

MINUTES OF LAKE TALON CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
9:30 A.M., SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2006
COUNTRY CABINS
Owners: Rick & Marie Gater

1. **Welcome**

John Kelsall, President of LTCA welcomed the group of 34 and thanked Rick and Marie Gater for their hospitality.

2. a) **Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting, August 4, 2005**

It was moved by Bill Jarvis and seconded by George Davies that the Minutes of the August 4, 2005 Annual Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

b) **Business Arising from Minutes**

Committee on Fire Protection - George McLellan advised the group that he will design an order form for numbered signs to be included in the 2007 Newsletter. The signs would be prominently posted identifying the location of residents on the lake with boat access only. This would save valuable time in the event of a fire or an emergency. Cottagers can send in the order form along with their membership dues.

Don Wallace indicated that more fire hose and jackets have been acquired for Sand Bay.

3. **Financial Report, January 1/December 31, 2005**

Mike Marrs reported on the Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the year ending December 31, 2005. (Appendix A)

It was moved by Mike Marrs and seconded by Roger Laframboise that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

CARRIED

4. **Membership Report**

Dave Humphries on behalf of Nancy Humphries reported that 131 members have paid their membership dues to date.

5. **2006 Summer Work Report**

Drew Leifso and Tom Vanderboon reported on their work activities so far this summer. Their efforts were concentrated on the shoreline at Grasswells, the Chutes, Pine Lake Portage, the Government Dock and Blueberry Island. They also would drive around the lake looking for debris. As in previous years, they gathered many bags of garbage, bottles and broken glass. They also reported on the damages of the storm such as the many downed trees and an outhouse being crushed by a tree.

Drew and Tom signed up six new members but indicated that some cottagers have no interest in joining the LTCA. They stated that new outhouses were needed at Grasswells. Rick Gater will contact Tracey Snarr, Park Superintendent and ask if they can provide assistance.

The summer students also stated that a detailed map of the lake would be helpful. Jamie Young will be contacted to help with the design of a new brochure that will include a more accurate map of the lake.

George Davies has prepared a model letter about the control of campsites and the issuing of permits by the MNR. Everyone is encouraged to forward their concerns to the MNR. (Appendix B)

6. **Regional Association Representatives**

No report.

7. **MNR – Control of Dam / Operation / Safety**

Dave Humphries reported the following:

Early in the year the lake was low but within operating range while being fairly normal all summer with no huge fluctuation. New gates have been installed where the logs go. After input from the group, Dave will contact the MNR and ask them not to lower the lake level until after Thanksgiving weekend so that people can take out their boats.

The OPP have been on the lake three times so far, patrolling the Chutes and handing out tickets to offenders. The safety signs are still up at the Chutes.

The past winter was normal with good ice fishing in January and the normal amount of huts on the lake.

A large barge, a backboard and stretcher are available at Talon Lake Campground if needed for rescue or fire fighting.

Chris James did a fish spawning survey – results of spawning were poor in the spring and in the fall.

8. **Water Quality Testing**

Barry Pond read the report on behalf of Marilyn Venner who was unable to attend the meeting. (Appendix C)

9. **Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association Report**

George Davies reported on the FOCA meeting on behalf of Ken Davies. (Appendix D)

10. **Logging Issues**

Roger Laframboise reported on logging activity in the vicinity of Tower Hill. Chris James indicated that he will go to the area to ensure that they are not encroaching on the Mattawa River Park property. He stated that they are not clear cutting, that it was selective logging.

11. **Update on Land Use**

Mary Marrs and Ken Davies reported at the meeting. (Appendix E)
They said that if anyone wants more information about Crown Land Use Policy, the information is available at www.crownlanduseatlas.mnr.gov.on.ca.

12. **Provincial Park Matters**

Landing and Taking Off of Planes – Scott Ross reported on behalf of his wife Carrie who could not attend the meeting. (Appendix F) The plane activity has picked up again and Scott reviewed the concern of cottagers. Members are asked to make telephone calls to Tracey Snarr, Park Superintendent, to raise the level of awareness.

It was moved by Barry Pond and seconded by Bill Jarvis that the LTCA write a letter to the Park Superintendent indicating the concern of cottagers with regard to planes landing and taking off on Lake Talon.

CARRIED

Wind Turbines – The MNR has given approval of the Cahill Lake site to install a test tower to gather data on wind occurrence for one year. After discussion of the possibility of wind turbines in our area

It was moved by George Davies and seconded by Scott Ross that according to the Park's policy on preserving natural beauty and viewscape, LTCA opposes any wind turbines that will intrude on the viewscape and natural beauty of the lake.

CARRIED

Anniversary of Samuel de Champlain - John Kelsall emphasized the importance of preparing for this event. Many Europeans will be visiting this area and we must work with Parks Ontario to make sure everyone is prepared for the influx of people. John will write a letter to the Park Superintendent and a copy will be sent to the Minister and the Member of Parliament asking that they keep us informed of the preparations.

13. **Election of Officers**

John Kelsall advised the group that he was resigning as president of L.T.C.A. Mike Wilson volunteered as president. The individuals in the remaining positions volunteered to serve another year.

It was moved by Barry Pond and seconded by Don Tapp that the following executive of L.T.C.A. for 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

President: Mike Wilson
Past President: John Kelsall
Vice President: Don Wallace
Treasurer: Nancy Humphries
Financial Audits: Mike Marrs
Lake Stewards: Dave Humphries, Chris James, Rick Miller, Rick Gater, Bob Davies
Secretary: Jeanne Laframboise
Newsletter Editor - Cathy Rowland
FOCA Representative: Ken Davies
Student Managers: Rick & Marie Gater
Nipissing Forest Resource Management Contact: Rick James
Land Use Committee: Mary Marrs and Ken Davies
Water Quality Testing: Marilyn Venner

14. **Site/Date of 2007 Annual Meeting**

Talon Lake Campground and Marina - Owners: Dave & Nancy Humphries
9:30 a.m., August 5, 2007

15. **Other Business**

Cathy Rowland reported that Jamie Young of Results Media has made updates to the Website.

Roger Laframboise indicated that the cottages in Sand Bay were without telephone service for 18 days.

16. **Adjournment**

It was moved by Bill Jarvis and seconded by Barry Pond that the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

CARRIED