

TWELVE MILE BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MOOSE DEER POINT COMMUNITY CENTER Sunday, May 21, 2023 – 10:20 a.m.

Welcome by Brett Harris.

Introduced Rupert Kindersley (Executive Director) from Georgian Bay Association to explain what GBA does for us:

- GBA is an umbrella association representing 18 cottage associations in Georgian Bay
- Established in 1916 reaching 30,000 members - 13 committees with 23 volunteers and 2 paid staff
- Currently there are 48 priority issues and long term projects on their agenda
- Georgian Bay Forever and Georgian Bay Land Trust are associations that have split off from GBA
- Top priorities are coastal protection. There is a committee of Five (5) municipalities.
- Georgian Bay is the world's largest fresh water Archipelago – GBA collaborates with federal, provincial, indigenous, members and cottagers in order to have a sustainable coastal environment
- The threat of development is creeping north
- Produced a regulation guide last year - this year a Septic System guide will be produced
- Major project – municipal plans – comparing them – sharing information
- Coastal Protection Committee – looking into floating cottages – although there are not many around there are severe concerns in making sure they are properly regulated – located safely – dealing with garbage, sewage properly
- MNRS change to regulation – coastal Canada is the key
- Safety & Emergency – life jackets etc. There is an APP that can be downloaded to your phone that would locate you if lost in Georgian Bay areas – does not require wifi or cell service
- Georgian Bay Forever – created – mutual respect – cruisers going up and down the bay
- Cold Water Awareness – no ice is safe ice.
- Active in creating legislation – can be supported on their website www.georgianbay.ca - Last year water quality was a major item – creating legislation to remove encapsulated dock foam
- Last year a new organization – Great Lakes Eco at work
- Working with them – participated in a 5th year quality water agreement – with Environmental Canada – protecting wetlands, carrying out habitat survey
- Looking into mercury content in fish – government is not updating data and not doing testing properly
- Coastal Protection – septic inspections – development planning, grey water discharges and dock services

Rupert delighted to be in front of the 12 MBCA – hope everyone will be supportive and join. Question asked from the floor “How can we support GBA”. As members of the Cottage association part of your fees go towards membership in the GBA – but anyone can also join through their website. Not circulating publications – everything is available on their website or Facebook page.

12 MBCA will send out an email encouraging everyone to join and support the work done by GBA to preserve Georgian Bay

Thank you from Brett Harris to Rupert Kindersley on updating us on the work that GBA does on our behalf! Applause

Jim McPherson

- Updating mailing list – working on creating a directory where we can share information with each other. The form supplied at the front desk must be filled out and signed in order to consent to sharing information electronically. It will not be shared anywhere else.

Treasurers Report

- We have received \$2,800.00 in membership fees – 28 cottages.
- Normally we collect fees at the meeting – since there was no meeting during Covid we weren't able to collect dues
- Of the \$100.00 membership fee charged - \$50.00 goes to GBA
- Expenses include payments to FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations), Insurance (directors insurance coverage as well as any social event held)
- 2019 & 2020 we ran in a deficit
- Cash on hand \$6600.00 with a \$20,000.00 GIC
- Currently getting a better interest rate on investments
- No further questions
- Motion to accept Financial Statements as presented by Jim. 2nd by John Bishop – Approved by a show of hands (majority approved). CARRIED

Brett Harris

- Last meeting a dock clean up was proposed but never organized. Looking at having two (2) separate sessions.
- Township has agreed to take old docks and remove them from Bloody Bay area (Government Dock area– to be confirmed. Other information to be confirmed with township – sizes they will take etc.)
- Proposed dates – Father's Day weekend (discussion about waiting until water is warmer). There were quite a few that were available that weekend so will proceed with that as a starting date and choose another date and advise members
- Those not available on that weekend can proceed to pull any abandoned docks over to Bloody Bay whenever they can and they will be taken out after.
- Clean up of glass and garbage would be helpful as well.
- Confirm the docks are abandoned first (some cottagers store docks in small bays etc.) – send out a notice all docks to be claimed by Father's Day
- Make sure if docks are pulled off the beach/shoreline that they are able to float
- Large concentration of abandoned docks across from Barrett's cottage just west of the marina – who is responsible for those?

Jim McPherson

- Discussion regarding the environmental fund. Part of our purpose is to support clean water in the Bay. In 2019 we donated \$600.00 to GBA to help with this project.
- Looking to see if there is any initiative we can support. Water testing program has been ongoing for forty years.
- Phragmites – looking for local volunteers – most invasive species – must be cut down at the right time of year – do not dig up roots. Notify GBA if you have phragmites.
- Question to the membership if there was any interest in supporting water quality testing on 12 Mile Bay – usually done through FOCA. Test kits – is there a cost etc.
- Motion by Dave Walden to allocate up to \$1,000.00 towards water testing of our water way - 2nd by Doug Smith. Vote by show of hands (Majority). CARRIED Jim to contact FOCA and look into costs etc.
- Epayments – electronically – is a problem as our account requires 2 signatures – can be done if we set up a separate account requiring only 1 signature or a personal account that Jim transfers from. Motion by Bob Brownlee to set up 2nd account to facilitate membership fees. 2nd by Joanne Bishop. Approved by show of hands (Majority) CARRIED.

Brett

- Any new business – students doing wild life survey
- Road improvements on the 12 Mile Bay Road – he spoke to the township and they advised they are doing improvements – no response and not sure what is being done. Comment from the floor that “Locals” said that the new CEO from Archipelago Township of Georgian Bay has made a difference. Were told we didn’t get our ‘fair share’ and he is fighting to get more work done.
- Are members interested in social events? Comment from the floor that the road clearing BBQ done on the north shore last year was very helpful in making new connections – good opportunity after Covid to connect with neighbors.
- Suggested we try again to have a social event – end of season – September long weekend corn roast. Question to the floor for those interested – show of hands indicated majority of those present were interested. Saturday of the September long weekend – to be held in the sandpit on the north shore – final plans to be circulated.
- Website – Facebook page. Those not on Facebook can access the website. Needs to be kept active. Looking for someone that can update it and keep it current. Eric Adler offered to take on that task.
- Formalize Board
Current Directors:
Brett Harris – President
Jim McPherson – Treasurer
Brenda Walden - Secretary
Martin Svihra - Director
Alex McPherson – Environmental Representative

Anyone interested in becoming a board member?

Motion to accept the directors as presented by Immy Karklins, 2nd by Todd Lathem – Approved by a show of hands (majority) CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN 11:20 a.m.