



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday September 14, 2021, 7:00 PM
Via Zoom

1 proxy was received.

Sixty-one people joined the meeting. A quorum is twenty-five.

1. Welcome and Call to Order:

Jeff Crocker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Jeff welcomed members, outlined the Zoom processes for the meeting, reviewed the voting process, being that all motions were pre-set with a mover and seconder, and the membership would vote using the polling functionality. Jeff then gave the Traditional Land Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Jamie Davey would like to add to the Agenda in Other Business, to discuss proposed bylaw changes to the Township of Muskoka Lakes. Noted by Linda Haslam Stroud that this can be added for discussion purposes only. There can be no motion because the request was not received prior to the meeting.

Motion: Kelly Andrews made a motion to accept the agenda as revised. Scott May seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve the Minutes of the 2020 AGM:

Motion: Paul Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting. Kathi Poupard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the minutes of the AGM of September 15, 2020:

To be provided within Committee Reports.

5. President's Report – Jeff Crocker:

2020/2021 year in Review:

- Jeff acknowledged the many accomplishments of the SLCO despite the pandemic. It was a year of significant accomplishments under any circumstances. We also faced some challenges.
- **Highlights:**
 - Active in Township of Muskoka Lakes (ToML) new Official Plan (OP), in particular the section on Aggregate policies
 - Integration of our Lake Plan into the ToML new OP
 - Successfully influenced proposed Bell Tower on northwest shore to use a shorter monopine tower rather than the proposed higher metal structure

- Grew our volunteer base, and enhanced our focus on Stewardship
- Renewed our focus and participation with Lake Partners
- Grew our SLCO membership to a new record
- Grew our reserves for fighting proposed Lippa quarry
- Grew our merchandising efforts and contribution, with new merchandise, and all proceeds going to fight the Lippa Quarry
- Grew our relationships at the municipal levels
- AND – *Successfully launched The Bones of Skeleton Lake!*
- **Lowlights:**
 - Many of our activities were curtailed by COVID-19, BUT, we continued to build community with some Covid-friendly activities, including an Antique Boat Parade, Sailing Race, Photo Contest, Fishing Derby, and guided nature walk on our new Conservation property.
 - Waste Collection issues have come up for water access cottagers, and we are communicating with the District of Muskoka to keep our members informed.
 - Closing down of Village Harbour Marina operations, impacting water access members, where we are keeping our members informed of decisions as they are made.
 - Growth in boat traffic, wakes, noise and safety.
- **Goals for 2021/2022:**
 - Fight proposed Lippa Quarry,
 - Stewardship of Skeleton Lake,
 - Continue to grow a sense of community, building on the activities of 2020/2021.
- **Tactics for 2021/2022:**
 - Grow membership, and maintain merchandise sales to contribute to reserves to fight Lippa Quarry,
 - Seek donations to grow reserves and fight Lippa Quarry,
 - Improve protections in the new ToML OP,
 - Work with key lake partners to address issues as they arise,
 - Expand relations with municipalities.
- **Concerns:**
 - Manpower & skills – we need committed volunteers for the SLCO Board and Committees,
 - Funding and timeline to fight proposed Lippa Quarry,
 - Increase stewardship awareness.
- Jeff thanked our outgoing SLCO Board member, Linda Haslam Stroud for her many contributions while on the board.

6. Treasurer's Report – Scott May, Acting Treasurer:

Scott May presented the 2020 Financial Statements, the Income Statement and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, with comparatives for 2019. See Appendix for reports.

Motion: Scott May made a motion to accept the 2020 Financial Statements. Betsy Rothwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Scott May made a motion to waive the requirement of a review engagement of the financial statements. This motion requires an 80% positive vote to carry. Bob Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried by 84%, therefore carried.

Scott presented the Year to Date financial statements to July 31, 2021. It has been a challenging year with a limited recreational program, and fundraising on hold.

