

FIMLA AGM 2015 Minutes

The 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Association (FIMLA) took place at the home of Alan Boyce and Joyce Hodgins on Saturday, August 1, 2015 and was attended by 55-plus members and several invited guests.

1. Welcome and Announcements – Gord Rodgers

FIMLA President Gord Rodgers called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Gord expressed thanks to Joyce and Alan for hosting the meeting again in 2015 in such a perfect outdoor location on the lake.

Gord welcomed Mayor Ron Vandewal and local councilors Mark Schjerning and Ross Sutherland; local councilor John McDougall sent his regrets. Mayor Ron Vandewal expressed greetings on behalf of South Frontenac Township, mentioned an upcoming Lake Association meeting August 20, 2015 (annual event), and noted that there were a lot of activities this year in the township including a lot of road work. Gord expressed appreciation for South Frontenac Township's support of the lake association.

Gord welcomed new members Tasmin Atherton and Ann-Marie Redmond, and Geoff and Mary Rae, who all moved to Deer Park Lane on the lake in 2015.

Gord noted that FIMLA mugs were available for purchase again this year at a cost of \$15 each. One member asked about Gord's t-shirt with an image of Fourteen Island Lake; the company went out of business, but it was mentioned that Lake Effects in Westport may be able to print it.

Gord warned the membership to be on the watch for and cautious of wild parsnip, which is along some roadsides in the area. If the plant touches the skin it causes painful irritation which can last for a long time.

Gord thanked Alan for his work on the spring 2015 FIMLA newsletter, which was recreated in a format similar to that used in previous years. David Jefferies was given thanks for providing the local history article. Copies of the newsletter were available at the meeting. Gord and Alan put out a call for articles or photos for the 2016 newsletter. Contact Alan if you have updates for the wildlife species list on the lake.

Contact Brett Dark to volunteer for the August 22, 2015 work detail to clear woody debris from near the dam (rain date August 23rd).

Gord acknowledged that Peter Peart has a new book available on e-books and will put out an email after Labour Day.

2. 2014 AGM Minutes – Gord Rodgers

A motion to accept the 2014 AGM Minutes as included in the spring 2015 newsletter was

moved by Joe Buckley, seconded by Jim Pine, voted on and passed.

3. 2014 Financial Report; 2015 Budget – Chris Caswell

Chris Caswell presented an informative summary of the 2014 Financial Report as of December 31, 2014, and the 2015 Proposed Budget (attached). The balance as of December 31, 2014 was \$5,521.67. The estimated 2015 year-end balance is \$5,071.67 (including \$4,000 reserve). Membership fees were lower than expected in 2014; FIMLA executive did additional outreach to lake residents in 2015 in an attempt to increase membership.

Resolution 2015-1

Be it resolved that the 2014 Financial Statement and 2015 Budget be accepted as presented at the August 1, 2015 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Peter Peart
Seconded by: Glenda Turner
Voted: Passed

4. Election of FIMLA Executive – Gord Rodgers

Gord introduced the current FIMLA executive members for 2014-2016 as accepted at the 2014 AGM:

Gord Rodgers – President
Brett Dark – Vice President
Anne Tucker – Past President (Anne sent her regrets)
Chris Caswell - Treasurer
Susan Pine – Lake Steward
Peter Bedoukian – Feeder Lakes Representative

Gord noted that the executive can bring people in between AGMs, and that following the 2015 AGM Susan Grigg joined as Secretary and Alan Boyce joined as Communications Director. There will be a call for representatives again in 2016.

Resolution 2015-2

Be it resolved that the following two candidates be accepted as executive members of FIMLA:

Secretary: Susan Grigg
Communications Director: Alan Boyce

Moved by: Susan Pine
Seconded by: Geoff Rae
Voted: Passed

5. Water Quality Update – Brett Dark

Brett Dark presented an excellent update on the water quality of Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes watershed. All the lakes are in great shape based on the past five years of testing for phosphorus and secchi disk readings. The 2014 vegetation study indicated there are some invasive species but no large areas of concern. Algae blooms were a bit earlier in 2015, as a result of weather conditions. A sample indicating increased phosphorous levels on Little John Sister Lake could have been faulty and we need to keep an eye on it; it is best to do samples several times a year. Signs posted at boat launch sites provide information about preventing the spread of invasive species and noting rules and regulations that reduce impacts to lakes. Gord noted that the FIMLA executive will discuss preparing a flyer regarding invasive species impacts as a special bulletin or newsletter article to be available for all residents and renters. Thanks to Brett for an informative presentation.

6. Guest Speaker – Mr. Brooks Gee from Mr Radon

Brooks Gee, Kingston Area Manager of Mr. Radon (<http://mr-radon.ca/>) presented on the health effects of radon and mitigation measures for it, with a goal of informing the FIMLA membership. Radon is a radioactive gas that is produced by the breakdown of uranium, a natural radioactive material found in soil and rock. It can be drawn into basements through cracks etc... resulting in alpha radiation exposure. Radon is the number one source of long-term radiation exposure in a person's lifetime. It typically affects one in ten houses in the FIMLA area. It is measured in becquerels/metre³ (Bq/m³). Less than 100 Bq/m³ is good; 100 to 200 Bq/m³ is marginal and can usually be dealt with through improved ventilation. Health Canada recommends mitigation action for homes with a measurement over 200 Bq/m³. Radon is easy to test for; the main mitigation method is suction to alter pressure under soil or foundation. Brook Gee advised the membership to hire a Canadian National Radon Proficiency Program (CNRPP) certified professional to address a radon problem; check the Health Canada website for a list. Chris Caswell noted that he had radon mitigation done at his home after using a test meter for several months at different areas in the house. The radon reading reduced to 20 Bq/m³; prior to mitigation the average reading was from 185 Bq/m³ to 350 Bq/m³ depending on the time of year. Brooks Gee recommended several resources including:

Health Canada website: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/>

Canadian National Radon Proficiency Program (CNRPP): www.c-nrpp.ca

Ontario Lung Association: <http://www.on.lung.ca/>

7. Adjournment

The AGM was adjourned at noon and the membership then enjoyed a barbeque and desserts and beverages by the lakeshore. Gord expressed our thanks to the chefs Jim Pine and David Jefferies and to Susan Pine and Anne Tucker for arranging the food. The meat was purchased from Gilmour's on 38 on Highway 38 at Hartington. A motion to adjourn was made by Anne Brown, seconded by Marian Poyner, voted on and passed.

Minutes prepared by Susan Grigg.