**WHITESHELL COTTAGERS’ BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**August 16, 2017**

**1975 Corydon**

**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** E. Enns, G. Delmarque, D. Seguin, S. Philp, A. Roberts, D. Moberg, J. Shields, P. Love, A. Bezak,

R. Babyak, A. Bonneteau, A. Hogan, K. Davies, C. Bryant, J. Nault, N. McMillan, R. Smith, T. Fries, J. Kettner, I. Baragar,

R. Stalker, I. Pesun, S. Rempel, D. Klass

**REGRETS:**, S. Pogorzelec, B. Trach, D. Myk, G. Kennedy, S. Magyar, R. Kinley, P. Caron, R. Emslie, A. Kelsch,

B. Backman, D. Sleeva, S. Kline, D. McNeil, L. Spencer, P. Finley,

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:02PM**

1. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTOR NOMINEE**

Alison Bonneteau – Falcon Lake

**Motion:** To approve the new director nominee

Moved by Bob Stalker / Seconded by Jacques Nault

1. **VOTE ON NEW DIRECTOR NOMINEE**

- VOTE UNANIMOUS -PASSED

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes as amended.

Moved by Al Bezak / Seconded by Joel Kettner – PASSED

1. **MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE DIRECTORS MEETING OF June 21, 2017**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes as amended.

Moved by Al Bezak / Seconded by Ed Enns – PASSED

1. **TREASURERS REPORT – Ron Smith**
* YTD Financial statements presented for approval

**Motion:** To approve the financial statements as presented.

Moved by Bob Stalker / Seconded by Doug Moberg – PASSED

1. **PRESIDENTS REPORT**
* Ron Smith commented on Minister Cox travelling South Shore road at Falcon. No feedback received as yet.
* There will be no Directors meeting in November
* MPPCOA is now up to 6 members with addition of Hecla – North Shore
* Meeting scheduled with Parks tomorrow (August 17)
* Noted that Province is supportive of MPPCOA as one Association representing all Provincial Park cottagers
* Question was asked as to how many back tier cottagers were on WCA Board – 6
* Discussion on Bin Bag delays and numbers for contact were given out.
* MPPCOA update
	+ Have been meeting monthly with Parks since May
	+ Established guiding principles with Province
	+ Building relationship
	+ Al Bezak raised question regarding cottage reclassifications and whether this issue would form part of discussions. Answer was yes.
	+ PDSF and rent freeze is to 2018, but could be extended as necessary.
	+ Government has been given a discussion paper to review and comment.
	+ We are in the discussion stages, not negotiations yet.
1. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
2. **ENVIRONMENT**
* Alan Roberts reported that Water Levels report is in the August Echo
* Falcon Lake control structures have received virtually 0% maintenance over the past 50 + years.
* Level control structures at Falcon are less than 50% of what is required
* Sr. provincial officials have agreed to table CN/CP tunnel issue for review.
* Betula Lake is 18” below normal due to lack of controls from White Lake and Jessica Lake
* Investigating drainage possibilities from Crowduck Lake into Big Whiteshell to alleviate low water levels
* Winnipeg River levels continue to be updated weekly.
* Alan has requested that TCPL post a large enough bond to cover any leak cleanup costs, up to and including buying all affected cottages in the event of major disaster.

1. **MEMBERSHIP**
* Deborah Seguin reported on Membership drive activities to date.
* Thanked all those Directors who hit the street with face to face contact.
* Organizing phone campaign to target 2016 members who did not renew.

1. **COMMUNICATIONS**
* Sharon Philp reported that deadline for next ECHO (October) is Sept. 1. Internal deadline for submissions is Sept. 15th.
* Recycle Everywhere bin bag handout logistics have been challenging, but are being worked on right now for all lakes in the Whiteshell.
* Request to be made to Falcon Lake RCMP to provide crime stats update in the Echo
* Angela Hogan is currently working on a survey for members and non-members of WCA to get feedback.
1. **PHOTO CONTEST**
* Lorna Spencer absent. NO REPORT
1. **EVENTS**
* New venue to be booked for AGM at Immanuel Pentecostal Church at 955 Wilkes on April 17, 2018.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
* Igor Pesun suggested we get clarification on rules around back tier cottagers having access to waterfront boathouses and docks. Research to be done with Scott Nickel.
* Ron Smith presented DRAFT of new governance structure for WCA and asked for volunteers to fill in empty Chair and Vice-Chair positions on Committees.
* Letter from David McNiel regarding noise issues from Calvary Temple camp was circulated for discussion with support from Shirley Rempel.
* After discussion, was decided that local cottagers must raise the issue vigorously with local Parks officers for their investigation. Letter of support from WCA would be appropriate in the event there is no action from Parks on the issue.
* Jacques Nault presented a WCA Lottery concept for raising Association awareness and support at individual lakes. Focus on 3 zones and individual “hot issues” at lakes to support projects to enhance the area. More research to be done and a plan formalized for presentation at a later date.
* Richard Babyak gave report on the issues raised with the Ombudsman regarding hunting in the South Whiteshell and lack of action and concern. Plans to draft a Motion to be raised at September meeting on the issue.

Moved to adjourn Shirley Rempel / Seconded Dan Klass

**ADJOURNED – 9:25 pm**

**Next meeting: September 20th @ 7:00 PM – 1975 Corydon**