- We appreciate the generosity of people who contributed to the Lippa fund in 2021.
- We have some small legal expenses for the Lippa fight in 2021, and expect more as things ramp up in 2022.
- Our new clothing and merchandise line generated approximately \$8300, and sales of The Bones of Skeleton Lake generated approximately \$10,500 for the Lippa fund.

7. Election of Directors, Nominating Committee – Teddene Long:

Motion: The proposed Director's Slate was presented. Deirdre Broude made a motion to elect the following three-year term directors for 2021/22 (One Year and Two Year included for information):

One Year Term

Derryck Cox
Kathi Poupard
Bob Smith

Two Year Term

Deirdre Broude
Jan Hunter
Scott May
Betsy Rothwell
Paul Smith
Tom Grajnar

Three Year Term

Kelly Andrews
Jeff Crocker
Teddene Long
Tim Lutton

Tim Lutton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Committee Reports

8 a). Environment and Stewardship Committee Report: Deirdre Broude, Jan Hunter

Objectives for the Stewardship Committee

1. Establish the priorities associated with the Skeleton Lake Plan and Stewardship activities
2. Develop the short and long-term plan
3. Delegate duties to execute

Themes proposed to manage the Lake Plan execution effectively and avoid duplication of effort. Sub committees established to develop the plan to execute on each of these themes:

- A. Municipal and governmental interactions
- B. Water Quality Monitoring
- C. Communications, Community Culture and Education

D. Lake Partnerships (other lakes and organizations with common interests)

Activities in 2020/2021

- Municipal and Government Interactions:
 - The Skeleton Lake Plan has been condensed to match the format proposed by the Township of Muskoka Lakes (TML) and submitted to the Town. The policy recommendations section is being incorporated into the new Official Plan.
 - TML and Huntsville notices of amendments are being monitored for activities that impact the lake community. An example is the Bell tower proposed earlier this year.
 - TML Official Plan planning sessions have been attended and monitored by members of the Board to understand the changes as they pertain to changes to be made to the bylaws. The most significant area of concern is the Bylaws associated with aggregates. This section is under review by the Board members.
 - Town of Huntsville kicked off their CPP process which will replace the current Planning permit process. Members of the Board attended the sessions held to introduce this process. Draft policy documents will be released for review later this summer/fall.

Communication & Education

- We have been leveraging existing programs from partners such as FOCA, MLA etc. in an effort to communicate to, and influence the lake community through Facebook and eBlasts. Examples are boating safety, respectful behaviors, keeping shorelines natural etc.

Water Quality/Testing

- Water quality monitoring program has been reviewed & compared to best practices across Muskoka Lakes agencies & lake partners. The program has been expanded to include:
 - additional testing sites
 - partnering with MLA for more comprehensive testing to establish a baseline for additional water quality parameters
 - training of water testing volunteers through MLA.

8 b). Recreation Committee Report: Bob Smith

- This year's Regatta was regrettably cancelled due to Covid
- We are hopeful that we can resume in 2022
- We still did a lot of activities!

Photo Contest

- Once again, we held a photo contest in 2021
 - Themes were 'Life at the Cottage' and 'Wildlife'
 - We thank everyone for the terrific photos submitted
- Our winners for 2021, displayed on the SLCO website, were:
- Best Overall Photo: Rush by Linda Haslam-Stroud
 - 1st Place 'Life at the Cottage' Photo: Beach Bum by Shanny Cee
 - 2nd Place 'Life at the Cottage' Photo: Walking on sunshine by Bill and Susan Meyers
 - 1st Place 'Wildlife' Photo: Loon by Jonathon Farrar

- 2nd Place 'Wildlife' Photo: Mating Dragon Flies by Adrienne Gilbert

Sailing Race

- Thanks to Ian Andrews and Jacob Crocker and all the other volunteers and participants who made this event a success
- Race results are as follows:
 - 1st – Paul Elliott and grandson Zane Szabo
 - 2nd – Paul Horn and crew Camden and Lochlyn Horn
 - 3rd – Ben McLaughlin, Jamie McLaughlin

