

Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association

Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Friday March 29, 2013

Location: Melanie Clark's cottage, 100 Bruce Beach Road

Present: Bruce McKelvey, David Grant, David Tiernan, Ross Klopp, Melanie Clark, Susan Davidson

Regrets: Peter Newson

1.0 Welcome and Agenda Review- (Bruce McKelvey)

Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for being available on Easter Good Friday. Peter Newson is available by telephone if required. There were no additions to the agenda.

2.0 Review 2012 Minutes - (Susan Davidson)

A copy of the minutes of the Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association (BBCA) for the Executive Committee Meeting on March 4, 2012, the Executive Committee Meeting on July 2, 2012, the Directors' and Councilors' Meeting on July 21, 2012 and the Annual General Meeting on August 4, 2012 were distributed for review prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve minutes 01-29-03-13 moved by David Grant and seconded by Melanie Clark

Business arising from the minutes: Susan advised the executives the 2012 budget was not approved at the Annual General Meeting on August 4, 2012. The 2012 budget will be raised for approval at the next meeting on August 3, 2013 **Carried**

3.0 President's Report - (Bruce McKelvey)

Bruce and David met with Mitch Twolan in October 2012 to discuss the results of the water and beach quality survey completed by BBCA member. Attachment 1 is the list of questions and issues presented to Mitch at the meeting.

He recommended Bruce and David set up a meeting with Mike Fair to discuss these issues and receive his feedback. He also suggested Geoff Peach attend the meeting. Mike Fair was unavailable for a meeting this week.

Action Item: Bruce to contact Mike Fair and set up meeting.

Bruce circulated a document on entitled "Our Future Huron-Kinloss". The township is establishing a sustainability and strategic plan for four pillars: Cultural Vibrancy, Economic Prosperity, Environmental Health and Social Wellbeing. The BBKA wants to participate in this planning process with particular representation on the Environmental Health pillar. David Grant will be our representative.

Action Item: David will contact the township and volunteer to be part in this initiative.

Bruce commented on the article sent through Ross Klopp on March 26, 2013, Algae Bloom on Bruce Beach. In the article, Geoff Peach is quoted "As a Lake Huron community, we've got to come together and figure out how we're going to reduce our use of phosphorous" the article continues stating, "Phosphorous runoffs - namely from fertilizer, manure and other nutrient rich waste products from agri-business operations - are the main culprit behind the toxic blue-green algae that invaded Lake Erie in 2011....etc." It seems discussion is starting to move from the cottagers causing phosphorous runoff into the Great Lakes to the agriculture community being a significant contributor.

When the BBKA survey on water quality was completed, two items were posted on the BBKA website in October 2012, The Bruce Beach Shoreline Survey results and a study on Lake Huron water quality completed by the University of Waterloo. Bruce asked that the water quality study be posted with a link on the Home Page for easy access for members.

Action Item: Susan to contact Doug to set this up.

The presidents from the three beach association in Huron-Kinloss met with the Pine River Watershed Initiative Network (PRWIN) executive. This organization initially was focused on planting trees along the Pine River to remove phosphorous and nutrients from the farm runoff flowing into the river. They have now expanded this initiative to include larger projects such as creating settling ponds on farms to capture runoff to prevent the nutrient rich water flowing into Pine River. A model for this type of initiative is the Murray Scott farm near Belgrave. They are currently spending \$30,000 on the restoration of Pine River near the old cheese factory.

The Huron-Kinloss Council made a step forward on the in controlling farm runoff by accepting The Drainage Superintendent Report that "That appropriate water retentions berms be encouraged in new engineering reports where practical with the accompanying co-operation of the landowner".

Last fall, PRWIN, with the Saugeen Conservation Authority and Huron Kinloss Township removed a large area of phragmites and other invasive species from an area on Lurgan Beach and restored the area with an expansive sand beach. They had students' plant beach grass to create dunes in the high water area. The BBCA will encourage this type of project.

PRWIN has received a \$72,000 grant to continue their initiatives. It is expected that more of these projects will be initiated and supported by the township. This summer, they will also set up tours for the cottage residents of their initiatives and model environmentally managed farms.

The BBCA executive will continue to encourage Grant Collin, with the assistance of PRWIN, to set up holding ponds on his farm.

Action Item: Bruce to organize a meeting with PRWIN and the 2 other presidents.

The 2nd Nuclear Waste project is to select a site to dispose of the high level nuclear waste has moved to stage 3. Huron-Kinloss Township is part of this process as they are actively working to acquire this business for the township. They anticipate this business will create jobs for the area. An important part of the process is the formation of a community oversight committee. David has volunteered to apply to be a member and represent the BBCA.

