



PERCY LAKE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

Saturday, August 24, 2024 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Fort Irwin Resident's Association (FIRA hall), 5827 Haliburton Lake Road

MINUTES

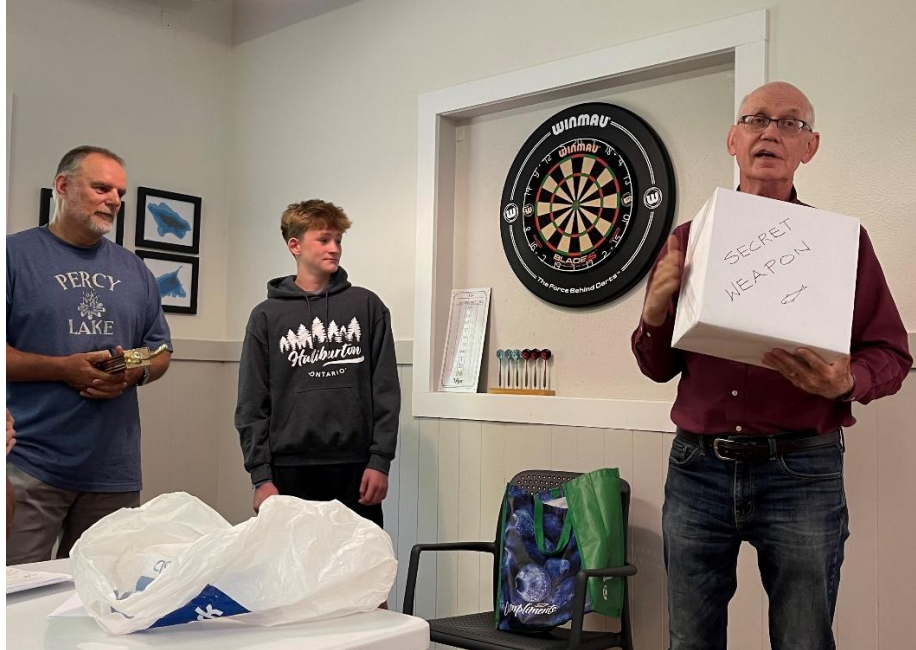
- 1) Welcome (Anna Tilman)
 - Board members present Anna, Lou, Ted, Mark, Shelley, Bob, Brian
 - Regrets: Koko, Peter, Tim
 - Guests
 - Mayor Murray Fearrey & Deputy Mayor Walt McKechnie
 - Gavin Vance coordinator with FOCA Lake Partner Program
 - ~ 45 members in attendance
- 2) Minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved for re-posting
- 3) Trophies
 - Youth Fishing 14 & under
 - Trout 2023 Winner Julian Tilman



- Bass 2023 Winner Cohen Elson



- Matys Corp Cup presented by Joe Matys with the 'secret weapon package' also to Cohen Elson. Thus, continuing a tradition since 2001 (first awarded to Carly Ristow, Bart's daughter, now a teacher in Nelson BC).



- Aug 17 Bass live-release Harry H Winder Tournament, this year dedicated to Ed Dawsoyer. 14th year.
 - Winners (85" on best 5) Joe Matys and Lou Kiriakou
 - 2nd Mick and Julian Tilman
 - 3rd Mark and Claire Ristow



- First Annual Andrew Lindsay Golf Tournament [2023]
 - Winning foursome of Carolyn Bell, Bob MacDonald, Jack Russell and Dave Garrow
 - Bob Wong invited everyone to come to this year's event on Sept 14



4) Dysart Township –

Murray Fearrey – Mayor

(Dave Taylor reminded Murray that he had helped open the then new FIRA Hall in 1983 – 41 years ago. Pictures: <https://www.firahall.ca/history>)

Murray spoke about the challenges of the Township:

- workforce working from home, expenses (new plow used to be 160k, recent 300k; 2 new bridges est 1.5M\$, tender 5M\$)
- budget: initial was 13% increase, reworked as 6.5% in each of two years
- new Short Term Rental [STR] bylaw comes into force Oct 1

