

North Pigeon Lake Ratepayers Association Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, June 13th, 2012 (6:30 PM - 9:30 PM)

Location: Tom and Audrey McCarron's – 541 Riverside Drive

1. Approval of minutes from the May 12th, 2012 meeting
 - Minutes reviewed and approved

2. Membership Update (Alex)
 - No update from Alex (unable to attend)
 - NPLRA needs members, big opportunity to expand, quarry issue should drive membership, if not what will?
 - Ad agreed to at last meeting is going into the Promoter (June 29th and July 14th editions) – focus of ad is Membership and AGM
 - Going to leverage the June 23rd Quarry Meeting to drive awareness and membership. Doug to get sign made up along with copies of newsletter and applications. Ross/Doug/Petra willing to 'man' table
 - Still coordinating a day to walk areas of opportunity to drop off newsletters and applications to drive membership. Miriam taking on the section of Riverside Drive towards town from her property.

3. Finances Update (Mike)
 - Insurance has been paid
 - KLSA donation has been made and FOCA is paid
 - Balance \$1701.63 with a \$40 deposit to be made
 - Mike meeting on June 22nd to prepare the NPLRA financials for the Annual General Meeting

4. Areas of responsibility reports (updates if any)
 - 4.1 Municipal, Lakefield Herald, KLS, Algae Study --- Ross
 - Ross attended a council meeting to support the Pigeon Lake Management Plan however council deferred their decision.
 - No other new news

 - 4.2 Voices of TSW: Tom/Lloyd
 - Nothing new, the group is still in the planning and organizing stage.
 - The voices website has a recent interview by CHEX interviewing Brian Hunt, talking about Fed Gov't cutbacks and their goal of supporting the TSW.

 - 4.3 Quarries:

NPLRA is going to attend, Ross planning to speak but format of the meeting can't be confirmed so it's not clear if NPLRA will be speaking

- NPLRA planning to set up a table outside to raise awareness of our group and its efforts. Will have our newsletter and membership forms available.
- Stop the Quarry meeting is on Saturday June 23rd at 10:00am. Measurement of success will be on the size of the turn-out to the meeting. Not a meeting that council will be making any decisions, really just an opportunity for members of the public to come out and have their voices heard.

4.4 Municipality: Ross

- Ross attended a recent council meeting and significant discussion took place regarding how the landfill will run and a review of the fee structure. Any decision was deferred.

4.5 Trent Severn Waterway News: Petra

- Nothing new
- Log onto www.trentsevern.com to see historical lock traffic statistics
- Log onto www.pc.gc.ca to see almost real time water level information.

4.6 Lake Management, Weeds, Fish, Gamiing: Doug/Tom

- Question: is the Bobcaygeon Water Treatment Plant the next 'issue' for the NPLRA?

4.7 Water Testing - KLSA : Tom/Lloyd

- Nothing New

4.8 Association Liaison: Grant

- Met the president of the Big Bald Lake Cottagers Association
- Very well organized and funded association
- They have completed a Lake Management Study
- http://www.bblca.ca/Big_Bald_Lake_Cottagers_Association/Home.html
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4.9 FOCA: Ross

- FOCA now has a full board and presidents position filled
- FOCA continues to encourage each and every individual member to go on line and sign up for their email alerts (elerts).
- It is the number of sign-ups to their elert's that FOCA uses to represent their membership numbers and influence initiatives with gov't.
- Priorities remain for fair taxation, water quality, the mining and aggregate acts reform and supporting associations in their local issues.

NPLRA Board encourages all members to go online to <http://www.foca.on.ca/> to receive elerts from FOCA. Remember all members in a household can each sign up for FOCA elerts. All that is required is an email address!

5. Constitution Changes:

- Name – general discussion regarding feedback that has been received based on notice of proposal outlined in the June Newsletter – Directors in agreement to continue and put the name change forward at the AGM.
- Definitions – “Member” section 3.5 in the NPLRA By-Law Amendments – this was again reviewed by the Directors and support confirmed to continue and put forth at the AGM
- Definitions – “Boundary” – section 3.8 – two proposals discussed and reviewed by Directors. 3.8a very specific in the boundary definition and 3.8b much more generic and general in its definition. Directors in agreement to support and put forth the recommended adoption of the 3.8b definition. (motion Doug, 2nd Lloyd, carried)
- Privacy Policy – will have copies of the background document on and available at the AGM. Referred to as “handout” for meeting purposes. Again Directors confirmed agreement of support to put forth to the membership at the AGM. (motion Tom, 2nd Doug, carried)

6. NPLRA Website/Facebook page (Doug to update)

- Website updated with 2012 Newsletter
- NPLRA Facebook page set up – to find it search follow steps to search for friends but click on “pages” rather than “friends”

7. Annual General Meeting (Speaker?, Date, Location)

- Mike Steadman – President of KLSA (Water Quality)
- Kawartha Heritage have requested to speak, Ross will approach and confirm
- Quarry Speaker – to be determined but key issue so key speaker to have at the AGM
- Mayor – request to speak will be made by Ross

8. Other New Business

- Miriam Newton is joining as a Director on the board of the NPLRA to backfill the vacancy created with Grant stepping down from the role

9. Next Meeting: July 14th 2012 at 9:30am to 11:30am at Ross Morton’s – Riverside Dr

- Final planning of the AGM

10. Adjournment