

Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association

Minutes for the Directors' and Councilors' Meeting

Date: Saturday July 21, 2012

Location: Bruce Beach Club House

Present: David Tiernan, Bruce McKelvey, Janice Gibson, Peter Newson, Susan Davidson, Melanie Clark, Area 1 (South Bruce Beach) Nan Grant, Area 2 (McCosh Grove) Ruth McLean, Area 3 (Tout's Grove) Laurie Hamilton, Area 4 (Snowden Grove) Dick Mackenzie, Area 5&6 Diane Bryant, Area 7 Heather Ingham, Area 8 Victoria Birkett, Area 10 Joyce Pottier, Area 11 Brian MacEachern

Regrets: Ross Klopp, Keith MacDonald, Area 9 (Cameron Grove) Anne MacDougall

1.0 Welcome and Roll Call – (David Tiernan)

David Tiernan welcomed everyone and each person introduced themselves. David stressed the importance of working cohesively as a team. With the many issues facing Bruce Beach (wind turbines, water and beach quality), it is critical to pool our efforts and work together with common goals to effect change. A new issue requiring the BBCA attention is the 2 proposals for disposal, possibly in our community, of Nuclear Waste, low and intermediate level waste and spent fuel rod waste.

The BBCA Executive has met with Lisa Thompson MPP and Mitch Twolan to discuss our position on these different issues. They will be attending the BBCA Annual General Meeting on August 4 2012.

2.0 Vice-Presidents Report – (Bruce McKelvey)

Bruce McKelvey updated us on the success of last year's BBQ. A survey was completed by participants and the feedback was very positive. Especially the addition of the tables and chairs. There were approximately 500 people in attendance.

This year there are 2 additional venues, line dancing and the Mid Life Crises Band with Ian Cook. The BBQ Committee has worked with the Ripley Community Centre and has agreed to purchase chairs. This will allow us to use their chairs and tables for our annual BBQ event for a nominal charge. Everyone is encouraged to welcome neighbours at their tables. Tickets should be purchased in advance up to one week before the event. If a last minute guest arrives, tickets are available on a limited basis at the door. This allows an accurate estimate of attendees for food and other requirements.

Action Item: The Councilors are requested to promote the BBQ in their area and encourage new cottagers and renters to attend.

Bruce discussed the importance of all Bruce Beach cottagers registering to vote in the municipal elections for Huron Kinloss Township. Included in the Year Book are guidelines on the eligibility requirements and process to register. We also need to ensure our members understand they can vote in a municipal election anywhere they own a resident. Registering now will signal to the township officials, the importance of our issues being addressed.

Action Item: The Councilors will discuss the importance of voter registration with their area members and encourage them to register now rather than waiting for the next election.

Bruce gave an update on their meeting with 3 levels of government, Ben Lob MP, Lisa Thompson MPP and Mitch Twolan, Mayor Huron Kinloss Township. Both Ben and Lisa are regular cottagers on Bruce Beach and clearly understand our concerns for the beach and water quality. They are prepared to work together to help address the main cause, agriculture field runoff. If solutions are discovered, they will help us through the political system and possible fund raising.

Bruce and Brian MacEachern visited the Scott Farm, located south west of Belgrave. This farm is classified as a model of environmentally friendly processes to limit the impact of farm runoff on the streams and rivers in the area. We need to encourage farmers in our area to understand the positive impact they can make to the environment using these techniques.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes for July 16, 2011

Susan Davidson, Secretary distributed the minutes of the last Director and Councilor Meeting. **Motion 24-07-12-01** Laurie Hamilton presented a motion that the minutes be approved, Nan Grant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An issue arising from the minute was discussed. At the last meeting, it was proposed that each area have their annual meeting prior to the Councilors meeting. This would ensure timely feedback from each area.

Action Item: Ruth McLean will discuss this with the McCosh grove members at their next annual meeting.

4.0 Report of the Councilors

Area 1 (South Bruce Beach) Nan Grant: Their thanks for changing the name in the Year Book to South Bruce Beach and the outline on how to register to vote. At the last annual meeting, all members indicated they and spouses are registered. The wild flower sales was a success with the funds donated to the Tennis courts in the south end.

This area is having a problem with motorized vehicles trespassing on their private forest area. The OPP is prepared to deal with this issue but need appropriate documentation, pictures, license number etc. They recommended posting a white dot on random trees; this is the symbol that indicates No Trespassing.

