

# ***McRae Beach Annual General Meeting Sept 4, 2022***

## **Executive**

Jane Kidner  
Doug Atkinson  
Maggie Thompson  
Maria Vlachos  
Unable to attend: Rita Debillis and Lubke Storry

## **Residents in Attendance**

Michael  
Dennis Walker  
Gary F  
Rhonda  
Tim Thompson  
Denise Fawcitt  
James Jones  
Carol  
Bonnie & Fred  
Pat Roughly  
Josie  
Julie  
John F  
George &  
Bruce & kathy  
Chris Thompson  
Sheila & Roger  
Al Carter  
Norm  
Rob D  
Michelle

## **President- Call to order**

1.Motion to Approve the Minutes from Spring 2022

Approved by Rhonda

Second by Tim

2.Motion to Accept Laura Burns as a new board member

4 year full time resident

Approved by Denise Fawcitt

Second by Michelle

3. Treasury Report Jane- reviews financials on behalf of Lubke.

- Overview of financials
- Landscape is lower this year due to last years tree removal /liabilty insurance the same/ bank charges increased.
- Move to approve 2021 Financials
- Approved by Kathy,
- Second by Rhonda

#### 4. Proposed Causeway

Website is kept updated. Last year guests from the Lake Simcoe South Shore Residents Association (LSSSRA) joined us and gave a presentation on the proposed causeway. They urged us to join in their efforts to ask the Province for additional time to respond with our comments. They will proceed to do more research. We will continue to stay in touch with them and updates will be posted on our website homepage.

#### 5. Signs

- Thanks to Roger for proposing to advertise a list of local beaches they can come as we are private. The list has been prepared and posted on our Bulletin boards.
- Duclos point has a new sign stating NO PUBLIC LAKE ACCESS. On private property not public. Costs about 200\$ Its been suggested that we do the same thing. It may help people realize they have no public places.
- We will look into a similar sign for McRae Beach and find a suitable location and someone to help install it.

Approved by Roger

Second by Bonnie

#### 6. Park Maintenance- Justin Dol is doing an immaculate job.

Motion to renew Justin's contract as per the Agreement.

Approved by Michelle

Second by Bonnie

#### 7. Social report- Maggie

We are bringing back some social events to encourage the building of community and spirit.

We are suggesting three events for 2023:

- Field day in July: Bingo in August; and Corn Roast in September
- We need volunteers to come forward to be on committees to help make these events happen.
- Volunteer - through email. We will begin in Spring to start collecting names.

Approved by Julie

Second by Alan

#### 8. Constitution and Bylaws report

Discussion about the fact that insurance for the privately owned docks in beach 1 and beach 2 is not possible. In order for park insurance to be valid, it must be made clear that the Association has nothing to do with these docks. While dock owners may (and should) have their own personal dock insurance, it is not sufficient to ensure directors and officers liability insurance should an injury or loss occur as a result of one of the docks. The Association will continue to carry insurance for the two parks, but cannot have liability insurance for the docks. Therefore it is necessary to repeal by-laws which imply that the Association has some oversight over the docks and their selection process (found in Schedules C and D of the By-Laws), and install two signs (one in each of the parks) clearly stating that the Association does not own, manage or control the docks/use at own risk.

Concerns were raised about the possibility of people abusing the situation and installing too many docks (more than is currently allowed) and storing boat lifts with the docks. While this is a real concern, members were reminded that the community has made clear the desire that the beaches do not become a marina and that safety of the water for children and families is paramount. Members were also reminded that the parks do not belong to the dock owners, or the Association. Bad behaviour may jeopardize our privilege to use the beaches.

Motion to repeal all by-laws (found in Schedules C and D) which discuss docks, and install signs in the two parks indicating that the Association does not own or supervise the docks. Exact wording to be decided by the Executive in conjunction with insurance requirements.

Approved by Tim,  
Second by Jordan

Motion to join FOCA – the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations which costs approximately \$125 per year and provides us with free access to a legal help line. We can also look into the possibility of a higher level of membership if we pay an additional \$4 per member.

Motion approved by Gordon  
Approved by Laura

Other Business:

- In the Spring we will look into compliance with new legislation regarding meetings for associations such as ours.
- Question about owners who rent out their cottages (or Air B&B) who do not use the beaches respectfully. Suggestion that we start by pointing out the problem to the owners before taking the more drastic step of not allowing renters to use our parks.
- Question about the paving of sideroads. Suggestion that people get in touch with the Mayor to complain. We have been told that nothing further will be done.