



**RECORD OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
July 10, 2022 at 10:00am
The Courts on Long Point**

- 1) Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum & Opening Address
A quorum was established with 35 present and 4 proxies.

President Mike Stamper called the meeting to order at 10:04am. He introductory comments included his opinion that this is a great community with organized activities such as the successful golf tournament held yesterday, an example of ways in which excellent volunteers keep our organized events ongoing. He thanked the Board and in particular Gary and Linda Crawford for serving as President and Secretary for the past two years, keeping us connected and informed during the Pandemic. He acknowledged the two members who have passed since our last meeting - Dorothy Gordon (89 Ridge in February 2022) and Chuck Wry ((99 Maple in October 2021) - and offered a welcome to new members Jenna Theriault and Patrick Gamble at 6 Cedar.

- 2) Approval of Previous Meeting Record – July 25, 2021

President Mike Stamper asked for approval of the minutes from the meeting of July 25, 2021, which are available on our Website. Moved by Any Stamper, seconded by John Devan and carried.

- 3) Receipt of 2021 Financial Report

The 2021 Financial Report was received by members through our Website and copies were available at the meeting. Revenues over expenses in 2021 were \$3769. Treasurer Susan Reid noted highlights from the financial statements. Revenues of \$27,386 were down from 2020 (\$35,065). Expenses in 2021 were \$23,616 and included \$3846 in miscellaneous expenses due to purchase of our replacement AED with GPS tracking. Recreation Facilities Maintenance of \$1397 was incurred to have our playground inspected to CSA standards and required subsequent improvements, Grounds maintenance increased because of efforts to ramp up our managed forest project. Other new expenses were due to increased Website maintenance to facilitate new online interactive capability. She was acknowledged for her work in preparing the financial statements.

Sue stated that in the past two years we were unable to hold our major fund-raising regatta but anonymous members gave generous donations to keep us afloat. She thanked them as well as volunteers Cory Lamothe and Jason Bolla for initiating clothing sales and wine survivor fundraisers, Jeff and Diane Taylor for managing the gypsy moth containment program, Fred Bate for cutting the grass around the gardens off Cedar (who has now retired that job).

Ferdinando Macri asked if the playground inspector was CSA approved and Past President Gary Crawford said “yes”. Ferdinando noted that regardless, our swing set may not be in

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compliance. Mark Kenney volunteered to obtain a clearance certificate for the playground. In response to a follow up question about liability, Mike said we would review both further upgrading that may be necessary as well as our liability coverage.

4) Proposed Dues Increase for 2023

President Mike Stamper proposed a dues' increase of \$75 to \$250 per member per year. He cited the extensive benefits of membership referenced in the document available on our Website and noted an example of increasing costs is a new line item to maintain our managed forest by contracting Outram Tree Services to ensure our trails are clear and safe, in addition to the volunteer work spearheaded by Thom Sloley. Current dues at \$175 only cover 75% of our operating costs to maintain assets and manage member benefits. Without volunteerism our costs will increase, which is a concern going forward. The new dues of \$250 will cover current operating costs. The goal is for dues to cover basic operating expenses and for additional fund raising to build reserves.

Julie Leeder suggested we increase dues further. John Leeder stressed the importance of to setting money aside for maintenance of our assets. Fred Bate asked if the plan was to replace the GIC cashed in 2020, to offset tennis court refurbishment (answer is "yes"). Mark Kenney noted that we rely on volunteers and that is what makes our association community great – however he agreed with dues being increased to cover basic operating costs. Chris Stamper suggested we could institute an escalating increase year-by-year to give us the cushion to plan for ongoing maintenance and unexpected expenses due to natural disasters and other emergencies.

A motion was made by Gord Epp "to increase dues to \$250 per year with a late payment fee of \$25", seconded by Peter Fullerton. Discussion ensued. John Devan suggested raising dues to \$300 as suggested by Julie Leeder. Gary Crawford expressed his opinion that \$250 increase is enough for now, if the Board considers the need for future escalation for deeper investment. Mike Stamper said he also thought it was a good idea to support the proposed motion, and charge the Board with the responsibility of studying future needs and possibly coming back with rationale for incremental increases in future years. The motion was put to a vote and was approved.

5) Election of Directors for Terms Commencing January 1, 2023

Past President Gary Crawford thanked the two retiring directors (Peter Fullerton and Doug Tough) for all they have done. With their retirements, the Board has two vacancies to fill. Two additional directors will complete their current terms this year - Cory Lamothe and Thom Sloley. Both have agreed to be nominated to continue on the Board for three more years. Despite his efforts to find two new individuals willing to accept a nomination, only one has agreed – Gerry Lynch. Gary asked for further nominations from the floor and there were none. Therefore, Gary moved "that three individuals (Cory Lamothe, Gerry Lynch and Thom Sloley) be elected for three-year terms starting January 1, 2023, The nomination was seconded by Robin Stamper and on a vote carried.

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Gary stated that the 2023 Board will consist of the following individuals:

George Auger
Jessica Bolla
Gary Crawford
Linda Crawford
Heather Kenney
Cory Lamothe
Gerry Lynch
Susan Reid
Thom Sloley
Chris Stamper
Mike Stamper

As per the bylaws, the Board may appoint an individual to fill the single vacancy.