60th Skeleton Lake Fishing Derby

- Thanks to all who participated in the fishing Derby
- Winners by category are posted on the SLCO website

Muskoka Conservancy Hike - August 21 – Tribble Road

- Guided hike led by Aaron Rusiak of the Muskoka Conservancy Group
- Property is 100 acres off Tribble Road
- A large group enjoyed the informative hike of the wetlands, meadows and forest
- Participants learned about the flora, fauna and wildlife in the area

Vintage Boat Flotilla - July 3

- Vintage boats cruised Skeleton Lake celebrating Canada Day
- Participants were cheered on as they cruised by
- Many thanks to Linda Haslam-Stroud and all the volunteers and participants who organized this event

8 c). History Project Committee Report: Teddene Long:

- Committee includes: Ken Reese, Cary DeLoye, John Wyndham.
- IT'S DONE! IT'S PUBLISHED! IT'S A **HUGE SUCCESS**

8 d). Lake Partners Committee Report: Tom Grajnar

Over the past year the Lake Partners Committee has:

- Prepared a detailed list of our existing and potential lake partners.
- Focused on leveraging the value to SLCO from the top four lake partners: Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, Muskoka Lakes Association, Safe Quiet Lakes and Muskoka Ratepayers Association.
- Became a member of the Muskoka Ratepayers Association and joined its Board of Directors to provide SLCO with a better awareness of the discussions and actions occurring at the Muskoka Lakes Town Council.
- Prepared a report for the Stewardship Committee providing educational content from our lake partners on peace and quiet, recommended use of fireworks, protection of the Lake and its ecosystem as well as some initial recommendations on how to disseminate this information to Skeleton Lake area cottagers and residents.
- Forwarded newsletters and information updates from lake partners to SLCO Board members.
- Prepared the 'Lake Partner News Summary' for SLCO newsletters containing a brief note and link to lake partner articles of potential interest for SLCO members.

- Provided support to the SLCO Board in their work regarding the proposed Bell tower on the north shore of the Lake, as well as on the proposed Rogers tower south west of the Lake.

8 e). Membership Committee Report: Kelly Andrews

- Committee Members - Kelly Andrews, Linda Haslam-Stroud, Paul Smith
- 2021 Membership numbers continue to increase year to year, with 20 more members than 2020. Current membership is 283
- We are still looking for a number of Skeleton Lakers to renew or join the SLCO. Ask your neighbour if they have paid their 2021 membership!

8 f). Governance Committee Report: Teddene Long

Proposed By-Law Amendment

- Motion to add the following to By-Law 2 – Conditions of Membership
“The Board of Directors of the SLCO can bestow an Honourary Life Membership to an individual or group who have provided exceptional, loyal & outstanding service to the SLCO.
This service would be above and beyond what would normally be expected of an individual or group and would be in addition to the regular work of the SLCO Board and Committees.
The name and rationale for bestowing this honour would require presentation to the Board of Directors for consideration. An appropriate certificate/plaque will be presented to the recipient.

The secretary will maintain a list of recipients.”

- Question from Membership as to whether Honourary Life Time Members would have voting rights. Governance response – Voting rights are outlined another section of By-Law 2 and apply to this category.
- Moved by Teddene Long, Seconded by Kelly Andrews. The motion carried unanimously.

8 g). Lippa Committee Report: Jeff Crocker

- Why is the Lippa Pit & Quarry a Threat?
 - Water, noise, safety, health, ground water, real estate values.
- What is the Status?
 - We’ve won – so far. Now being appealed at OLT (former LPAT).
- What’s next depends on when in-person appeals resume.
- What do we need from our members? Stay tuned and be prepared to be involved.

