

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
FOURTEEN ISLAND AND MINK LAKES ASSOCIATION (FIMLA)**

**Sunday August 05, 2012 at 13:30 hrs**

Hosted by Walt and Leslie Natynczyk at 1030 Little Deer Lane

**1.0 In attendance:**

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| ▪ Curtis Armstrong & Elaine Aronson | ▪ Rod & Percy Harris-Lowe   | ▪ Craig & Ruth Pettis         |
| ▪ Frank & Jean Babcock              | ▪ David & Gail Jefferies    | ▪ Jim & Susan Pine            |
| ▪ Tom & Judie Bryant                | ▪ Mike & Catherine Jennings | ▪ Bill Pine                   |
| ▪ Joe & Eve Buckley                 | ▪ Megan Peart               | ▪ Tom Place & Grace D'Alo     |
| ▪ Chris Caswell                     | ▪ John & Ann McDougall      | ▪ Rob Powell & Sandra Barrie  |
| ▪ Brett & Lory Dark                 | ▪ Curtis Morey              | ▪ Darryl & Marian Poyner      |
| ▪ Shayne Dark & Donna Johnston      | ▪ Frank & Verena Mothes     | ▪ Gord & Barb Rodgers         |
| ▪ Floyd & Elaine Deyo               | ▪ Walt & Leslie Natynczyk   | ▪ Anne Tucker & John Moreland |
| ▪ Dan & Deb Gilbert                 | ▪ Guy Paul & Harriet Walter | ▪ Carl & Glenda turner        |
| ▪ David & Marion Gilmore            | ▪ Peter & Marjorie Peart    |                               |

**Apologies:** Peter Bedoukian, Hermann and Christa Weber, Stu and Elaine St. John

**The meeting commenced at 01:40 pm.**

The meeting was quorate with 30% of paid-up members present.

**2.0 Welcome**

*FIMFLA President, Gord Rodgers:*

- Welcomed those present and thanked Walt and Leslie for hosting the meeting.
- Especially welcomed new members Daniel and Deb Gilbert, and Chris Caswell.
- Thanked FIMFLA member and township councillor John McDougall for attending, announcing that John had been instrumental in setting up a **Joint Session with the Council of South Frontenac and Senior Staff** with representatives of all local lake associations on August 30, 2012, to receive updates from the Township and for delegates to provide feedback on current topics of mutual concern. Addressing the meeting John McDougall acknowledged that the Township would need to take up more issues left behind in the current climate of cutbacks at County, City and Provincial level.
- Offered condolences to the family of long-time lake resident George Storms who died suddenly last year.
- Conveyed best wishes to Elaine St. John who had resigned her post as Secretary and Treasurer of the Association owing to a serious illness which she was currently fighting with characteristic courage and resolve.
- Thanked Robert Powell for stepping in as interim secretary and treasurer.
- Thanked water sampling volunteers for their efforts over the year and Frank and Dave Babcock for managing the dam.
- Warned that there was an increased risk of ticks and lime disease in the area this year and counselled caution.
- Secured members' approval of the emerging pattern of formal and informal meetings held on alternate years.
- Ended by stating that downloading to local level and reduction of resources and support from provincial and central government meant that increasingly associations like FIMFLA would need to take more responsibility for environmental and development issues.

**2.1 Agenda:** Approved with addition of item on Bass conservation signs requested by Dave Babcock.

**3.0 Minutes of the previous meeting**

President, Gord Rodgers, reviewed the minutes of the 2011 FIMLA annual general meeting.

**3.1 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3.2 Proposed:** Adoption of minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

**Moved by:** Anne Tucker      **Seconded by:** Grace D'Alo      **Approved:** As a correct record

**4.0 Treasurer's report**

Gord Rodgers, on behalf of the Treasurer, circulated a financial report showing 63\* paid-up members for 2011-12 and the following details:

Balance reported on July 31, 2011	\$7,056.10
Expenditure to date	\$1,539.68
Income received over the year	\$1,875.74
Balance on August 05, 2012	\$7,392.16

The balance was healthier than anticipated owing to two large items of expenditure being deferred. Funding for these items (dam repairs and production of an information booklet) was carried over into the 2012-13 budget. Together with annual running costs and a proposed lake vegetation study (for which funding would be sought) expenditure in the proposed 2012-13 budget totalled \$9,050.

**4.1 Proposed:** Adoption of the Treasurer's report and 2012-13 budget.

**Moved by:** Gail Jefferies      **Seconded by:** Curtis Armstrong      **Carried:** Unanimously

*\* At the close of the meeting a total of 69 members had signed up for 2011-12 and 11 members signed up for 2012-13.*

**5.0 Election of officers for 2012-13**

It was announced that all members of the executive were prepared to continue except Peter Peart who was stepping down from the role of Lake Steward. He had nominated Sue Pine for Lake Steward. No further nominations had been received by the dead-line. Executive action would be taken to fill the roles of interim secretary and treasurer.

**5.1 Proposed:** Adoption of executive as a whole.

**Moved by:** Jim Pine      **Seconded by:** Glenda Turner      **Carried:** Unanimously

*The following members were elected unopposed to serve on the executive committee in the positions indicated below:*

- President: Gord Rodgers
- Vice-President: Brett Dark
- Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Powell
- Feeder Lakes Rep: Peter Bedoukian
- Lake Steward: Sue Pine
- Communications: Robert Powell

**6.0 Update on water quality**

Brett Dark reported on the continued success of water testing for temperature, clarity and phosphate readings, undertaken six times a year for each lake basin in conjunction with the MNR Lake Partners program. Results corresponded to the trophic state of each lake and indicated water quality remained good. The physical characteristics of the lakes meant that they didn't get the rollover that other lakes do, making regular testing more important. He thanked volunteers, Owen Roberts, Peter Bedoukian and Bob Carr for their continued efforts. Increased weed growth and algae were attributed to the current heat and drought conditions. Any impact on phosphate levels would not be known until testing results became known in the fall. The regulatory framework for dealing with weeds was

outlined stating that clearance for reasonable access was permitted but not large areas and that the use of chemicals and rubber matting required permits.

