

## Jack's Lake Association – AGM – July 16, 2017

### Agenda:

#### **1. Call to Order**

Charlie Coffey, President chaired the meeting. Charlie called the meeting to order.

Opening Remarks

Charlie welcomed the Mayors, Politicians, Special Guests and members.

The Board members who were present introduced themselves – Steve Kerr, Marcine Dubois, Doug Allison, Sarah Robertson, Neill Lanz, Nanci Smith, Alice Court. Missing Directors – Bill Johnston, Paul Campbell and Tim Cork.

Good News Story -Erin Shroeder History of Lake- 5-6 yrs compiling history book- Piece of Paradise. \$40 available at Anchorage Marina & Forest Glen Marina.

#### **2. Election of New Directors, Re-Election of Directors being Renewed.**

2 New Directors – Tim Cork, Motivational Speaker and award-winning author. Mike Jensen - Interest in being on the on board is to help keep lake pristine, environmental focus, social.

3 Directors – to re-elect – Nancy Smith, Bill Johnston & Doug Allison

It was moved by Stuart Robertson and seconded by Gary Girvan.

No nominations from floor. All in favour.

#### **3. Minutes of 2016 AGM -** John Dodds moved that the minutes of the 2016 AGM be approved as circulated. Motion seconded by Kevin Ford. **PASSED**

#### **4. Directors' Reports – Logging**

Neill Lanz advised that a decision had been made by the MOECC on July 7<sup>th</sup> – waiting 15mos for decision.

Forestry Committee began in 2011 – Ruth Pezzack , JLA President at the time, Denyse Martial, Steve Kerr, David Lean (methyl mercury expert ), Gary Girvan (sent influential letters) in support of the JLA position. JLA requested an IEA to assess the lake – expensive and time consuming and the MOECC did not grant an IEA, but the MOECC felt that the info provided and the JLA’s involvement in the Issues Resolution Process was significant enough to compel the forestry company (Bancroft Minden Forestry Company) to push back logging operations from the initial 3 metres proposed from the shoreline, to now 90 metres of the shoreline. Logging will commence this fall, after Thanksgiving. Access by the BMFC will be via McCoy Bay Rd and the JL Road Association has been involved and have negotiated a 30 metre setback on either side of the road. JLA will remain involved to monitor the logging operation; meeting with Environment Commission (Diane Saxe) to help enforce Environmental Bill of Rights.

The JLA position on logging was based on the JLA Lake Plan – 87% voted to protect water quality.

This decision is precedent setting – will impact other lakes.

Any concerns re logging – invited to advise Neill, or other directors.

### **Directors’ Reports – Finance - Approval of 2016 Financial Statements and Budget**

2016 highlights – Doug Allison, Treasurer, presented the Financial Statements and highlighted notable line items - 3 smoke signals, 2017- book will be break even, film festival, environmental work – logging threats, invasive species. Tiff donated. Tickets still for sale – at marinas. Smoke Signals now profitable and paying for self. Acknowledge that local businesses really support our lake.

### **5. Guest Speakers – Mayor Gerow of HBM, Mayor Woodcock NK**

Ron Gerow – appreciate working relationship with JLA association, especially Charlie – well oiled machine, keeps us apprised of key issues and well represented.

Deputy Mayor and counsellor Gerow and Webb in attendance. Council – made several applications for funding and continue to work with lake associations to understand issues. Created a budget and work to keep tax rate at reasonable level for 2017 and work with ministries, MNR, challenges in dealing with waterfront issues, conservation issues. Seasonal residents need a great voice-asked what propose to increase voice? HBM has created a new website.

Municipal elections – now internet or telephone, a paper poll in Havelock, in one year, fall. Can conduct surveys to give ratepayers an opportunity to have their say. Looking for everyones voice.

Consistency – of by-laws – 1/3 in HBM, 2/3 in NK. The municipal act can pass by-laws for rate payers. Based on feedback council able to put new plan forward, involve public in by-law. Will work with lake associations – HBM and NK discussed ways to work together. Late summer and early fall will be further meetings. Acknowledged Mayor Woodcock for working together.