Action Item: David to apply for membership on this committee.

The BBCA will not support either side on the issue of Nuclear Waste disposal sites being located in Huron-Kinloss Township or the surrounding area. However, they will facilitate continual education of our members on the pros and cons of this issue and encourage forums for open discussion.

4.0 Vice President's Report - (David Grant)

All plans for the BBQ are under way, the menu is the same as last year but the cost of food has increased slightly so the price of tickets is up marginally. We will have a DJ again this year and the MLC band will play at a cost of \$350. All other activities will be the same as last year's event. David reviewed the need for "smart servers" to serve alcohol at the BBQ bar. We do not need anyone designated as a smart server under the regulations. We meet all the criteria without smart servers.

David reviewed a Huron- Kinloss council meeting where a motion was tabled stating that the township "would not be a willing host community to wind turbines" in Huron- Kinloss Township. However, unless the Green Energy Act is changed to give municipalities a say in the location of wind turbines, the township will not have a choice. The executive is hopeful the new provincial leader will take action on this issue.

There is a plan to install 140 wind turbines in the neighbouring Ashfield – Colborne – Wawanosh Township. The development area boundary is along the south side of hwy 86, along hwy 21 to west of Road 1 in Lucknow and Nile Road to the south. This project will start this year.

The tax rate has increased this year by 3%; this does not include any recent MPAC changes to the asset value of property.

5.0 Communications Director – (Ross Klopp)

Ross reported that he has 397 email addresses for members. This covers all but 15-16 cottages. Updated addresses are regularly sent to Ross as he has zero return emails.

6.0 Treasurers' Report – (Melanie Clark)

Melanie presented the final financial statement for 2012. Suggestions were made for the 2013 budget for regular ongoing expenses including combining some items.

After discussion for donations in 2013, the proposal was \$2,000 donation to the Kincardine Hospital, \$2,000 to the PRWIN and \$1,000 to Community Living Project. This year, we will base our donations on a balanced budget, therefore, donation amounts may be adjusted depending on the final budget. These donations will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on August 3, 2013 for approval by the membership.

Action Item: Melanie to complete 2013 budget and send to the executives.

Melanie raised the issue of a member's information being removed from the Yearbook as their annual fees have been overdue for several years. Many attempts have been made to collect these fees. The executive agreed removal of the member's information was appropriate and this process will continue until the fees are paid. This will also apply to other delinquent payers.

Action Item: Melanie will communicate this to the member.

7.0 Yearbook Coordinators' Report – (Peter Newson)

Peter was unable to attend the meeting but indicated everything is on target for the 2013 Yearbook distribution. An additional flier on Early Years Centre was recommended for inclusion in the Yearbook.

Action Item: Melanie to acquire 300 fliers and send to Peter.

Action Item: Ross to send flier to BBKA members.

Action Item: Susan to send Peter Newson the final copy of the 2012 Annual General Meeting minutes and Melanie to send Peter the final 2012 budget and actual expenses and the 2013 budget after executive approval.

8. BBCA Events – (Bruce McKelvey)

All 2013 events are on track. The dates have been finalized for the Yearbook.

9. Discussion Topics and Other Business – (All)

Wind Turbines – (Bruce McKelvey)

Covered in the President's and Vice President's Reports.

Water Levels – (All)

The executive's discussed the low water levels in the Great Lakes and Georgian Bay. Harbours in the Bay area are no longer usable and dredging has been started in several places. Some areas on Bruce Beach have an increase in the coverage of rocks on their beach as the water is so low. It was thought a possible cause was the continual dredging in the St Clair River. Information on this issue will be shared by all.

Liability Insurance – (Susan Davidson)

Susan has reviewed the BBCA liability insurance policy. This coverage is co-mingled with the other 10 areas on Bruce Beach except McCosh Grove. Any changes to the coverage would impact all parties. Susan is recommending the coverage increase from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. This would cost approximately \$650.00 annually for all areas. Jim Scorgie is the contact person with the insurance company and manages the collection of the premiums for this policy.

Action Item: Susan will contact Jim to discuss these changes.

Action Item: Ross Klopp to send Susan Jim's telephone number.

Contingency Plans – (Susan Davidson)

As recommended last year, a Contingency Plan needs to be prepared for each executive position of the BBCA Board of Directors. This includes: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Yearbook Coordination and Communications Coordinator.

Action Item: Susan to contact each individual in these positions and request a documented contingency plan. This will be included in the Secretaries documentation.

Annual General Meeting – (Bruce McKelvey)

Action Item: Bruce will invite Mayor Twolan and Lisa Thompson MPP Huron – Bruce to the AGM on August 3, 2013.