**6.1 Proposed:** Vote of thanks for water testing volunteers.

**Moved by:** Grace D'Alo

**Seconded by:** Chris Caswell

**Carried:** Unanimously

**7.0 Update on fishery**

Peter Peart reported on the healthy population of animal life around the lake and the superb condition of the fishery with regard to large and small mouth bass, pike and smaller species. He was cautiously optimistic about a modest turnout of pickerel in a spectrum of sizes which suggested that they are spawning somewhere. He hoped to conduct investigations during the spawning season early next spring to assess the success of rehabilitation work carried out on the creek leading from Cranberry Lake.

**7.1 Bass conservation signs**

Notices were put up each year in locations as directed by MNR warning against fishing out of season to protect bass spawning nests. Dave Babcock reported on the deteriorating condition of the signage and the need to update the wording on them. He advised that bass protect their nests and if removed predation of hatchlings happened very quickly. They did not resume guard, even if caught and returned.

**Proposed:** That subject to costs being approved by the Executive and in consultation with MNR the bass conservation signs be renewed with updated wording and that they continue to be posted at designated nest locations.

**7.2 Moved by:** Jim Pine

**Seconded by:** Grace D'Alo

**Carried:** Unanimously

**7.3 A vote of thanks** to Dave and Frank Babcock for undertaking this work was **approved** unanimously.

**8.0 Update on Fourteen Island Dam**

Brett Dark reported that due diligence had been taken to assess the structural integrity of the Fourteen Island Dam. Whilst not in a critical state, requiring immediate attention, a report produced by the Quinte conservation Authority recommended structural work to strengthen the centre of the dam and other remedial work to the concrete capping and boards, which would ensure that it would be sound for decades to come. Untold environmental and amenity damage would result if the dam were left to fail. Applications for funding support had not met with success in the current economic climate. Extensive repairs carried out to the dam 22 years ago had cost \$15,000. Current estimates for repairs ranged from \$16,000 to \$20,000, but could exceed \$40,000 owing to construction cost inflation if delayed for too many years. In response to a proposal to double membership fees to raise dam repair funds it was stated that this would amount to a cross subsidy by members on the feeder lakes not directly affected by the dam. With regard to a question about other structures needing maintenance it was reported that a spill dam on Little John Lake had been repaired 7 years ago. Further questions were raised about control of the dam and water levels at different times of the year with concerns about the effect on shorelines, impact on loon breeding and fish spawning.

**8.1 Dam repair and management strategy**

*Brett advised that the executive would:*

- Work towards implementation of dam repairs over the next two to three years;
- Continue to seek funding contributions from partner bodies including the Quinte Conservation Authority, MNR and the South Frontenac Township;
- Bring forward as may be required proposals for a voluntary contribution scheme to augment the \$5,000 of Association funds allocated for dam repairs in the 2012-13 FIMLA budget; and,
- Seek to establish an agreement for control of the dam and water levels in consultation with the property owners, the conservation authority, MNR and the South Frontenac Township.

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**8.2 Proposed:** Endorsement of dam repair and management strategy.

**Moved by:** Mike Jennings      **Seconded by:** Jim Pine      **Carried:** Unanimously

**8.3** Frank Babcock raised the need for a community effort to completely clear the beaver debris from the Fourteen Island Dam area to impede beaver re-building activity.

**8.4 Proposed:** That the FIMLA executive organizes a joint effort to clear debris from the dam this Fall.

**Moved by:** Jack Babcock      **Seconded by:** Dave Babcock      **Carried:** Unanimously

**9.0 Any other business**

**9.1 Boat launch**

It was reported that Stace Trousdale had unilaterally responded to safety concerns about the boat launch and renewed the dock. In addition to paying insurance cover for the boat launch FIMLA made a contribution of \$600 towards the cost of repairs carried out.

**9.2 A vote of thanks** to Stace Trousdale for carrying out the boat launch repairs was **approved** unanimously.

**9.3 Speed limit signs**

A number of members expressed concern about high powered motor craft being driven at reckless speeds, day and night, through narrow channels on Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes in complete disregard of applicable shipping regulations. Discussion took place about the siting of signs, and the costs and liability to the Association of signage mounted on buoys at the approaches to channels, which would require lights for night-time navigation.

**9.4 Proposed:** That the FIMLA executive undertakes a cost benefit analysis of installing speed warning signs, stipulating where signs needed to be sited, assessing the relative costs and merits of shore-based versus buoy mounted signs and identifying any liabilities likely to be incurred.

**Moved by:** grace D'Alo      **Seconded by:** Joe Buckley      **Carried:** Unanimously

**9.5 Peter Peart**

**9.6 Proposed:** A vote of thanks to Peter Peart for his sterling work over many years as Lake Steward.

**Moved by:** Gord Rodgers      **Seconded by:** Curtis Armstrong      **Carried:** Unanimously

**10.0 Date of 2013 Annual General Meeting**

In line with FIMLA's policy of alternating informal and formal meetings the next Annual General Meeting will be on Sunday August 04, 2013 to be held at Verona Lion's Hall.

**The meeting was adjourned at 03:05 pm.**