

**BSLPOA Annual General Meeting – Minutes**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 09:30 a.m.**  
**Super 8 Hotel – Kenora**

President – Tino Brambilla – Meeting called to order – 09:36

- Adoption of minutes
- Seconded – Steve Garrett

33 members in attendance

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Thatcher Road – Steve Garrett – 2017 work group of approx. 50 volunteers restored the road to good condition
- \$1,500 was spent on gravel and further material donated by road crew fixing Hwy 658
- 3 gravel piles remain for future repairs
- MNR – no budget to upkeep Thatcher (annual story)
- City – not their road nor their responsibility
- Thanks to Michael Stephenson and Robert Parent for lending their time and tractors.
- In future work days will be followed up with a BBQ @ Launch

Water Quality – Phil Burns

- City of Kenora Fall report – 2017 – copies left on back table
- Ryan Haines recommended to test annually v.s. every 5 yrs and the recommendation was adopted as It provides a more accurate assessment of lake changes – synopsis of 2017 report is there have been no changes to water quality and lake is in good shape.
- Lake Partners Program – testing – require 3 volunteers who would like to participate in monitoring/testing the lake.

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The Glen – Phil Burns

- Hired a student again to cut grass (cost around 120.00)
- Description given for members who have never been – Park like setting.
- Professional horse shoe pits and BBQ pit
- Porta pottys can be rented to augment the one outhouse on site.
- Annual horse shoe tournament on September long weekend.
- Challenge to have representation from each region of the lake

- Association committed to up keeping the Glen

#### Volunteer positions recently filled

- Terry Palmer – Secretary
  - Erin McCuaig – Editor

#### Presidents Report – Tino Brambilla

- Thanked support of members and executive
- Received one notice of variance sent into BSLPOA by a BSLPOA member v.s city notification.
- Letter went to city requesting BSLPOA be informed of all future variances in a timely manner.
- Home sales report – LOWDPOA receives notice of new home purchases and then automatically gives them a one year membership. Great way to ensure newcomers are involved in the Association.
- Volunteers required for new board positions such as V.P.
- Association – works with city on issues & therefor encourages a strong association and always seeking new members
- Be stepping down as President

#### Treasurer's report – Tino (on behalf of Barb Fletcher)

- Balance of \$7,144.00
- Membership fees covers
  - Liability insurance
  - Meeting rooms
  - Thatcher Road maintenance
  - Up keep of the Glen
  - Photo Contest

#### Membership update – Elsie Neufeld

- 49 paid members to date
- 145 members – past and present
- 109 paid members 2017
- Target for 2018
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Lake Of The Woods District POA – Hardy Boch – President

330 members strong – continue to drive for new members

- Membership decline 300 annually
- New Editor – Elsie Neufeld
- LOWDPOA –magazine, facebook and other social media
- Government Affairs – Aware and active in new development on the lake, recently objected of new condo development – since been denied (on 3<sup>rd</sup> appeal)
- Environmental Committee – Lake Smart Program- learned from environmental studies done on Black Sturgeon lake.
- LOW Lake Quality – International agreement with Minnesota – Algae plumes
- 2018 summer events
- Farmers market
- Information meetings
- experimental lakes tours info on acid rain, phosphates, invasive species (July 26<sup>th</sup> (35\$ for non-members, 30\$ for members)
- Metal waste day at Pye’s Landing, Clearwater Bay
- All information available on LOWDPOA website

City of Kenora – Mayor Dave Canfield

- Water quality test – year by year v.s. every 5 years. Water quality is holding its own and hasn’t materially changed over the years.
- Hydro – Former JM area has higher rates than city of Kenora, City approached this issue with Ont Hydro but they are not interested in giving up any business. New Provincial government promises reduced rates.
- Taxes – recommended to council to now follow cost of living increase – 2%
- Black Sturgeon values going up, City is remaining flat
- Provincial partnership fund – new elections/government
- Bill 148 – Ramifications of minimum wage increase that has forced cost increases.
- Every tax dollar received – only 9 cents goes back to the city (income tax?)
- Recommends HST increase by 1%, fair for everyone as a 1% increase for a person who can afford a 50K car as one who can afford a 30K car.

- Policing – highest costs in the province for Kenora, Red Lake and Sioux Lookout - 37% of cities budget goes to policing
- Recommends association to keep pressure on new mayor and council on tax issues

Question from audience member – “fairness on taxation, why not increase catchment area to expand the boundary to include McKenzie Portage and Beauty Bay?”

Response from Major – was to be careful what you wish for, could increase tax as larger area for fire, ambulance and police to service and be liable for, however promised to raise with new provincial government when meeting this August.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Area reps- Tino

- New area reps required for Bruckenburger, Peterson, Hill Top and Beauty Bay areas.

### July long weekend – Elsie Neufeld

- Reinstate the “Season opener” or a July Long weekend social event – looking for interest and volunteers, discussion ensued and it was decided to continue looking into this.
- Member in audience suggested Beauty Bay Golf Club so no one individual takes on the work of hosting at one’s cottage. Richard Cone agreed to approach Beauty Bay about holding events in their new club house.
- Tino – suggests a social committee be formed first.

### Women on the water – Elsie Neufeld

- Women interested in group paddle
- 2017 – first paddle was April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Notify Elsie if interested

### Water Quality – Phil Burns

- Volunteers required for Lake in Partners Program – see Phil if interested

### The Glen – Horse Shoe Tournament – Phil Burns

- 50+ attendance 2017
- Historically residents of Peterson road but all other road residents welcome
- Sept long – challenging other areas to join in. (4-5 hrs for the day & lots of fun)

### Sailing Lessons – Phil Burns

- July 21-22<sup>nd</sup> – All sessions full
- Sail Boats for rent from Black Sturgeon Sailing club

### Photo Contest - Phil Burns

- 60 submissions for 2017
- 80 submissions for 2018
- Winners – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Georgia Lebtog \$100 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Maureen Monson \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Dawn Dudek \$50.00.
- Considering making a Calendar with the submitted photos
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### Subcommittee on Taxation – Terry Palmer

- Seeking member interest in re-establishing RAFT (Residents for fair taxes)
- Anyone interested to contact BSPOA at [BSPOA@gmail.com](mailto:BSPOA@gmail.com)
- Mayor – offered to volunteer in effort, after his term is up.

### Nomination of Officers – Acclamation of Mike Herman – member at Large – Tino

### Election of Officers – Tino Brambilla – Past president

- Phil Burns – President
- Steve Garrett – VP
- Terry Palmer – Secretary
- Barb Thatcher – Treasurer
- Elsie Neufeld – Membership Director
- Mike Herman - Member

### Other Business

Kenora Art Centre – Lisa Moncrief (Co-Chair of the Big Picture Campaign) gave an update on the fundraising for the new Art Gallery going up beside the museum. 4.2 million dollar project where the ground has been broken and facility should be up and running next Fall. Approximately \$250,000 left to be raised.

Lac Lu Cottage tour – July 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 4 pm

Emergency contact list –Don Lenaghan inquired if anyone had an emergency contact number list in the event a neighbor wanted to get in contact with a neighbor regarding his property. Phil Burns responded with yes, contact him and he will be able to get the message to the owner.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 – Tino B, Phil Burns 2nded the motion.