

2019 Manitou AGM, 7/06/2019

Tom Intro: Guest speakers: Rupert Kindersley GBA, Gary Joyce Township of the Archipelago, Dawn Drayton GBF

Housekeeping: agenda copies, financials, 2018 minutes

motion to approve 2018 minutes, approved

Financials: Grainne McGlynn, (John Hardy previously), profits of \$800-\$1000 profits/year, Regatta minnow races, Secondary memberships, next generation (~+10)

motion to approve financials, all in favour, approved

Rupert GBA: 2nd summer as Exec Director, was previously president. GBA is voice of power with government and other organizations, mandate to protect the Bay, 11 committees to address wide range of issues. in addition 3 thriving charities, GBA (science & ed), GBLT (6th largest land trust in Canada), GBBR (reserve and communications, science & Ed locally near Parry Sound, GB Stewardship Council), mandate to advocate for us, with gov't, draw their attention to matters they may not have considered, industry, polluters. Communicate with us.

In the last year: election of new Ontario gov't, new councils in communicates. provincial cuts have hit range of areas: cuts increase long term damage that will occur, Lake Partner water testing to be maintained, playing the long game requires patience, new GBA website, e-update subscribers, e-updates and website templates provide great tools and access,

Next Year: one current and vital matter facing continuous development from southern Ont. population, requires municipalities and associations having control of planning regulations, control and enforcement. Proposal to amalgamate Muskoka, and Township municipalities. Inland vs. water access communities may would not be in sync. Will post asking for opinions and dialogues. Expect climate change impacts will, water temp, and overflows, GBA will remain active on these fronts. Thank First Nations and associations for participating. First Nations philosophy that we do not own anything on this earth, like the GBA mandate and protect it and keep it here for future generations.

Mary Bartram question: Great Lakes Association not part of GBA groups why? Complicated to manage and relationship history is not there.

Question: will St. Clair riverbed be dredged? no more water can go down the St. Lawrence without flooding Montreal.

Dawn Drayton: GBA/GBF sponsored conference, who will replace Canadian Chair.

4th attempt to create a coastal GB municipality. Ontario Ford gov't doing municipal review, but we can demonstrate how coastal municipalities can be effective and efficient with shares values maybe we can preempt problem.

Ian Bains: aware of open cage aquaculture, is anyone listening? the industry on great lakes has barely expanded in this regard. we're one of the only ones in the world that allow open cage in an inland water system. But is has not expanded either.

Dawn Drayton: are they in flow of water or not: they all pollute to some extent.

Gary Joyce, Township of the Archipelago:

was with OPP and Fire Services: hired by US military and air crash and ship training globally Prevention is worthwhile for you and your neighbour. Prevention is not recognized as much as it needs to be.

Last Year water bombers were active in 2018 in our townships to help in prevention, it's key. look at tree limbs overhanging your roof, trim limbs overhanging your roof.

Fire 33 picture destroys land.

Plan Ahead for medical conditions

Fire Rating went to High yesterday: MNR and Fire services to testing for moisture, etc, High means dry underground can burn with a spark. High means for us you can have a campfire for cooking, max 2x2x2, enclosed with noncombustible material (sand, rock), GOTO THE WEBSITE to see rating. Increased our fines for violation (\$500 - \$10,000 fine).

You can burn off brush, but only on Low Fire rating, with fire suppression present.

Gas storage: store it in a shaded or non combustible area.

Changes in the fire code: smoke alarm and CO2 alarms are now mandatory, show your guests and kids what protocols are. Show kids where the fire extinguishers are.

S&R: do they consider where dropped flares are being dropped, usually working w MNR do back sweep for where torches get dropped. They do interconnect.

DIAL: 310-FIRE

Question: Camp Hurontario has fires in the area, cooking fires.

Results of 2018 fire; Henley Inlet and Key River, shares photos of what it looks like, post on township and GBA site. Root cause was static off machinery scraped on a rock.

Dawn Drayton: GBF. GBF update and Families for Change. Education & Fund Development Committee member. GBA represents GBF to Gov't. Needs research and hard data to print to Govt. GBF receives \$0 from us. Only through grants and personal donations.

Big concern now re plastics in the water. GBF re micoplastics, doing study on washing machines using filters to filter out micro plastic. Very small fibres leaching out into GB. Exec. Director David Sweetnam of GBF has gone to other jurisdictions to present on mainly Phrag. Cut in 12 Mile July 27th, Little Wannie Harbour. GBF partnered with University of Waterloo and University of xxx to buy an underwater autonomous vehicle. Will allow to map the shoreline. David Sweetnam will on the dock as San Souci on July 14th with machine to demonstrate. Universities will be mapping the Arctic in the spring and fall. We have access in the summer only.

Families for Change: shoreline cleanup, pick up bits & pieces. Rotting foam, plastic, refuse shows up on shorelines. Photograph it and weigh it and send it into the website. Use reusable grocery bags, use bees wax wrap instead of saran wrap.

Manitou entry: shoreline clean up day organize, post on our new website.

Additional:

Phrag continues to be an issue, thank you Hank Martin for finding it. GBF w cutters will be come and help with cutter. Jeff Hughes and Wilsons help cut, Loon Bay cut, 12 Mile cut by Moose Deer.

Initiative to map hot spots, Manitou, 12 mile, Wah Wah Tayhsee, looking for \$600 donation to help map, one time, help with mapping cost.

Motion to donate \$600 to GBF, approved

Regatta: Aug. 4th at Wilson's

Membership: growing slowly, Hap, Mike Trudeau, Mitch Batey?, some older members back, and secondary members. Send a hello to Bob & Karen Bothwell, Bob is not well. Bob a lifetime member.

Biosphere kits for kids, handouts here, directories.

Website: can post updates, chat room, post photos, directories, we can post newsletters, can pay dues via website, reduces Excel and Word files. \$1250 initial cost, \$300/year. Historic section. Motion to use website, vote approved.

Open Discussion: check for plastic

GBLT: squired Tadenac Club land, write up in GBA update.

Dawn: Dave was president 36 years ago.

Dr. Traplin: was concern 10 years ago about increase to size of First Nations reservation. Their three patches are not linked, and they wanted to link them.

Election: next slate of the board. Nancy Baines, partner Adam Levy, Graham Burt. Nomination Hal Martin. all slate approved.

Lunch!