Area 2 (McCosh Grove) Ruth McLean: McCosh expressed their concern for the environment, the wild life and the water quality. They also thanked the BBCA Executive for taking action on their concerns with the Nuclear Waste proposals. They recommended fewer algae cleanups as their area is not impacted to the same extent as other areas. However, other areas need the cleanup to continue.

Area 3 (Touts Grove) Laurie Hamilton: Touts Grove thanked the Executive for all their work with the province and township on the wind turbines and the quality of the beach and water. They encourage us to continue using survey's as a method of getting timely input from the BBCA members. They totally disagreed with the offense warnings Huron Kinloss Township randomly distributed to the cottagers. Bruce McKelvey discussed this ticketing with Mayor Twolan who initially said they were distributed based on a complaint. When asked to see files on who complained, he indicated there was probably no complaint, however, the By-Law Officer assumed inappropriate behaviour of the cottager upon viewing their respective beach. This is profiling and removing our rights. Laurie indicated a cottager who removed sand for a foundation was told it must to be trucked away not returned to the beach. This does not make sense to the group as people are being fined for removing beach grass that keeps the sand on the beach.

Area 4 (Snowdon Grove) Dick Mackenzie: Area 4 have recommended a sign be posted at the top of Davey's Hill #692 to indicated the entrance to the cottagers in that area for 911 purposes. This area also felt there was excessive algae cleanup on the beach.

Area 5&6 Diane Bryant: This area has no additional issues, all discussed by previous areas.

Area 7 Heather Ingham: This area has no additional issues, all discussed by previous areas. However, they support the algae cleanup.

Area 8 Victoria Birkett: This area has no additional issues, all discussed by previous areas.

Area 9 (Cameron Grove) Anne MacDougall: Not in attendance

Area 10 Joyce Pottier: This area has no additional issues, all discussed by previous areas. They support the algae cleanup.

Area 11 Brian MacEachern: This area has no addition issues, all discussed by previous area. They support the algae cleanup.

There was a special thank you to David from the Councilors for his leadership as President of the BBCA during a challenging time.

5.0 Report of the Treasurer – (Janice Gibson)

Janice thanked the Councilors for their assistance in collection of the BBCA dues. There are twice the numbers over due this year vs. last year. The treasurer handed out the lists of delinquent cottagers for collections. She asked that they be flexible on collecting the overdue fine.

This year, it will be recommended at the AGM a donation of \$5,000 to the Kincardine Hospital and \$1,000 donation to the Pine River Watershed Imitative (PRWI).

6.0 Report of the Yearbook Coordinator – (Peter Newson)

The Year Book was sent out on time with no other issues to report. Peter distributed the new Welcome package to the Councilors. This package is for new cottagers and renters.

7.0 Report of the Communication Co-ordinator – (Ross Klopp)

Ross Klopp was unable to attend meeting.

8.0 New Business – (David Tiernan)

Bruce Beach History: It was recommended that we continue to use the website to post historical pictures and information about Bruce Beach. In a Ripley restaurant, there is an album with historical beach pictures at the turn of the last century.

Action Item: Bruce McKelvey will discuss the importance of the historical photographs with the members at the AGM and encourage them to send information to our Historian, Frances Stewart.

Nuclear Waste Meetings: In the past, Marie Wilson from OPG has presented at our AGM the status of plans to dispose of level 1 and 2 nuclear waste in this area. The province has now started an assessment process for a location to dispose of the spent fuel rods from all the nuclear plants in Ontario. Several BBCA members have approached

David raising concerns about this being located in Huron Kinloss Township. David has proposed two meetings be organized in mid August. One meeting with a speaker from the Nuclear Waste Management Organization and a second meeting with Dr. Edwards from the Canadian Coalition of Nuclear Responsibility. This will give the BBCA Members the opportunity to hear the pros and cons of having this disposal site in Huron Kinloss Township and give us the opportunity to ask questions and get their professional feedback.

Action Item: David Tiernan to organize these meetings.

Welcome Package: David thanks those involved with developing the Welcome Package for new cottagers and renters.

Action Item: Councilors to distribute package.

Bruce Beach Survey Water and Beach Quality: The BBCA Executive is working with ERIN Research to prepare and analysis a survey of the BBCA members on the direction they want the executive to take on these issues. The survey will be developed in July and should be available for members input in early August. It is important to encourage everyone to participate in the study.

Action Item: Councilors to encourage members to complete the survey

Wind Turbines: It has been confirmed that wind turbines will be installed from Amberley to Godrich. To date, any plans to install wind turbines in Lake Huron is on hold.

Fire Ban: A reminder to everyone, there is a ban on bonfires and fireworks until further notice. This is due to the lack of rain this summer.