Walt McKechnie – Deputy Mayor

- Walt expanded on the STR bylaw
 - Licence fee 500\$
 - Oversight by an external company, that will manage complaints back to owner
 - Contact through a website
- Roadwork scheduled to finish late Sept
 - Re-grading of Johnson Bay
 - Additional surface gravel then resurfacing on Percy Lane
- Waste management
 - Mostly transfer stations
 - Currently trucking to Chatham, 800k/yr

- Investigating participation in Incineration with a 20 year contract
- Ted Mills asked about Green bins and Hazardous waste. Walt acknowledged the issue and would look into permanent Hazardous Waste drop off in Haliburton
- Diane Pearce asked about trailers. Walt said he would look into it.
- Anna Thanked Murray and Walt with a hand-crafted card depicting early Fort Irwin.

5) Guest speaker Gavin Vance FOCA's Lake Partner Program Co-ordinator

- Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations, 525 lake and road associations, headquartered in Peterborough, umbrella group for 250,000 waterfront property owners, since 1963
- Interfaces with governments on policies affecting cottage/rural property owners: capital gains, succession planning, shorelines, climate change impact, invasive species
- Lake Partner Program – one of the largest citizen science programs in NA, data on Ontario inland lakes especially Windsor-Ottawa from mid 1990s. 542 lakes, 620 volunteers,
 - Annual measurement of Phosphorus, Calcium, recently salt
 - Weekly measurement of clarity (Secchi disk)
 - Analysis at MECP [Ontario Ministry of Conservation and Parks] Dorset Lab, after review, released in late Fall, published on-line end of year
 - On-line guides and report cards on web site
 - Phosphorus as a pre-cursor to algal blooms
 - Calcium as a health measure for crustaceans
 - Salt [from roads principally]
 - Clarity as a measure of upstream activity: construction, or beaver dam destruction
 - Jack Russell asked about changes over time. Mick Tilman [Lake Steward] mentioned weed growth. Gavin noted that would be indicative of a healthy shoreline habitat as they tend to filter algae.
 - Mick thanked Gavin and presented a hand-crafted card 'full' of fish.

6) Reports and Updates – PLRA Board:

- Membership
 - Currently 61 versus 56 same time last year. [At time of writing 65 vs 56; 153 total properties, 130 with 911addresses]
- Financial report [appended]

- Koko noted that while our revenues currently exceed expenditures, neither the insurance nor web site bills have arrived.
- Looking back at end of year reports, we have drawn on our reserve for the past two years at ~5\$/member.
- When the Board looked at this in June we recommended bringing a \$10/member fee increase to the membership at the AGM
- A motion to raise the annual membership fee to 40\$ was moved by Brian seconded by Anna and agreed unanimously.

7) Any other business:

- From a discussion on attracting new members, social media, new events, a sub-committee [Diane Pearce, Alison McLean, Janine Rechsteiner and Michael Smith] was formed to consider membership and value of membership. Jack Russell joined post meeting.

8) Nominations, Election of directors

- Present Board was willing to continue
- No new Board members were/volunteered

9) Meeting Adjourned at 4:05pm

- ...to enjoy the snacks and refreshments organized by Shelley and Bob.

Attachment: Koko's Financial report

Percy Lake Ratepayers Association
Unaudited statement of operations

	Period ended August 19, 2024	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
	\$	\$	\$
Membership fee revenues			
Annual	1,710	1,890	1,800
Donations	90	70	70
Prepaid	30	-	-
Total membership fee revenues	<u>1,830</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>1,870</u>
Expenses			
Donation	200	-	-
Website design and maintenance	-	289	282
Membership fees	607	571	577
Signage	-	-	452
CHA Lake Health Report	-	-	-
Trophy	63	323	-
AGM	50	50	-
Engraving costs	-	-	147
Gifts	-	163	-
Insurance (renews annually in November)	-	782	758
Bank charges	43	73	73
Total expenses	<u>962</u>	<u>2,251</u>	<u>2,290</u>

Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	868	(291)	(420)
Opening bank balance	<u>3,270</u>	<u>3,562</u>	<u>3,982</u>
Ending bank balance	<u><u>4,138</u></u>	<u><u>3,270</u></u>	<u><u>3,562</u></u>