**WHITESHELL COTTAGERS’ BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**April 19, 2017**

**1975 Corydon**

**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** G. Delmarque, D. Moberg, A. Hogan, D. Seguin, R. Babyak, B. Morrison, L. Spencer, R. Smith, R. Kinley,

J. Shields, C. Bryant, P. Caron, K. Pingatore, R. Emslie, D. Klass, A. Bezak, S. Philp, N. McMillan, A. Roberts, S. Rempel

A. Kelsch, T. Cutts, K. Davies, B. Backman, G. Parker, J. Nault, D. Sleeva J. Kettner, E. Enns

**REGRETS:** D. McNeil, S. Pogorzelec, B. Trach, R. Stalker, S. Kline, D. Myk, G. Kennedy, S. Magyar,

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER (and Introductions) 7:03PM**

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as presented

Moved by Lorna Spencer / Seconded by Al Bezak- PASSED

1. **MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE DIRECTORS MEETING OF Oct. 19, 2016**

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

Moved by Al Bezak / Seconded by Rick Emslie – PASSED

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

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

Moved by Rick Emslie / Seconded by Dan Klass – PASSED

1. **PRESIDENTS REPORT**
* Ron Smith recognized Kristin Pingatore and thanked her for her efforts in the past 6 years.
* Contact made with Cynthia Dowse regarding Zebra mussels. Links have been added to website and she has asked for a letter of support from WCA to Minister, requesting signage be put up at all boat launches throughout the Park
* Bill Backman noted that there were only 2 wash stations in the entire province.
* Ron Smith requested that Minister’s Message be added to ECHO header block
* Ron called for Committee reports and encouraged letters to the Editor for the ECHO.
* Ron thanked all Cottage Show volunteers, particularly Tom Cutts for his involvement in set up and tear down.
* Discussion on Honorary Membership: contribution, impact, respect, time served.
* Garry Parker suggested they should be “Past-Presidents”
* Nominations invited whether they were members or not.

**Motion:** To nominate Tom Walker as Honorary Member

Moved by JoAnn Shields / Seconded by Tom Cutts – PASSED

**Motion:** To nominate Warren Barnard as Honorary Member

Moved by Ron Smith / Seconded by Al Bezak – PASSED.

1. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
2. **MEMBERSHIP**
* Deborah Seguin reported on Membership drive activities to date.
* Provided handouts for Directors with sample emails to be sent to cottagers targeting non members encouraging renewals
* Asked for potential volunteers for phone blitz to be arranged…. Maybe June.
1. **COMMUNICATIONS**
* Deadline for June Echo is Friday before May long weekend.
* Website has new email for feedback webmaster@whiteshellcottagers.com
1. **ENVIRONMENT**
* Alan Roberts reported that protocols had been given to MI to be reviewed annually.
* CN / CP rail have been contacted regarding Caddy Lake tunnels. Federal MP and Provincial MLA showing some degree of support.
* Alan reported that we have taken a third party approach to TCPL, and have sent a letter of support, contingent on our restrictions.
1. **EVENTS**
* AGM is set for May 17th at Club Regent Event Centre once again.
* Discussion on entry procedure to simplify and expedite the process. Decided to forego checking for Memberships prior to entry.
* Cheryl Bryant circulated form for Directors to advise of various Lake Events taking place.
* Ron Smith stated that new director focus at AGM should be on lakes with no representation.
* Discussion on whether media should be invited. Decided NO
* Questions will not be taken by the Minister
* Joel Kettner stated we should be “cautiously optimistic” about what the Minister may speak about.
1. **NEW BUSINESS**
* Dan Klass reported that MPPCOA has been recognized as the negotiating body, by the Province, going forward.
* The negotiating Committee has met and corresponded over the winter, and is prepared and conscious of protocols.
* Expect to meet very soon to establish timelines and framework.
* Richard Babyak asked if the WCA had asked to see the budget for the Park this year, as the Minister has not abided by the Parks Act.
* Response was given that we were taking a more conciliatory approach. Wanting to see how the Province reacts before taking any hard lines.
* Dan reported that our position has not changed. Transparency and cost recovery approach are key to any agreement.

Moved to adjourn Lorna Spencer / Seconded Dan Klass

**ADJOURNED – 9:10 pm**

**Next meeting: June 21st @ 7:00 PM – 1975 Corydon**