

Point Clark Beach Association 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

On August 12th, 2017 at 9:30 am, Gib McIlwraith President of the Point Clark Beach Association (PCBA) called the association's Annual Meeting to order at 9:30 am at the Point Clark Community Centre. Gib introduced the following executive members in attendance: Mike Bayer (Treasurer), Don Thorpe (Past President), Bill Bowers (Membership Director), Pat Jones (Director) and John Lassel (Director). Nancy Powers (Secretary) sent her regrets, and Mike Bayer will serve as Secretary for the annual meeting.

The Agenda for the Point Clark Beach Association meeting was approved.

Point Clark Harbour Beautification:

John Lassel introduced Paul Grominsky (President) and Ellen Lowry (Secretary/Treasurer) of the Point Clark Boat Club. The Point Clark Boat Club founded in 1962, and the club has a license to occupy the Harbour area until 2039. The Point Clark Boat Club has launched a \$150,000 fund raising effort for its Point Clark Harbour Beautification project. The Township of Huron-Kinloss council contributed \$50,000 for this project, and the boat club has raised an additional \$15,000.

The Point Clark Harbour and Launch area are in need of some urgent repairs and beautification. Among the repairs are: repairs to the harbour walls, installation of safety fences, accessible walkways, 6x6 post with solar lights, dredging, Gazebo, and the installation of docks for members and guests. Without these repairs and safety upgrades, it will be necessary for the Point Clark Boat Club to restrict access to the harbour to their members only.

The Point Clark Boat Club is looking for private and public donations to complete this project. Letters of support for the project are appreciated as well. The boat club will recognize 'Friends of the Harbour' for a donation of \$300 by individuals and small businesses for a donation of \$1,000 by placing their names on a plaque.

A member asked if Point Clark Boat Club would need to raise the entire \$150,000 first before the beautification project could start? Paul said his organization could phase the entire project into smaller projects, but this decision depends on the amount of donations the boat club receives and the final planning of the project.

A member questioned Paul on the harbour water outflow on the south side of the harbour and the growth of algae on the southern end of the harbour. Paul explained that now the water level is high the outflow is working as it should. Cleaning of the algae on the southern end of the harbour cannot be accomplished at this time because the equipment sank because of the water depth when the township attempted to clean the algae with its algae cleaning machine.

Approval of 2016 and 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Pat Jones made the motion to approve the 2016 General and Annual meeting minutes, seconded by Don Thorpe. Motion carried.

Bob Burdett made the motion to approve the 2017 General Meeting minutes and seconded by Pat Jones. Motion Carried.

Financial Report and Review

Mike Bayer presented the financial report for the Point Clark Beach association 2016-2017 fiscal year. Mike presented the following highlights for this year as follows:

- ▶ Year-end bank balance was up approx. By \$3,900.00 over the previous year.
- ▶ Advertising revenue was up by \$800.00 from the previous year.
- ▶ Board Members took advantage of corporate and private donations to fund 70th Anniversary project and social events.
- ▶ PCBA made a profit of approximately \$1,700.00 from these events. We are now in a position to have at least 1-2 social events a year.
- ▶ Donations to charities was funded by mostly 70th Anniversary raffle proceeds
- ▶ Donated seed money to the Pine River Watershed initiative for its ash tree replacement program with raffle proceeds.
- ▶ Donated to the Lake Huron Coastal Conservation Centre with raffle proceeds
- ▶ Board members worked with the Canada 150 committee to help with a sustainable Canada day fireworks program
- ▶ Raffle License by-law requires a discussion on 50/50 draw events
- ▶ Reduced the cost of maintaining the web site by in-house development and reduction of hosting costs.

Mike mentioned there is a threat to next year's revenue if we do not find a directory editor and advertising rep.

Kathleen Bauer presented the following financial report review:

A meeting with Michael Bayer, treasurer of the Point Clark Beach Association was held July 30, 2017.

All financial statements and records were reviewed and found to be accurate. Good accounting practices and standards were evident. Transactions were supported by proper documentation and explanation. All financial statements balanced with each other.

The beach association uses a "cash basis" form of accounting that records all revenues and expenditures at the time when payments are actually received or sent. The treasurer makes every effort to follow this practice. (Example: Revenue in the form of membership dues collected in the fiscal year is deposited in the bank during said year.) These procedures are important for an accurate financial report.

As well as reviewing the financial records for accurate and acceptable accounting practices, a review was made of the types of revenue and expenditures and the financial status of the beach association.

The 70th anniversary actually brought in more revenue than expenditures. This is attributed to the efforts of the committee to pursue sponsorships and to be diligent in regards to expenses. The association executive has been careful with the funds entrusted to them and has made thoughtful use of those funds. Therefore, the financial standing is secure and ending bank balances show a net increase over the previous fiscal year.

Since the Point Clark Beach Association is a not-for-profit organization, it is suggested that the excess of funds might be used for a worthwhile project.

Motion to accept the Financial Report by Lesley Braun and seconded by Don Thorpe. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the Financial Report Review by Pat Jones and seconded by Don Thorpe. Motion carried.