Township of Muskoka Lakes New Official Plan:

- SLCO is working hard to improve protections in the new OP – especially around aggregate operations
- Our goals for Section K Aggregates –
 - Township Objectives are NOT the same as the Province’s
 - Improve protections within 2 km of lakes
 - Limit aggregate operations to major provincial highways
- What do we need from our members?
 - Turn up, speak up at Public Input sessions

8 h). Merchandise Committee: Kathi Poupard

- **Committee:** Kelly Andrews, Kathi Poupard, Bob Smith, Linda Haslam-Stroud
- This has been a hugely successful year for merchandising. The publishing of *The Bones of Skeleton Lake* required 2 printings as the hard copy version of 500 books quickly sold out. A softcover print run of 200 was subsequently ordered. To date we have sold 637 books.
Also very successful was the introduction of several new items to our clothing and other branded items catalogue. From just the first 2 orders of the 4 orders placed, we reached 99% of our budgeted profit.
Our supplier has had extreme difficulty this year obtaining some items due to Covid-19. We appreciate our members' patience.
- Thank you to Linda Haslam-Stroud, Kelly Andrews, Bob Smith and Joanne Hutchinson for their assistance and hard work. And a big thank you to our members for their support – we hope to see everyone back for 2022 for another exciting year!
- All net profits support our Lippa fight to 'Stop the Pit'

Member Questions and Comments on Committee Reports:

- The closure of Village Harbour Marina and impact on water access members was raised by 4 members. SLCO is not directly involved in this business decision or actions arising by SL Marine, including zoning matters. Any zoning changes or change of use are subject to public meetings, and SLCO would advise if they become aware. SLCO mandate does have concerns regarding boat traffic and wake, and will work with Safe and Quiet Lakes to determine what can be done.
- Lippa - Tom Newman representing Ross and Sylvia Earl thanked SLCO for their ongoing support. Tom noted that there appears to be some tension between the consultants and the council regarding the wording for the new OP policies. In particular, no crushing within 2 KM of lakes, and quarries must be near a major highway. This latter has not been quantified, needs to be, and we need to keep on top of this. Further, we need to think of future considerations such as Lippa re-applying or the quarry being bought by another party and starting over again.
- Hunter Carpenter would like more ongoing youth activities. Jeff responded that SLCO would love to support this and invited Hunter to join the recreation committee to help identify and organize.

9. Other Business:

9 a). Special Guest Speakers – Authors of the History Book, *The Bones of Skeleton Lake* - Ken Reese and Cary DeLoye – the real scoop - the story behind the book from concept to publishing, with anecdotes and pictures.

9 b). Jeff Crocker - We now have the honour to present the Board recommendation of our first Honourary Lifetime Members, Cary DeLoye and Ken Reese. These two have carried on to fruition what was a dream and is now a

beautiful book to be enjoyed by generations. The history of Skeleton Lake is recorded now for all to share. The hours and years dedicated to putting this book together cannot be acknowledged in any better way than bestowing these two with the first Lifetime Members award. May we always appreciate their work and may they be an inspiration to others to give in some great way to Skeleton Lake.

To you, Cary and Ken, the Board now acknowledges you as Lifetime members of the Skeleton Lake Cottagers Organization, with thanks and gratitude.

9 c). Discussion on proposed TML bylaw changes – Jamie Davie:

Jamie wanted people to be aware of a proposed ToML By-Law change regarding land use and changes to non-complying buildings for undersized lots. Any lots with <100' frontage are under lockdown regarding any increase in coverage. This applies to shoreline structures as well as accessory structures. Anyone planning any changes should go to the ToML website to inform themselves. Jamie advised potentially impacted members to attend the Sep. 16 ToML meeting.