Garbage Collection – pick up at each address. HBM do not have curbside pick up. However, may develop strategy with NK, and do a pilot project.

Dock Permits – current issue – process and cost of getting. Must complete building permit, site plan, 2 detailed sets of construction plans, approvals, 54 cents per square foot, minimum of 100. Over 100 sq ft will require a building permit, 15 feet from property line.

Township held a number of public meetings and this is where landed. MNR had not taken a formal position on this.

Live streaming – Council meetings – looking into it, not taking a position

1.18% increase.

Septic systems – no further ahead, worked with health unit, \$270 per property and admin issues and not able to rectify the situation to our satisfaction.

### Mayor Woodcock – NK

Welcome to Comm Centre. Commended Smoke Signals and learned a lot about lake. Handout provided.

Same as Ron Gerow – voice, webpage. Seasonal residents cannot meet between June – Sept so invite Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm – to look at how can work with lake associations. Our industry is lakes and lake associations and need to be far more aware of what logging operations are doing.

People lobby for what is best for each individual township – NK or HBM.

Will never have identical by-laws unless lake association takes a real interest in guiding us.

Dock Permits – NK -see attached.

Live Streaming of Council meetings– delayed until next year – will record any meeting, upload to web, available for one month.

Tax increase issue –non-sustainable –

6.9 per cent increase, 6.17 per on municipal tax rate.

3<sup>rd</sup> lowest tax rate in Peterborough. Purchased a snow plow, and need a mini pumper to access lake roads – 360 k each, so need to replace.

Told by provincial govt need asset plan and are \$6 - \$10 million shy. Allocating 2%per year. Every township in Ontario is dealing with funding shortfall. \$112k, hydro costs \$16k for community centre. Creating a dilemma - unless have 6% per year increase, not sure how will keep services going. \$60k more sand and salt. 1% in \$47k; not a happy picture but a realistic one.

Septics – into 4<sup>th</sup> year – done a lot with all the lakes. 112 properties on Jacks – systems acceptable 30, 5 recommended upgrade, 13 required upgrade, no health hazards, need more

info on 60. Handout re comparative info.

Dr Reyes – hospitalized and retiring.

Advice from local pharma – can fill prescriptions.

Jane Ferbur clinic – Lakefield – taking patients, Health Care Connect at PRC,

Bancroft Emergency Dept. and pharmacy – nurse practitioner connects with Skype physician. Have a local Nurse Practitioner program, close to getting a physician. Will connect with specialists and physicians, can do 85% of what a physician can do.

### **Questions from members**

Jim Bremer to both Mayors and Directors:

Who pays the higher taxes? How share expenses?

Told HBM pay for library based on number of cottagers who use, but not equitable distribution. Taxes reflect number of residents – permanent and seasonal residents. Suspect HBM has bigger number and therefore tax rate is lower. Would like some background whether we feel process fair.

In next addition of smoke signals will provide percentage of tax revenue, season vs permanent.

Ruth Pezzack – NK – Septic inspection rates – as model emulated.

Started program with grants with 2 students here each summer at no cost.

Hope to continue. Not a 270 dollar cost – added to budget.

Over 3 thousand people.

Health Care – Nurse Practitioner – do we need to de-list from home Dr?.

But may go elsewhere for emergencies, Rostering in Toronto, gets negation.

Dr. Reyes provided care to local residents, 42 years of service, phenomenal dr. If emergency - attend Bancroft or

Peterborough. If out of country will pay, if out of province depends upon provincial relationship – may pay as only 90%

coverage.

Will they accept any out of country??? Yes we care for everyone, how paid will be explored and clarified.

Laurie Dunford – Nurse Practitioner –

JLA to send a thank you to Dr. Reyes.

## Questions –

Taxes we pay as seasonal cottagers – what services do waterfront cottagers receive...we pay city like taxes but not receiving services ??

**NK – Mayor Woodcock** - fire dept, distance huge, NK facility, library, garbage service , council trying to do a lot of work to protect water quality and spend a lot of time trying to address these issues. Downloading from provincial government will increase our taxes by 6% per year and moving forward for 3 years. Unless we pick up the cost, services will be threatened. Too much is downloaded from provincial govt. Need \$6.3 million dollars.

