

North & South Otter Lake Association
Minutes, AGM 2022

August 14, 2022, 10AM

Location: Outdoors at the Trail Centre Picnic area, Frontenac Provincial Park

In Attendance:

Cameron and Wilma Kenny, Jean Hodgson, David Crane, Mary Ferrar, Ken Fisher, Fred and Judy Tudiver, Rudy and Joyce Duncan, Simon Smith, Dale Midwood, Pam and Don Stuart, Bruce and Nancy Hunter, Mike Kramer, Liz and Mike Evans, Aaron Zimmerman, Laurel Hey, Ian Burghan, Anne and Barry Robertson, Anita and Keith Dunn, Oriana Muzzin, Edith Costello and Piper Huggins.

1. President's Introduction (Anita)

Anita welcomes members;

- thanks Frontenac Park for loan on Picnic Area;
- announces the sad news of Sally's passing;
- introduces NSOL Association's Executive members present.

2. Proposed Agenda:

Proposed by Anita and seconded by Barry, the Agenda was adopted as follows:

1. President's Welcome Anita
2. Adoption of Agenda Anita
3. Adoption of minutes of 2021 AGM Piper
4. Business arising from the Minutes Anita
5. Treasurer's Report Oriana
6. Changes to property / owners Mike Kramer
7. Park Report Anita (for Ben Chabot)
8. Water testing Keith Dunn
9. Web Page Keith Dunn
10. Wildlife
11. Election of new officers Anita
12. Other business

3. Adoption of the 2021 AGM minutes

- Adopted with the following corrections: in "Attendance" add "Aaron Zimmerman"; in #5 add surname Lausch to "Peter and Linda", change "Derek" for "Eric VanDerHorden"; formatting/typos; Proposed by Piper, Seconded by Keith.

4. Business Arising From the Minutes

- Question regarding whether there was organized illegal fishing on the lake again this winter; the answer was there was none. Speculation that they had fished out the lake last winter and so had moved on to another this winter. General agreement among members: if anyone sees them come back in future winters the NSOLA is to be notified immediately and will act quickly to try to put a stop to it before more damage is done. (i.e. block parking access, notify authorities, etc)

5. Treasurer's Report (Oriana)

- Our finances are healthy with a current balance of \$1,648.48. Dues collected this year totaled \$290, and interest earned amounted to 12 cents. Charges related to the website amounted to \$53.62. There was no other activity in the association's account. The following chart was provided by the treasurer:

Treasurer Report August 2022

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Opening balance July 1, 2021	\$1,411.98
Domain registration for website 2020	-\$24.00
Domain registration for website 2021	-\$27.12
Service charges for account	-\$2.50
Interest	\$0.12
Membership dues collected	\$290.00
Closing balance	\$1,648.48

Proposal: Given that there are no significant expenditures, pending or foreseen, a donation may be made this year to either the Friends of Frontenac Park, (Outdoor Classroom Fundraising Campaign), or to the South Frontenac County.

Action: It will go to a vote and the results will be announced at the end of the meeting.

6. Change to Property / Owner's (Mike Kramer)

- Lot#30 Mike and Monica Hebert sold to Peter and Linda Lausch
- Lot#32 Laurie and Eric Van Der Horden just sold to (new owner details to follow)
- Lot#12a Laurel Hey purchased from Dennis Graham
- Lot #6 Mike Kramer just sold to (new owner details to follow)
- Lot#7 Mike Kramer (The lot will be built upon over the next year. Since there will be 3 separate dwellings on the road to the new dwelling off Otter Point Lane, it now has an official name: Salamander).

Action: Mike will continue to update official list and send new information to the Executive.

7. Park Report

- The written report is read by Anita on behalf of Park Superintendent Ben Chabot. (Written report is available on website nsola.org)
- Simon Smith, on behalf of Friends of Frontenac Park, speaks about their Outdoor Classroom Project that is under construction in the picnic area of the Park's Trail Centre. The construction of the base is done and construction of the rest has suffered some delays related to supply chain issues and inflation of building materials. They hope to make up any budget shortfall with their ongoing fundraising campaign and expect to finish construction by the end of the season.
- August 20th a BBQ lunch will be held to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Friends of Frontenac. Everybody is welcome! 10am to 4 pm, here at the Park's picnic area.

8. Water Quality and Web Page (Keith)

- Keith exhibits the disk used to test water clarity, and explains how it works and that it is variations over time are what are looked at.
- Good news: the lake's phosphorous levels are steady.
- Keith noted that comprehensive information regarding testing results is available on the ministry website ontario.ca/page/water-quality-local-lakes
- An observation made by Dale is that there appears to be a significant increase in the number of people being brought in by Frontenac Outfitters since it has expanded under new management.
- Litter hasn't increased. Some use of private docks/land with disregard for private property was noted.
- There is more concern expressed about an apparent increase in the number of individuals who are launching motor boats at the public launch site who exhibit a disregard for the lake with their excessive speed, presenting a danger to swimmers and creating a wake that menaces both non-motorized water craft and nesting fauna on the lake. Signs put up in the past at the culvert simply "disappear".

Actions:

- Good communication with Frontenac Outfitters must be maintained, requesting that they inform their clients about the importance of respecting shore line nesting and private property while on the lake.
- Alternative means of slowing down motorized water craft are to be looked into.

9. Website:

- Keith encourages members to use the Facebook page for discussion and use the website for consultation of documents and information/reports;
- The Property Owner's List is available via email, upon request. (It is no longer on the site following a decision made at last year's AGM regarding the public posting of member's personal information).

- As an aside, Keith mentions he has a new reasonable high-speed internet service that works well on the lake. It's a pilot project by Rogers called "Ignite" for satellite home internet using cell tower signals.

Action: Keith will add relevant links to detailed information on the Association's website

10. Wildlife

- Members relate their sightings:
 - o The loons nesting on South Otter laid 1 egg;
 - o A Barred Owl is heard calling, sounds like "who cooks for you";
 - o A Great Owl was spotted, as well as a Fisher, an eagle, badgers, Blue Herons, an Otter, several beaver and racoons, and the usual multitude of deer.

11. Election of New Officers

Outgoing Executive: President, Anita Dunn; Vice-President, Judy Tetlow; Secretary, Piper Huggins; Treasurer, Oriana Muzzin; Directors (members at large), Cam Kenny, Aaron Zimmerman; Past President, Peter Newman.

Under NSOLA's constitution, the election of the Executive is staggered. Each position has a two year term.

This year the following positions come up for election: President, Treasurer, Director (Member at large)

- No new candidates have put their names forward.
- Therefore, the position of President will remain open and can be filled by the Executive;
- Judy (V-P) and Piper (Secretary) have a year left in their terms; Oriana (Treasurer) will stay on for another term, as will Cam and Aaron (Directors – Members At Large). The position of Past-President is now held by Anita Dunn.

13. Other Business

- The result of the vote regarding who to make a donation to is read out: Friends of Frontenac Park for the construction of the Outdoor Classroom.
- Gene brings up the topic of the upcoming municipal elections, October 24th. Voting will be possible on-line and by phone. Information about the candidates can be found in the Cottage Door flyer and the Frontenac Report.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:35AM