10. Setting the date for the next AGM:

Next Meeting: TBD depending on the pandemic

11. Adjournment:

Motion: Jeff Crocker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jan Hunter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports

2020 Statement of Revenues and Expenses
For the 12 months ended December 31, 2020

Revenues	Combined	Operating	Heritage	2020 Budget
Membership	\$13,200.00	\$13,200.00		\$10,000.00
Donations	\$5,277.00		\$5,277.00	
Interest	\$197.11		\$197.11	\$100.00
Recreation	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Merchandise	\$13,284.15		\$13,284.15	
Other Revenue	\$0.00			
Total Revenues	\$31,958.26	\$13,200.00	\$18,758.26	\$10,100.00
Expenses				
General Office	\$3,887.56	\$3,887.56		\$3,500.00
Communications, Marketing	\$416.20	\$416.20		
Legal	\$7,263.90		\$7,263.90	\$10,000.00
Environment	\$0.00			\$550.00
Membership	\$477.69	\$477.69		\$350.00
Donations	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Planning	\$825.59	\$825.59		\$1,000.00
Recreation	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Merchandise	\$8,113.79		\$8,113.79	
Total Expenses	\$20,984.73	\$5,607.04	\$15,377.69	\$15,400.00
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$10,973.53	\$7,592.96	\$3,380.57	(\$5,300.00)

2020 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2019
Bank Account Balance	\$2,627.27	\$4,796.48
Accrued GIC Income		\$40.00
Prepaid Expenses		
Term Deposits	<u>\$33,168.53</u>	<u>\$19,987.29</u>
Total Assets	\$35,795.80	\$24,823.77
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Accounts Payable		\$1.50
Opening Heritage Fund Bal	(\$420.70)	\$17452.08
Heritage Fund Earnings/Loss	<u>\$3380.57</u>	<u>(\$17872.78)</u>
Closing Heritage Fund Bal	\$2959.87	(\$420.70)
Opening Operating Fund Bal	\$25,242.97	\$19,214.49
Operating Fund Earnings/Loss	<u>\$7,592.96</u>	<u>\$6,028.48</u>
Closing Operating Fund Bal	\$32,835.93	\$25,242.97
Total Liabilities and Fund Bal	\$35,795.80	\$24,823.77

2021 Year to Date:

Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the 7 months ending July 31, 2021

Revenues	Combined	Operating	Heritage	2021 Budget
Membership	\$12,850.00	\$12,850.00		\$13,000.00
Donations	\$3,640.25		\$3,640.25	\$2,000.00
Interest	\$72.55	\$72.55		\$100.00
Recreation	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Promotions	\$14,946.31		\$14,946.31	\$9,280.00
History Book	\$28,629.00		\$28,629.00	\$7,500.00
Total Revenues	\$60,138.11	\$12,922.55	\$47,251.46	\$31,880.00
Expenses				
General Office	\$2,786.40	\$2,786.40		\$3,840.00
Credit/Service Charges	\$1,585.21	\$1,585.21		\$61.00
Communications, Marketing	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$400.00
Lippa	\$2,254.35		\$2,254.35	\$8,000.00
Stewardship/Environment	\$507.65	\$507.65		\$1,550.00
Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$438.00
Recreation	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$2,550.00
Planning	\$1,047.50	\$1,047.50		\$1,500.00
Promotions	\$6,641.00		\$6,641.00	\$5,280.00
History Book	\$17,988.53		\$17,988.53	\$6,000.00
Total Expenses	\$32,810.64	\$5,926.76	\$26,883.88	\$29,619.00
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$27,327.47	\$6,995.79	\$20,331.68	\$2,261.00

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at July 31, 2021

Assets	July 31, 2021	Dec 31, 2020
Bank Account Balance	\$29,892.20	\$2,627.27
Accrued GIC Income	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	-	-
Term Deposits	\$33,231.07	\$33,168.53
Total Assets	\$63,123.27	\$35,795.80
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Accounts Payable	-	-
Opening Heritage Fund Balance	\$2,959.87	(\$420.70)
Heritage Fund Earnings/Loss	\$20,331.68	\$3,380.57
Current Heritage Fund Balance	\$23,291.55	\$2,959.87
Opening Operating Fund Balance	\$32,835.93	\$25,242.97
Operating Fund Earnings/Loss	\$6,995.79	\$7,592.96
Current Operating Fund Balance	\$39,831.72	\$32,835.93
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$63,123.27	\$35,795.80