet candidates. Ward 4 candidates look out for email updates in the future.

GB Biosphere reserve: donated 15 kids with info and activities for kids, pick one up please for your kids and grandchildren.

Website: GBA has come up with a template for association websites to provide association members. Benefits are: we can post news in realtime, can still send email, newsletter posted there, share photos or message board. Communicate board, directory online! Can still do paper copies, and .pdf version. Admin benefits: database for financials and dues, save future exec admin work. Will email more info later this summer and through fall, can bring forward next year. \$1250 for initial set up, heavily discounted, then \$300/year.

Questions:

Was there a Search & Rescue op going on yesterday? they were looking for a boat....

what can cottagers do re contact to help?

questions re getting updated re OPP, Search & Rescue, Coast Guard, Twitter feeds and what are methods of update.

Question about fast boats by Cameron

getting more fast boats up the channel. People don't slow down, what can be done re boating safety?

Can coast guard get involved?

- wake size, OPP come by?
- Dawn Drayton, more and more, through Starvation Bay.
- cigarette boat not closing their above water exhaust. What can we do?
- GBA is aware of it, huge body of water, hard to get resources.
- Mary Bromley: pets re lime ticks here, they are present.
- Grainne: many think there will be distinct marking, but some people don't even show signs of a bite. Be aware if you get extremely tired, huge fatigue, went to doctor and prescribed antibiotics. Symptoms take 2-3 weeks to show up. Can do a test to see if you have lime disease, but tests only show when you get really sick.
- Sarah: took a tick out of James leg. Started taking antibiotics.
- Tick can be analyzed, more drugs if you get worse reaction/bullseye looking mark on skin.
- Gov of Ontario has an info site re ticks.
- Check your dogs, they can come into the house on dogs.

Dawn Drayton: sharing; Ed Bartram's notoriety, Jessica Bartram childrens book called "Charles". For sale at San Souci, or order on Amazon.

Tom Pinkham: have lunch!

Adjourned.