**HBM – Ron Gerow** – recognize the pressure of property taxes.

MPAC reps place values on properties which taxes are based on. When value goes up you pay a greater portion of the bill. How create tax rate is based on need of service in municipality. Ron has argued with how cottagers pay high taxes. OPP policing costs the municipality \$1.3 million a year. 26 cents of every dollar collected.

Hydro – in HBM - outside costs have no control over.

Break

Guests in attendance at AGM – Ria Nicholson – Pet Reg. Health Foundation Naturalist – Martin Parker – with Steve and others counted Monarch Butterflies on July 15th – and numbers are way up. Keep your milkweed!

## 5 Keynote Speaker: Ted Spence – CEWF

*\*presentation available on JLA website\**

TSW challenges, water level experiences on Jacks Lake

Please see CEWF power point for details.

Challenges in maintaining minimal flow and navigable waters.

More than 100 dams to manage. Jack's is in the 5 Central lakes region

Flow from Jack's Lake is crucial to the system.

Kawartha Lakes Annual Flow – see slide presentation by Ted Spence

Reservoirs are not a flood control system, they help but not designed for this.

Jacks has 7<sup>th</sup> largest reservoir.

Slide Show will be made available on JLA website.

Jacks is 5<sup>th</sup> largest reservoir of 12 lakes.

Dam – has 6.5 logs – observed average fluctuation is about 1 metre.

Preferred water level range is 1.17.

Difficult to predict lake levels due to erratic weather.

2014 – Jack's Lake had high levels due to rain which coincided with drawdown to assist TSW - helped Jack's maintain acceptable water level.

2016 – extreme – record high water, ice, biggest drought in 100 plus years –since 1912.

Emphasis on how comprehensive the TSW water flow management is despite the challenges.

2017 – 23 of 30 days rain in Haliburton. April 30-May 6 – 130mm, 5 inches.

CEWF – TSW panel on future of TSW in 2008, comprehensive water management, study in 2011.

Climate Change models show that : 2.5c increase in temp and all precipitation is coming in the winter. 2041-2071. Every month getting warmer. More rain in winter this February which alters timing of run-off.

FOCA – Report – species’ ranges shifting, invasive species, pests, diseases,

Norm – high water levels, potential for more drought.

Hoping TSW will study climate change.

Cewf.ca – website.

Charlie – applauded Ted Spence- Professor, extensive expertise. Recognized Bob Dubois who drove forward all of the work of TSW.

Jim Bremer: **Question** – Dam – infrastructure – how old?

A plan to bring all TSW up to repair.

**Question???** Limiting of flow to Lake Ontario (flooded Centre Island)

Example of how Climate Change is real.

## Directors’ Updates

Membership – Nancy Smith 185-200 members who have renewed. Membership is perhaps down due to increase in membership fee. Fee is extraordinarily good value.

Guest Speaker: Darryl Whitehead – Parks Canada

*\*presentation available on JLA website\**

- Ted touched on a complex system: navigation, flood, public safety, environmental stewardship, maintain water quality for tens of thousands of people...challenging system. A truly unique system.

Boating stats – Weather biggest factor behind usage. Approx 1 thousand passes, this year 30 thousand passes obtained due to 150 yr. Canada celebration. Free lockage in 2017 and on Rideau Canal. Gas prices impact usage. A decline since 1990. TSW a major draw of tourists.

Lock and paddle event – a popular event. TSW has evolved



from trade to recreational boating to a fitness focus – enhances ability of people to enjoy the system..  
2015 – \$4.5 billion to TSW – Govt of Canada funding for repair of the 100 year old system... 615 million to TSW so far.  
Mississauga, Burleigh Falls, Buckhorn, Lakefield, Otonabee – \$20-30million dollar dams.  
\$58 million budgeted for Haliburton sector of TSW -several dam replacements.  
Jack's Lake dam in relatively good shape – concrete repair needed, \$550K.  
Jack's Lake dam repair is a potential 2018 project, or could be deferred another year. Every 5 years dams are inspected, 10 years extensive inspection.  
-monthly updates and photos will be available on-line of the repair/project work.

