Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association

Annual General Meeting

August 01, 2026

Draft Minutes

Location: Al Boyce's Home

Attendance:

Richard Nageleisen (President), Claire Zanetti (Vice President), Karen DeLuca (Treasurer), Joe Buckley (Director), Kim St Onge (Director), Mark Valiquette (Secretary), Craig Pettis (Director)

53 Members in attendance

Regrets: Sue Pine (Director)

Meeting called to order at 11:05 am

General Welcome to all attendees by President Richard Nageleisen and introduction of the Board Members. Richard advised that Claire Zanetti would chair the meeting.

A Big Thank you to Al Boyce for allowing us to use his property for the meeting and Barbeque afterward. Thank you to Audrey for helping to coordinate setup. Special Thank you to Claire Zanetti, Kim St Onge and Susan Pine for coordinating the Barbeque and of course to Dan Zanetti for his barbequing skills.

1. **2025 DRAFT Previous Annual General Minutes review** –No Errors or omissions Motion to approve the 2025 AGM minutes as distributed. **Moved:** Joe Buckley, **Seconded:** Tom Bryant - Approved

2. **Dam Report Update:** President Richard Nageleisen provided a summary update on the Dam work and events. In total over $350,000 was raised by the members of FIMLA and South Frontenac Township along with a few other grants. In 2024, a call was made for emergency funds to cover the potential contract cost which it seemed would exceed our budget. 35 members made donations but in the endthe additional funds were not required due to cost reductions negotiated during tender, the project coming in on budget and project management costs being 50% under budget. A mailing went out to these members discussing whether the members would like their donation returned or left with the association. Nineteen members requested funds to be returned which have been executed.

3. **Financial Report: Treasurer Karen De Luca** reported that our current Bank Balance as of 1 Aug 2026 was $24,929.00. Tom Bryant asked if the $6000 had been paid to repair the lane to the Dam and Karen stated that it had been and that the work had been completed for $5994.00. Work looks great and folks seem happy. Nothing further was heard on this issue. The budget for 26/27 was sent out to all members with the notice of the Annual General meeting and the floor was open for any questions or concerns. Chris Caswell commented that the budget Revenues from Lake fees did not cover the annual expenses. It was noted by Treasurer Karen that only 39 members have paid their membership fees which represents only approximately 1/3 of the potential membership and that our liability insurance is our biggest expense. Tim Lloyd suggested that we needed to advertise more about the benefits to members within the watershed of being members and the work that the membership fees actually support. Secretary Mark Valiquette asked about the $3500 expense in the budget that was earmarked for Social Activities. It was discussed and decided that if we deferred this expense so that we could balance the budget. Tim Lloyd **motioned** that we should remove the $3500 and that any social events that might be planned should be presented with a balance between revenue with expense. **Seconded** by Anne Tucker. **Motion carried**.

Motion to approve the 25/26 Financial Report was made by Chris Caswell, **seconded** by Craig Pettis – **Motion Carried**

Motion to approve the 26/27 as amended was made by Kim St Onge **seconded** by Joe Buckley – **Motion Carried**

4. **Dam Inspection Report:** President Richard Nageleisen reported DM Wills have recommended that, based on MNR standards, that a Routine Inspection be conducted every year by the user/owner (no cost), an Engineering Inspection be conducted every 5 years by a qualified engineer team at a quoted fee of $15000 and a Special HPC (Low Hazard Potential Classification) by qualified Structural Engineers every 10 years' worth $50000. It was requested that on an annual basis if possible that David Babcock do his usual inspection when he puts boards in or takes them out in the spring and fall and writes up a little report on what he sees. After several questions it was noted that there is no legal requirement to do any inspections it is more of the Association and landowners doing due diligence in checking the condition of our dam. Currently the Dam is owned by the property owners adjacent to the dam location. An idea was raised to see if Josh Dornekamp would be willing to do an inspection on an annual basis. Having Josh do them will be investigated by the Executive. Questions about having the Quinte Conservation Authority do the inspections were raised but Richard responded that they were not at all willing to do so. **Motioned** by Tim Lloyd that the Board or

Delegate to arrange and perform an annual inspection and a 5-year inspection to be brought forward at the AGM if required **Seconded** John Moreland – **Motion carried**.

Richard suggested getting a Legal opinion on our liabilities. It was requested that the board approach FOCA and Caide Insurance to see what our Liability Insurance covers and what it does not. A detailed explanation of our Liability Coverage is required to determine in and out of coverage. **Motion**: That the Board investigate our insurance coverages with FOCA and Caide Insurance and determine our liabilities WRT the dam, by Tom Raycroft **Seconded** Kerri Valiquette - Motion Carried.

5. **FIMLA Social Activities:** Karen De Luca discussed the success and fun that was had with the Golf Tournaments and the amount of work involved. The Executive requested volunteers to step up and take on other events. The Bryants stepped forward and will do an Ice Cream Boat on September 05, 2026. Many thanks to the Bryants for volunteering.

6. **Board of Directors:** President Richard Nageleisen brought forward several proposed changes to the Board for 2026/2027:

Mark Valiquette moving out of Secretary being replaced by Claire Zanetti.

Claire Zanetti moving out of Vice President being replaced by Kim St Onge.

Karen DeLuca moving out of Treasurer being replaced by Mark Valiquette.

All other positions remain as is. **Motion** to accept changes as proposed by Mark Valiquette, **Seconded** by Tom Bourne – **Motion Carried**

7. **Boat Launch:** President Richard Nageleisen reported that the Boat Launch property has been sold but the owner has not yet been disclosed. The Board will be working with the new owners and on other options, if necessary.

8. **Buffy Lake Update**: Tim Lloyd gave a report on the status of Buffy Lake. This year has been shocking in that the fish population has dropped off significantly to the point of missing in action. Several dead fish have been noticed. Residents around the lake have noticed a real decline in the number of turtles and frogs. The ministry has been notified, and fish samples are being stored for the investigation. Tim will keep us apprised of any addition information as it occurs.

9. **Swimmers:** Anne Tucker brought up a serious issue that again has reared its head on our Lake. People are swimming across passes, well out from the shoreline and across large expanses of water with no colorful floats, or spotters. With increasing high speed boat traffic, this is very dangerous as people cannot see you in the water without

adequate visibility aides being used. The board will again send out a reminder to everyone about recommended rules around swimming out into the lake.

10. **Newsletter:** A HUGE THANK YOU again to Shauna Peart for the excellent job she did in preparing our newsletter.

11. **Lake Fees:** Concern was raised about the small number of people paying fees within our watershed (currently only 39). The Board will issue another reminder about fees being due and Willeys Lane boat launch fees being required.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting Joe Buckley, **Seconded** Dave Lucas – **Motion Carried**

Motion to Adjourn: Mark Valiquette, **Seconded** Kim ST. Onge, **Motion Passed**.