Beach Patrol Report

Patrols were conducted bi-weekly last year from November 6th, 2016 to March 27th, 2017. All members who requested patrols had their residences tagged. There were four reportable incidents last year:

- A member broke into their cottage after forgetting their keys at home.
- A member left their lights on in their cottage.
- A member left a door unlocked.
- A neighbour reported to the Beach Patrol footprints near a member's cottage.

Membership Report

Bill Bowers (Membership Director) reported that 124 members renewed their membership for this year with 89 renewals outstanding. Memberships renewals are \$40.00 until August 31st, 2017 and they are \$60.00 after this date for existing members to renew. New members may join the (PCBA) by paying \$40.00 at any time. The deadline for the beach patrol is November 1st, 2017 and the deadline for the directory is December 31st, 2017.

Bill thanked Marlene Gibson of Lake Range Realty for providing free memberships to new residents of Point Clark who she sold cottages to as a real estate agent.

Pine River Water Shed Update

Gib McIlwrath provided the update. The Pine River Water Shed Initiative has planted over 25,000 trees in the past and planned to plant 16,000 more seedlings. Last year the Point Clark Beach Association donated 'seed' money to the Pine River Watershed initiative for its ash tree replacement program. Other sponsors of this program are the NWMO and the Ministry of the Environment. They are planning to have to sites as community rain gardens to contain rain water run-off.

Members may request a tree for planting on their property by signing the sheets at the back of the hall or by contacting the Pine River Watershed Initiative at 519-395-5538 or email pineriverwin@yahoo.ca or pineriverwatershed@pineriverwatershed.ca

You can choose from a variety of native trees such as maples, oaks, Hachborns and birch trees to replace trees on your lot.

July BBQ - 2017 Fireworks Report

John Lassel reported that the July 8th, 2017 BBQ was very well attended. Members requested that we hold another BBQ after the PCBA General meeting in 2018. Donations from members covered the cost of the BBQ. Members contributed \$260.00 plus two Listowel Car Wash tokens that resembled loonies.

Pat Jones reported that the Canada 150 event which included fireworks was a very successful event. The Canada Day fireworks display was not held at the lighthouse for past two years because the organizer the Huron Shores Lions club could not cover the expense of putting on the event by itself. The event has always been privately funded through donations and by collecting voluntary donations at the gate. The event was not held on July 1st this year because of premium pricing for Canada 150 events by fireworks vendors. The price would have been 3-4 times the cost to hold the event on July 1st instead of June 30th. Most fireworks vendors require a down payment of 25-50% before committing to an event.

Last year executives met with their counterparts from Huron Shores Lions Club, Lurgan Beach Association, the Huron Lakeshore Friendship Club, Point Clark Boat Club and Pine River Boat Club to plan the Canada 150 fireworks celebration at Point Clark. The goal of this group was to fund fireworks and to have a cash reserve for future fireworks.

The event would not have been possible without the financial support of the above groups. In addition, the following sponsors contributed to the Canada 150 event at the lighthouse: Bruce Power, Community Foundation Grey-Bruce, HuronTel, the Amberley General Store, Elliott Construction, Lake Range Reality, Michael J. Bayer, Re-Max Real Estate, Kempton Construction, Shoreline Enterprises, Barry and Lisa McDonald, Jan and Keith Kelly, John Sweeney Concrete and Smeltzer's Garden Centre.

Michelle Goetz also applied for and received a Canada 150 grant for Huron-Kinloss township. Part of this grant was used to help fund the fireworks.

A member asked how much the event cost to put on the event. The event cost totalled \$6,600 for fireworks and another \$4,000 for the DJ, Native Dancers, and giveaways, cake, insurance, etc. The total cost of the event was \$10,600.00.

A member asked how much the volunteers collected at the gate? Volunteers collected approximately \$6,700.00 at the gate.

A member suggested that there be places to get a drink and food at the next Canada Day event at the lighthouse.

John Lassel reported that nearly 300 people came through the Point Clark Beach Association Tent for Canada 150 buttons, pins, flags, non-permanent tattoos, giveaways, and notebooks.

Gib thanked John Lassel's company Baywood Interiors for providing the giveaways and their event tent.

John thanked Michael Bayer for the Canada 150 flags, pins and buttons that were given away.

Nomination and Election of Directors/Executives

Mike Bayer gave a recruitment presentation on the need for more executives especially directors.

Don Thorpe conducted the election of Directors and Executives. The following directors and executives were elected: Gib McIlwrath (President), John Lassel (Vice President), Mike Bayer (Treasurer), Nancy Powers (Secretary), Bill Bowers (Membership Director) and Pat Jones (Director).

Please consider volunteering as a director. If interested please contact a member of the board.

Representatives for Pine River Watershed Initiative and Township Rec Committee

Gib asked for a volunteer to represent the Point Clark Beach Association on the Pine River Watershed Board. No volunteers.

