

North and South Otter Lake Association  
Annual General Meeting  
July 20, 2014

The North South Otter Lake Association Annual General Meeting was held at the Frontenac Park Office Interpretive Centre on July 20, 2014 from 10:00AM to Noon.

Attendees: Anne and Barry Robertson, Rudy and Joyce Duncan, Sally Dundas, Steve Blostein, Jean Hodgson, Peter Neumann, Mike Kramer, Don and Pam Stuart, Nicholas Dunn, David Crane, Ian Burgham, Pam Wheaton, Mary Farrar, Edward Farrar, Mike and Liz Evans, Edith Costello, Brian Roche, Judy Tetlow, Jennifer Sunahara, Brigitte Roussel, Cam and Wilma Kenney, Linda and Aaron Zimmerman, Roslin Sinclair and Bonnie Brown, Simon Smith, Louise Gwyn, Catherine West.

From 9:30 to 10:00 AM Coffee and cookies were served. Edith Costello accepted membership fees. New members completed membership forms, which were introduced this year. Everyone enjoyed socializing during this time with thanks to Anne Robertson for organizing the coffee and treats table.

At 10:00 AM Peter Neumann President, called the meeting to order

**1. Introduction and Welcome of New Members**

Peter welcomed the members. (There were no new members.)

Name Tags were provided.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of Last AGM**

Jean Hodgson, Secretary, had completed the Minutes of the 2013 AGM and emailed them to members prior to the meeting.

Motion #1

That the minutes of the 2013 AGM be adopted.

Carried

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Edith Costello, Treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$765.10 as of July 21, 2013. As of July 20, 2014, bank balance is \$1080.37. \$340 was collected in membership dues, \$0.52 in interest was earned and \$25.25 was paid in bank service charges. As was decided at last year's AGM, NSOLA is no longer a member of FOCA and consequently the significant dues for FOCA membership were saved in the budget, (\$225.75 for last year alone) explaining much of the increase in balance.

Motion #2

That the Treasurer's report be adopted.

Carried

#### **4. Changes to Lake Map and Property List**

Barry Robertson displayed an enlarged map of North and South Otter Lake and area. The maps refers to the NSOLA Property Owners' list that he has maintained for many years.

Barry Robertson noted that there were no changes in property ownership since last year. However, C. Kenney purchased a small lot off Salmon Lake Road from South Frontenac Township (public land) to ensure water access. Barry also noted that currently three properties are for sale: #52 (Weller's), #22 (Tibbutt's) as well as #10 (Healey's) where these numbers refer to the NSOLA map and property owners' list.

Peter Neumann explained concerns raised by members about circulating the list of property owners and asked for views from members, and specifically questioned whether email addresses, phone numbers and addresses should be circulated. Sally Dundas explained the privacy concern. In partial answer to these concerns, Steve Blostein mentioned that email addresses are now hidden when information is broadcast to members.

Mike Kramer suggested that those interested in selling their properties ought to forward the information to NSOLA before signing an agreement with a realtor in order to potentially save on significant real estate transaction fees.

Peter thanked Barry for his work in the updating of the NSOLA Property Owners' List.

A copy of the property owners' list is available by emailing Barry at [bar@sno.phy.queensu.ca](mailto:bar@sno.phy.queensu.ca)

#### **5. Lake Binder and Reports**

Peter circulated forms for recording wildlife information. Some of the Major Observations include:

Loons failed to raise young this year.

Culvert Repair at the west end of the lake has not yet been replaced over the past year. This item was brought up last year in regard for prior concerns on water level. See minutes from 2013 meeting.

Barry mentioned that no trees were cut by beavers on the lake shore. Simon Smith reported some inland damage of ironwood trees on his property that he is monitoring. He reported that he may have to resort to protecting these trees using chicken wire.

#### **6. Lake Water Testing**

Mike Evans reported the most recent results of water tests:

Phosphorous readings were about average in 2013, water clarity North and South Otter Lakes have better results than many surrounding lakes.

Water clarity was low in May, likely due to a lot of rain, with better results occurring in June, matching results in Desert Lake.

Mike also noted that these types of results may be found on the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources website.

## **7. Election of Slate of Officers for 2014-2015**

Peter Neumann reported that since the president, vice-president and secretary serve two-year terms, no election for these positions is are required this year.

The following candidates were nominated and elected with near unanimity based on a show of hands:

Vice President – Brian Roche

Treasurer - Edith Costello

Directors - Barry Robertson, Jean Hodgson

Cam Kenney made the suggestion that the president and vice-president positions be staggered.

Motion #3

The above Slate of Officers for 2014-2015 be adopted.

Carried

## **8. Members' Questions and Comments**

1. A new (Rogers owned) cell tower north of Otter Lake is observable from many places along the shore of North Otter Lake including on Otter Point. Permission to construct a tower only requires permission of adjacent lots. While it was mentioned that the service was "LTE only". However this is actually not the case as older standards including 3G (HSPDA, UMTS) and 2G are also supported.
2. Sally Dundas brought up the issue of boat traffic speed. It was remarked that signs posted by the association in the past have been torn down.
3. David Crane questioned whether it is possible to have jet skis banned. Peter Neumann pointed out that this requires near-unanimity of NSOLA members and then brought to a South Frontenac Township council meeting. On the other hand, few members have seen evidence of jet skiing at all over the past many years. One hydroplane boat, however, was recently observed in the channel.

4. Past AGM minutes and other information can now be found on our website [nsola.org](http://nsola.org).

## **9. Presentation on “Dog Strangling Vine”**

The formal part of the meeting adjourned. Members gathered in the Board Room to attend a presentation by Dale Kristensen on Dog Strangling Vine (DSV), a common name for *cynanchum rossicum*, an invasive plant species in the milkweed family that has been discovered on Walter Abicht’s property. (Walter was not present at the AGM.) Dale explained the challenges posed by DSV, including methods of control. Generally, control of DSV is very labor-intensive. The colloquial term “dog strangling vine” is just that. There are no specific dangers posed to dogs. It should also be noted that Dale has been employed by Walter to help remove the DSV growing on his property. Some facts mentioned in the presentation: DSV

- is not in the Ontario Registry of Noxious Weeds
- is present in significant amounts in areas of Prince Edward County
- degrades biodiversity
- may be dangerous for grazing livestock
- is spread by cars and often appears on road sides
- pulling out plants does not control them
- broad-spectrum herbicides such as roundup (5% glyphosate) are generally needed in three applications over a summer and should not be applied anywhere near water or within 2 days of rainfall. These types of herbicides break up in soil. Before spraying, plants should be cut down to one foot in height and seed pods should be removed.

Minutes by Steven Blostein  
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