**Dock – clean up: Saturday, July 22 from 9 - 12pm**

The area around the dam was recently identified as Federal crown land.

Derelict docks disposed of at the dam requires clean up/dismantling. JLA Volunteers will work with Parks Canada - using collective resources in partnership with JLA volunteers. Parks Canada hopes JLA will take on a stewardship role to maintain enjoyment of this crown land – monitoring and continued discussion.

No more dumping of docks.

Parks Canada will put up a sign – No Dumping, No Littering. A shared space. For further info on infrastructure project.

[www.pc.gc.ca/tswInfrastructure](http://www.pc.gc.ca/tswInfrastructure), [Darryl.Whitehead@pc.gc.ca](mailto:Darryl.Whitehead@pc.gc.ca)  
Darryl Whitehead, External Relations Manager, Infrastructure

Question from Neill Lanz - MNRF assumed that the area surrounding Little Jack's river was Ontario Crown land and they negotiated with the BMFC and JLA on that basis. We just learned today this is Federal land. We may wish to utilize this

as an opportunity to further protect the wetland, beyond the 120 metres surrounding it. Neill posed the question to Darryl Whitehead - Could we (Parks Canada and JLA) go back now to the MNR and request that there be no logging on this 24 acres of Federal Crown land ?

Darryl requested that the JLA send him an email and he will put us in contact with Parks Canada Environmental staff for follow-up.

Rules re Federal Crown land. Complaints re camping ? - JLA can enter into a memorandum of understanding re camping.

Canadians have right to stay on crown land, free to camp.

Could area surrounding Little Jack's be deemed a Federal Park as a popular area and be managed by Parks Canada??

Darryl - Unlikely to be federally managed as limited resources, but a Memo of Understanding could be drafted with JLA, and JLA could take on responsibilities for the 24 acres.

### Directors Updates (Sarah Robertson)

Regatta (David Hoyle) - request for volunteers - art table, regatta,

74 years of Regatta. Next year 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Email to contact.

Fishing Derby (Sarah R.) - was last weekend, 99 anglers under age 12 with over 20 local sponsors,

Jenn Dunkerley - took over this year and did an excellent job, plus a big thank you to the many volunteers for making the derby happen.

Film Festival (Doug Allison) August 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>, tickets available at all the Anchorage Marina; Forest Glen Marina & Tuckers Marine. Go to JLA website for details.

Swimming Lessons (Alice Court) - July 25<sup>th</sup> - Aug 11 at Anchorage.

Friday ice cream cones. Registration available on line at

Northkawartha.on.ca

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> End of season JLA thank you Corn boil and hot dog roast to for JLA members at Anchorage from 12 - 2pm.

Question – Weeds (Karen Kerr)

-several members asking about increase in weeds. Unknown reason. Please send photos to Steve Kerr.

Steve Kerr – weed growth – related to level of nutrients in lake. Sharpes Bay, low level, other bays – average level.

Question - Replacement of Docks – at Dam -once remove old docks -what will replace previous docks? May find unsafe area to access dam. The board will discuss further re options for replacement of existing derelict docks. \*An insured dock will be placed for safe docking after the clean up.\*

Swimmers Itch in Sharpes Bay – raised as a concern in Sharpes Bay – confirmed by Dr. Reyes last year.

Sheelagh Hysenja – commented that there was an algae bloom in Sharpes Bay which can cause skin itch. Unknown if it is officially swimmers itch.

Charlie acknowledged the dedication of Secretary – Mary Beadon – incredible work over the years. JLA seeking another secretary.

New JLA President announced – Sarah Robertson – elected by JLA Board to take over Charlie’s position.

Sarah Robertson – Thanked Charlie for his leadership as President.

Sarah’s 1<sup>st</sup> initiative – is to conserve the lake to provide a safe environment for children & generations to follow; honored to work with such a strong and experienced board; is privileged to serve what FOCA describes as the most engaged board in

Ontario.

Sarah is available anytime & is here to serve the lake community.

- on Saturday Sarah will be at the derelict docks project to help clean up the lake from 9 - 12pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm