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FIMLA AGM

Annual General Meeting

To be held on:

Sunday, August 5th, 2012 from 1:30 - 4:00 pm

Order of Business

- Short Business Meeting
- Election of Officers
- Social Event - Bring your own drink (and chairs!)
- Meet your neighbours
- Snacks will be served
- See you there

Hosted by: Walt and Leslie Natynczyk
at 1050 Little Deer Lane



How to get there:

Road: Take Holleford Road to Deer Park Drive. Turn left at Little Deer Lane.

Boat: South Central Bay of Fourteen Island Lake.

See inside for agenda and call for nominations.

Dammed if we do . . . damned if we don't

by Brett Dark

In our last newsletter a detailed article outlined the condition of Fourteen Island Lake dam. It was reported that it will take approximately twenty thousand dollars to undertake the required repairs.

A request for funding support for this project has been sent out to the five major partners we have been working with on both the development our Lake Stewardship Plan and implementation of it's recommendations.

We have requested a financial contribution of five thousand dollars from each agency which will be matched with five thousand dollars from our Lake Association.

To date we have not received any responses. There have been significant budget reductions in many Provincial and Federal environmental support agencies so potential funding is tight. ▶



▲ Failure of the dam would have serious environmental consequences for Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes.



Message from the President

Hello,

So, what do you think of the summer so far? With two perfect long weekends and lots of good weather in between, the lake is the place to be.

Our AGM this year is being hosted by new folks in the Deer Park community on the south side of Fourteen Island Lake, Walter and Leslie Natynczyk. Thank you Walt and Leslie and welcome to the lake.

Our plan is to have an informal meeting this year, with only a short business meeting and no guest speaker. We are falling into a pattern of alternating between the informal and more formal types of meetings for our AGMs, and perhaps we will keep that up in the future.

One key issue we will need to look at is funding for repairs of the Fourteen Island Lake dam. Our aim is to get repairs done this fall, or in the fall of 2013 if more time is needed to raise funds. In the current climate we may not get the funding we need from partner agencies, so we may need to look at a one-time levy to cover the cost of repairs. Pending the outcome of funding applications the motion in the box left will be tabled for discussion at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all on August 5th.

Gord

Lake Steward's Report

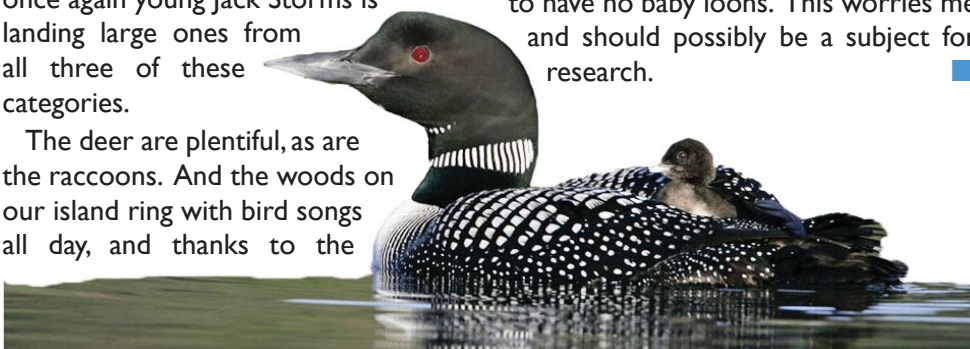
by Peter Peart

Reports from winter, spring and early summer fishing are good. Once again the spectrum of walleye sizes and weights are being recorded. Once again bass, both small mouth and large mouth, seem to be very plentiful. And once again young Jack Storms is landing large ones from all three of these categories.

The deer are plentiful, as are the raccoons. And the woods on our island ring with bird songs all day, and thanks to the

whippoorwill, all night sometimes too.

Two areas of concern, however, are the pockets of thick, lime green algae growth, which appeared very early this season. Too early? And secondly for the third consecutive summer we seem to have no baby loons. This worries me and should possibly be a subject for research.



▲ A common loon with baby - research is needed to ascertain whether successful breeding pairs are becoming a rarity on Fourteen Island Lake.

Dam funding (cont'd)

Follow-up calls and hopefully some meetings and presentations will be undertaken in July to get some indication of the support we expect from these agencies. An update on progress will be made at our August AGM.

The dam is not in immediate danger of failure but undertaking these needed repairs in the near future would ensure the security of our lake environment for decades. ■

Funding for Fourteen Island Lake Dam Repairs

If we are unsuccessful in securing required matched funding support alternative proposals for financing repairs to the dam will be discussed at the AGM on August 5th.

One proposal is for those living on Fourteen and Mink Lakes to pay a special levy next year, on top of the usual membership fee. The levy could be anything from \$50 to \$100 depending on the level of funding received.

The timing of repairs will depend on how soon we can raise the money needed.

Motion to be tabled (as required)

FIMLA members present agree:

That in the event that the association does not acquire all of the additional fifteen thousand dollars required to fund repairs to the Fourteen Island Dam;

- Then all property owners on Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes shall be requested to pay a one-time special levy for dam repairs;
- That the levy shall be determined according to the amount of partnership support received, with property holders being requested to pay an equal share of the outstanding balance required up to a maximum amount of one hundred dollars.