6) Announcements

a) 30th Annual Golf Tournament on July 9, 2022

George Auger reported this event was a great time, and the owner of Western Trent Golf Course is very appreciative that we hold this tournament there. This year was the 30th and with the Summer Party was a charity drive for *A Place Called Home* (previously approved by the Board). All profits will go to that charity. Fenelon Falls Brewery will donate \$10 per case ordered within the next 3 weeks using a special Long Point code . There were 90 golfers but only one junior played. George noted that the entry fees include special logoed items, and excess gifts from this and previous years are available for sale at nominal fees (\$5-10 each item. Profits from those sales will go to Long Point.

b) Regatta

David Barrons briefly reviewed plans for bringing the regatta back. He and his brother Michael are conveners for this 76th regatta. He thanked the owners of our host properties, and the volunteers lined up. There will be changes this year – notably online pre-ordering of raffle and dinner tickets as our chicken order does need to be placed early this year. Afternoon events have been re-ordered to attempt to speed up the flow (a Board task force initiated these changes pre-pandemic). Donated raffle prizes go to the Trent cottage. The evening will be a soft launch of the dinner with no communal salad table, which was the consensus of a survey taken this spring. In response to a query, he stated that raffle tickets will be available on regatta day for cash.

c) Liaison with City of Kawartha Lakes

Mike Stamper reported for Drew Davison, our liaison with the City of Kawartha Lakes (COKL) that the state of roads is unfortunately a reality. The COKL has prioritized road improvements based on condition, and there are communities with roads in worse shape than ours. Our roads will only receive pot hole filling this year. Drew has requested that vegetation encroaching on roads be pulled back.

In the general discussion, Marsha Anevich noted the recent grading of roads with

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calcium chloride has also killed poison ivy – a good thing! Marg Lunn noted that on demand we can ask COKL to spray. Mike said he will ask Drew to request that road grading and calcium chloride application be done closer together in order to control dust.

Note: The city instituted a new issue reporting Website a while ago, https://forms.kawarthalakes.ca/Report-an-issue-or-concern?_mid=20463 . We encourage all residents to use the issue reporting Website directly or, if they prefer, give Drew Davison the details and he'll submit.

d) Balsam Lake Association

Marsha Anevich reported for Tim Anevich, who is our representative on the Balsam Lake Association (BLA) and in this role he attends four meetings per year. Formed in 1970 BLA is one of the largest in Kawartha Lakes. Membership is open to all Balsam Lake shoreline associations. Its Website has a myriad of information on water quality and related issues, and that Website can be accessed through the Long Point Website. BLA looks after the bouys marking six hazards on our lake, and works with Kawartha Lakes Steward Association on water testing 4x per year in 20 locations. In 2021 all recordings were within acceptable limits. BLA has a newsletter – check out our Long Point website for a link to it. BLA is spearheading the installation of a new boat ramp at Rosedale.

e) FOCA Benefits

Linda Crawford reported that we belong to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA), which is a resource for such topics as environmental issues, Ontario legislation that may impact us, first aid services (this is how we sourced our AED), liability insurance for our Board of Directors, and seminars. An example of a seminar that could be brought to our Association is the Cottage Succession Seminar Series titled “Keeping the ‘Family’ in the Family Cottage”. It presents legal and financial planning considerations to help you prepare to leave the cottage to the next generation. If members are interested, contact Linda.

Our FOCA membership provides individual members of Long Point with additional benefits such as insurance, discounts on *Cottage Life* magazine, and special pricing on AEDs. Check out the FOCA Website (available through a link on the Long Point Website) and if you wish access to the restricted member pages, email Linda for the password.

f) Other

Peter Fullerton reported plans for Wine Survivor 2022, noting the deadline was only a week away. This has been a significant fund raiser for us in the past two years.

7) New Business

President Mike Stamper invited those in attendance to bring up any new business.

- Julie Leeder noted very bad poison ivy near the tennis courts, Mike said it will be sprayed and Thom Sloley confirmed he will do this soon.

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- Chris Hale thanked the members of the Board for doing things to help keep us together as a community during the recent years. Mike encouraged younger family members to get involved.
- Fred Bate thanked Thom Sloley for obtaining our permits to burn the brush pit. Those volunteers who assist day-of help to make the burns run smoothly. Burns are conducted mid-week for safety as less children are around. Some new (younger) volunteers are needed to assist. This brush pit is a valuable asset and saves us all time and money. Thom reiterated no pressure treated wood and painted furniture is to be left in the brush pit, as these are hazardous when burned and volunteers need to remove them before lighting the fire (our permit is only for burning brush). Our leaf pit is also a no plastic garden waste site! Ferdinando Macri asked if brush mulching has been considered. Fred explained our agreement with The Imrie Group ensures our leaf pit is pushed back to allow access, in exchange for them removing mulch. Mike said the Board will look into the possibility of mulching brush. Gord Scribbins noted that brush is to be dropped around the perimeter of the pit, not in the middle.

8) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04am on a motion by Chris Stamper, seconded by Mark Kenney and carried.