Directory Editor and Sales representative

Gib McIlwrath thanked Ron Culp for his service on the board of directors of the PCBA and for his work on putting together the PCBA directory. Ron was our directory editor, and sales representatives moved from Point Clark earlier this year. We are in need of a replacement for Ron Culp who was our directory editor. If interested, please contact a member of the board.

Other business:

50/50 Raffle donation

Last year a citizen raised concern to the Huron-Kinloss Township administration that the PCBA was holding a 50/50 draw and holding a lottery for our 70th anniversary. Huron-Kinloss Township contacted the PCBA and informed us that the PCBA requires a lottery license under their new bylaw and provincial law. The PCBA had obtained a license for these events last year. Under the current Huron-Kinloss bylaw, we require a separate bank account and the PCBA must give the money raised from our 50/50 draw to a registered charity. Traditionally, the proceeds from the 50/50 draw were used to pay for the coffee and Timbits which were served at our PCBA meetings. These new regulations make it cost prohibitive to hold this 50/50 draw because of license and bank fees.

Other service clubs in Huron-Kinloss now have a donation box for their refreshments and snacks, and they hold a free door prize draw instead. Other municipalities have exemptions for lotteries that have prize values under \$100 or \$200. It was decided that we would have a donation box and a free door prize draw. Action: Mike Bayer will write a letter to council asking for a similar exemption.

Bruce Beach Cottage Association

Mike Bayer (Treasurer) attended the Bruce Beach Cottage Association annual meeting as their guest representing Gib McIlwraith. Bruce Beach has asked the township and MNR to trim back invasive willows as they are causing a safety issue on their beach and blocking access and walking to the beach. The Bruce Beach cottage association has escalated this to Lisa Thompson as the township has denied their request. Lisa Thompson MPP is setting up a meeting to resolve this among the MNR, Saugeen

The Bruce Beach area is plagued by agricultural run-off which is causing algae and water quality problems. The Bruce Association is requesting that council divert money from the septic inspection programs to deal with the agricultural run-off issues by building holding ponds. The Bruce Beach Association pointed out that the septic inspection program only found .5% of the septic systems in need of repair and a DNA study found that the E-coli attributed to humans in Lake Huron was less than 2% in studies conducted by the centre for inland waters. Agricultural DNA E-Coli was above 58%.

New business

Golf cart concerns

A member raised a concern about children driving golf carts and people driving golf carts with open cans of alcohol on Point Clark roads. Gib McIlwraith has brought up the issue with township council and the OPP. Members were encouraged to contact the OPP if they see these behaviours. Golf carts are legal in Ontario if they are driven by a licensed driver, under 49cc, or used by a person with disabilities. Action: The PCBA executive will write a letter to the township and OPP expressing their concerns about children driving golf carts and people driving carts with open cans of alcohol.

Donations

The membership directed the Point Clark Beach Association board to give to the following charities: The Point Clark Harbour Beautification project, Pine River Watershed Initiative, 2018 Canada day fireworks, and the Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation. Action: The board will meet to discuss the amounts and timings.

In Memoriam and Memorial Plaque

This year the Point Clark Beach Association Board and its members offer their condolences to the families and friends of:

Janet Cress, Geoff Peach, Enid Rogers, Elmer Poll, and Gordon Moogk who passed away since our last meeting.

Two names were added to the Point Clark Beach Association Memorial Plaque this year. Janet Cress served on our executive and board for many years. Geoff Peach often offered his expertise on beach management at the Point Clark Beach Association meetings.

What is going on – Up and Coming events

Members were encouraged to be aware of the following events and news:

- ▶ Lake Huron Coastal Conservation Centre Workshop at Point Clark – August 22nd, 2017 6-8pm
- ▶ LAMP Lake Huron Policy Report published by the US and Canadian Government Report – Feedback deadline Sept 5th, 2017.
- ▶ Bruce Beach Association Meeting – removal of wild willows and farm runoff concerns. Meeting with Lisa Thompson.
- ▶ Huron-Kinloss study on the opening of dormant walkways and right of ways to the beach. Some members are not aware of the right-of-ways adjacent to their properties. Members are encouraged to check their surveys for right-of-way access and the Huron-Kinloss web site for up and coming council meetings regarding this topic or contact the Huron-Kinloss clerk's office.
- ▶ Beach clean-up of algae bloom south of Point Clark. The Point Clark Beach Association at the request of its members was able to work with Mike Fair of Huron-Kinloss Township to clean the algae in the water from Attwandran to Amberley Beach. Previous attempts at the south-end of the lighthouse failed because of the depth of the water.
- ▶ Open air burning bylaw (New) – Members are encouraged to look at the HIK website to understand this new bylaw.
- ▶ Special event bylaw (New) – if you are going to hold an event on your property, there is a new special events bylaws required for concerts, parties, weddings, etc. Please check the HK website for details.
- ▶ Dog Park location choice decision by Huron Kinloss Council
- ▶ Nuclear Waste Decision
- ▶ Natural Gas Decision

Adjournment

Bob Burdett made a motion to adjourn and seconded by John Lassel. Motion carried.