Call for Nominations

The current term of office of FIMLA executive members is up this year. Peter Peart, Lake Steward, and Elaine St. John, Secretary/Treasurer, have indicated that they will be stepping down from their posts this year.

Whilst other existing members are prepared to stand for re-election, this is your opportunity to come forward and declare an interest to stand for any of the executive positions below:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Feeder Lakes Representative
- Lake Steward
- Communications Director

If you wish to do so, please make your interest known to Robert Powell. Elections will be held at the AGM in August. If you'd like to stand for election for any of the positions listed above, please put your name forward to:

Robert Powell at: FIMLA@live.ca
Telephone (613) 374-3800

The **deadline for nominations** is July 21 – two weeks prior to the AGM.

For further information please call:
Gord Rodgers at (613)374-3521

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AGENDA

Welcome

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising
2. Treasurer's Report - Elaine St John/Robert Powell
3. Update on FIMLA Action Plan – Gord Rodgers
4. Water Quality and Water Levels – Brett Dark
5. Lake Steward's Report – Peter Peart
6. Resolutions

Funding for Fourteen Island Lake dam repairs

7. Election of Officers

Any other business

FIMLA Membership

Mailed with this newsletter is a reminder to renew your annual subscription to FIMLA, or join us if you are not already a member. Look out for the form sent with this newsletter or download a membership application or renewal form at: www.FIMLA.org/membership.html

Membership is open to everyone living on Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes, and Buffy, Little John and Little John's Sister feeder Lakes. Help us to continue the work of the Association to preserve and enhance the special character and scenic beauty of our lakes.

Annual membership is just \$25. Please make cheques out to "FIMLA".

Please feel free to contact your executive:

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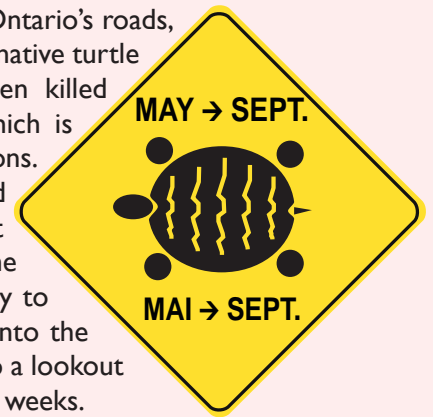
2011 AGM Minutes

Full minutes of the 2011 FIMLA AGM are posted on the FIMLA web pages at:

www.fimla.org

Turtle Alert

Countless turtles are killed every year on Ontario's roads, including our back lanes. Seven of our eight native turtle species are threatened. Those most often killed are females travelling to nesting areas, which is particularly devastating to turtle populations. You can save a turtle's life by stopping and helping the turtle across the road. Just remember to move them to the side of the road in which they were headed. If you try to turn them around they'll just climb back onto the road again. So, please do your part and keep a lookout when driving, especially during the next few weeks.

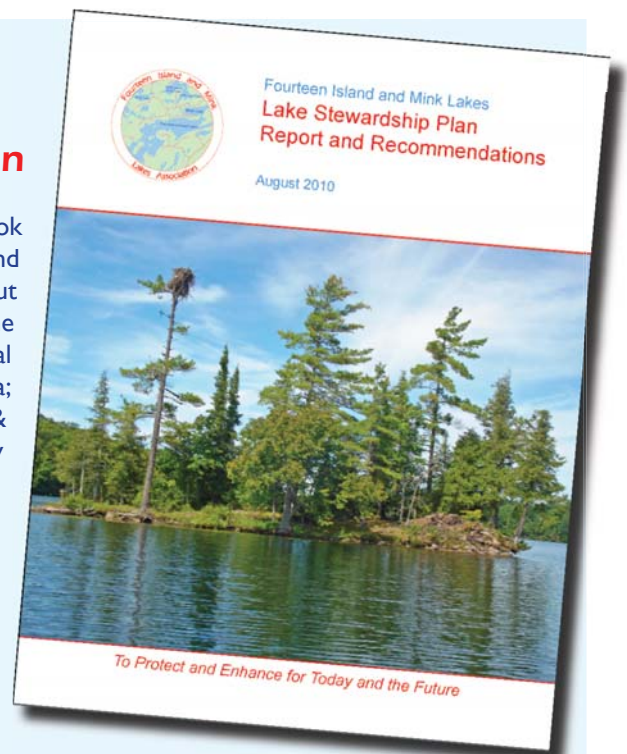


Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes

Lake Stewardship Plan

The plan is a 94 page, full colour book comprising photos, charts, tables and maps. It includes information about our lakes, a short history of the area and chapters on the natural environment; local flora and fauna; water quality; fisheries; boating & recreational activities; emergency and municipal services; and, land use & development. Available to FIMLA members at the subsidized price of just \$10. Order it today.

Get your copy today using the order form below.



FIMLA Lake Plan Order Form

Please photocopy, complete and return this order form with payment to: The Treasurer, FIMLA, Box 105, Hartington, Ontario, K0H 1W0

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Street:	City:		
Province/State:	Post/Zip Code:		
Telephone:	Email:		
Please reserve for me:	Qty	Price	Total
The FIMLA Lake Plan Book	_____	\$10.00	_____
Postage and handling		\$ 5.00	\$5.00
	Grand total		_____

I enclose a cheque/payment for \$ _____ CAD payable to 'FIMLA'
Signature _____ Date _____