

PLRA (since 1981)

Minutes-General Meeting -August 1, 2015

Bernie's Circle

1. Welcome by Anna Tilman, President
2. Walt McKecknie, Councillor, Dysart Township

Murray Fearrey, Reeve, Dysart Township

Walt McKecknie:

Walt's second Term, taxes going up 2 ¼% (\$12./100,000. Assessment), taxes offset by Northern Ontario Grant, next year probably same increase. Will email Anna Tilman any updates on roads, when will be fixed etc. On low traffic roads will go back to gravel.

Murray Fearrey:

Our ability to pay is the most effective way to manage. We are the lowest taxed region in Ontario. Have taken over municipal records for septic installations this year. The files which were inherited are attached to ownership. First thing to be done is tie lots to roll numbers. They'll focus on the oldest ones first. In order to inspect, systems will need to be pumped first, and will need to have a place for the waste to go. Looking into municipal lands. The bigger issue is shoreline restoration: leaving natural vegetation, preferably 10 metres. Looking at expanding West Bay Landfill. We requested speed limit signs.

### 3. Fishing

Fishing Derby 2014: Harry Winder and his Grandson Dylan Berkey had won.

2014 Junior Angler Fishing Trophies: \*\*\*Bass – Julian Hrywnak (Matkiwsky's Nephew). Julian was also presented the prestigious Maty's Corporation trophy for Bass. \*\*\*Trout – Leandro Richert (Richert's Grandson)  
Liam Haworth (Richert's guest)

2014 Adult Angler Fishing Trophies: no entries Bass or Trout

4. Special presentation made to Jim Shepard – plaque presented in appreciation of many years of service as PLRA Director - His knowledge, wisdom, being pro-active in preserving the spit area (cuttings, rooting, planting, dragging logs etc.)

5. Upcoming Events: August 15<sup>th</sup> - Corn Roast (4 p.m. at Harry Winder's) and 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby. Derby starts at 8 a.m. Meet at small island. 2 man teams, 5 largest, check fishing regulations.

6. Financial Reports: Errol Farr  
Membership Fees collected in 2014 \$1020., up \$240. From 2013 collection. \$425. earned from Silent Auction. Liability insurance \$667.44. FOCA, CEWF memberships, fishing trophies etc. Balance as of December 31, 2014 \$2946.64 (\$2000. of this is held as a contingency reserve). Looking to increase our membership in 2015.

Membership: Introduced some new members in attendance: Mark & Jody – Lot 2 Phase 1, Paul – Blue Lake (full time), Ted and Sue Ann (full time within a couple months).

Board of Directors: motion was presented for slate of current Board of Directors to continue for next year. Seconded by Dennis Woodbridge. Motion carried.

Septic Systems – Inspections: Cost is approximately \$235 for Basic inspection & pumping, \$500 for Level 2 inspection & pumping. Anna will keep members informed as she learns more.

Other items of interest: Jack – Special event tomorrow at Highland Yard in Minden for "Places for People" (affordable housing for people in need).  
Boaters – please be careful – some swimmers have felt unsafe when in the water, huge wakes and docks bouncing around with young children.  
Jack has spoken to campers on the spit. - No Camping Allowed. Graham suggested if we talk to campers, they are less likely to return.

7. Any other business: Anna and Mick attended Lake Stewards Workshop in April held by CHA.

Barb Taylor attended meeting of Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners (CHA). Good website re healthy and functioning septic systems, shoreline improvement etc. A "Love Your Lake" program being run. More information to come in next Percy Lake Update. Percy Lake is a member of CHA

Anna mentioned cuts to ministry, and importance of - WE ARE ALL LAKE STEWARDS. If anyone notices changes on the lake let the Board know. We are all interested in lake preservation which in turn effects the value of our property.