

## Point Clark Beach Association- Annual Meeting

The Point Clark Beach Association Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Point Clark Community Centre. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. Executive in attendance were Gib McIlwrath, Bill Bowers, Pat Jones, Mike Bayer, John Lassel, and Nancy Powers. Regrets from Martina Aisenpreis and Ron Culp.

### **Agenda approved**

**Presentation of 2015 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Bob Burdett, seconded by Leslie Braun. Carried.

**Financial Report Review:** Presented by Mike Bayer. Review conducted by Gary Sidhu, still to be reviewed by Kathleen Bauer. Clarification that new members pay \$40 fee at any time. Website has been upgraded and enhanced by Mike Bayer and volunteers from his company. He confirmed that the PCBA now has a Canadian service provider.

Motion: made by Lee Hishon that the PCBA allow an annual review to take place rather than a financial audit by a financial institution. There are no legal implications or liabilities in doing this.

Seconded by Bob Burdett. Carried.

Discussion on numbers of residences in Point Clark in comparison to the membership numbers (currently at 214 members/residences). Not many residences are permanent residences. This would be a helpful statistic for the PCBA to know in terms of seeking memberships.

**Action: PCBA will inquire via email to the municipality the numbers of residences there are in Point Clark.**

**Beach Patrol Report- November 1 2015 to April 1, 2016:** Paddy Hedley (not in attendance). Report provided by Gil.

- 10 regular patrols completed
- No special patrols after a storm were needed
- A total of 1890 cottage checks were completed
- All residences tagged
- Total of 3 trees were down with 2 requiring notification to the cottage contact person
- 1 tag was found to be missing and was replaced after checking premises
- Detailed reports were submitted to the board

Questions raised about when Beach Patrol contacts owners if there is a tree down. One owner of Blue St had a tree down but did not receive a call from Patrol. The Patrol is only in place from Nov. 1-April 1, so details were not clear on when this particular incident took place. Gib will follow up with Paddy.

There is criteria established that states Paddy contacts owners if he sees a tree on home/cottage and there is damage. Members expressed concerns that they would prefer to be contacted if there is a tree down regardless if there is damage or it is on the home/cottage. Gib shared that in the past, the PCBA received complaints if owners were contacted as they maybe were aware of the tree that was down and felt it a nuisance call. Still the members at the meeting would like a call and if possible a picture of the tree/strom damage to property.

**Action:** Gib will speak with Paddy about the reporting and calling of damage to residences to owners. It was unclear if Paddy had the ability to take pictures (ownership of a cellphone), but George Faust (member) volunteered to take picture if contacted by Paddy. Then an email would be sent to owners with picture of damage for their information.

**Membership Report:** Presented by Bill Bowers. Discussion: The PCBA is not only intended for residences along the beach. The PCBA is an association of residences of Point Clark. Members are encouraged to speak with neighbors and friends about the PCBA. Application form to be reviewed eg. to revise "cottage" with different language that indicates "owner" potentially.

Suggestion to have a PCBA booth at events i.e. Fireworks, BBQ's to increase membership and awareness. All of this takes volunteers.

It was acknowledged that Marlene Gibson (Lake Range Realty) gives new owners a paid membership with each property purchased.

There were 214 members last year, 203 paid

- So far this year, 120 members have renewed of which 3 are new
- Applications can be dropped off at Bill's cottage (637 Lakeside Trail) in the stainless steel mailbox
- Membership Dues are \$40 for renewing members if paid by August 31st. After this date, renewals are \$60.
- Membership Dues for new members are \$40 regardless of the date.
- November 1st is the cutoff date for the beach patrol list.
- December 31st is the cutoff date for the PCBA Directory.

The members acknowledged past Board member, Enid Rogers, had passed away.

Bill Bowers has a box of many different lighthouse pictures that for a small donation, people can have for framing.

**Pine River Watershed Report:** Presented by Phyllis Leighton.

Phyllis has been the PCBA rep for the past 3 years and is stepping down. She has done a great job and has attended 80% of meetings. She is willing to mentor a new person who can gain important information on the Pine River initiatives. The meetings are held monthly on Wednesdays in the Ripley municipal office. All Beach Associations attend. Better water quality in the main purpose of the Pine River Watershed. It is important to have the voice at this table.

Projects Phyllis cited were the Sponsorship Program (tree planting and berm development on agricultural land), Water Conference held in Port Elgin. Testing of the water takes place 4 times/year. It is carefully monitored by federal and provincial officials. Liquid manure spreading was discussed. There are strict guidelines for its use. If there are concerns, people are encouraged to contact the Coastal Centre in Goderich.

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Report:** Presented by John Lassel. It was a success! The event was organized by a 5 volunteers with 150 people attending. There was strong encouragement from John for volunteers. Despite numerous emails being sent out, there was a poor response from members for help.

John presented a Certificate of Congratulations from MPP Lisa Thompson.

Future decision if there will be a 75<sup>th</sup> or 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

- Mini Libraries: one is installed at Village Pizzeria and maintained by John's wife Christine
- Looking for another location for a library. Please contact John if interested
- Bulletin Board at the Lighthouse upgraded by John
- Fireworks 2017: the PCBA want it to happen but again, it takes volunteers. Sign-up sheet initiated by John for events

**Election of Officers:** Nancy Powers volunteered. John Lassel (motion) and Gary Draves seconded. Carried.

There is a need for 2 or more Directors. Often meetings are held via teleconferences. Contact a Board member if you are interested.

**New Business:**

**Directory Editor and Advertising Sales Representative:** Ron Culp is moving so the PCBA needs another volunteer to take on these responsibilities. Most of the work and advertising support has been established over the years so the task is not that onerous. Please contact a Board member if interested.

**Pine River Watershed:** Tree planting has been supported by the PCBA. Motion by bob Burdett and seconded by Art Copeland to donate \$300 for this project. Carried.

Hugh Mason (519-395-5182) has offered that PCBA members can contact him to get trees for re-planting.

**2017 July BBQ:** Members supported that the PCBA host a BBQ following the July meeting.

**2017 Fireworks:** Pat Jones is the PCBA rep at the Lions Club meetings. There will be applications submitted for funding for the fireworks (eg. Canada 150). Volunteers will be needed for this event to accept donations (perhaps along the walking paths to and from the Lighthouse).

**PCBA Signs:** Volunteer is needed to put out signs(2 weeks in advance) promoting the PCBA meetings as well as taking them back them (following the meetings).

**Action:** George Faust agreed to take this responsibility. Thank you George!

**Raffle Licence:** \$20 for a licence for 50/50 draws.

**Signs:**

1. Can the PCBA put up signs that advise of events such as the current Fire Ban to increase awareness. It was mentioned that the PCBA website also can have notifications posted. Huron-Kinloss website sends out Emergency Notifications in the events of power outages, Fire Bans so members are encouraged to sign up to receive those emails.  
**Action:** Gib to consult with municipality re: liability. If there isn't then he will pursue the posting of signs.
2. Speed limit signs: Is it possible to request more speed limit signs along Huron Rd.

**The 50/50 Draw (total \$80) was won by Mike Bayer who received \$40.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am**