

**Long Lake Cottage Owners' Association  
2017 Annual General Meeting - Draft Minutes  
March 22, 2017  
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #215  
1600 DeVries Avenue, East St. Paul**

Executive:

Carlos Ferreira, LLCOA President      Dave Cutler, LLCOA Vice-President  
Ryan Swan, LLCOA Treasurer      Brian Gudmundson, LLCOA Secretary

Guests:

Stewart Massey, Parks Branch - Lac du Bonnet Director  
Morgan Hallett, Parks Branch - Parks Planner  
Robert Morrissey, Parks Service Fees  
Gerry Arbez, President of Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association

30 Members were in attendance.

1. Welcome:

Carlos Ferreira, President, welcomed all members.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Brian Gudmundson, Acting Treasurer, provided the Summary Report for 2016.  
As of December 31, 2016 the balance was \$ 254.00.  
Expenses remain low to cover the annual hall rental, annual report fee to Manitoba  
and the LLCOA website. Most communications are done by email.  
**The LLCOA annual fee per cottage was \$15.00 for 2017/18.**

3. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting of March, 2016:

Copies of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM had been sent by email to all members.  
Carlos called for any questions or clarification.  
There were no questions or amendments.  
Moved by Cam Neurenberg, seconded by Dave Boutang that the previous  
2016 AGM Minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

4. Parks Branch Update & Questions:

A) Rob Morrissey, Parks Branch Finance, described cottage service fees during 2016 and 2017 which remained the same. Costs are distributed among each lake in Nopiming Park with 465 cottages among 6,200 cottages in all provincial parks. Long Lake represents \$14,000 of the \$200,000 Nopiming total service fees cost. The north sewage lagoon is part of our cottage fees, amortized over 20 years. A moratorium on cottage fees was put in place in July 2016.

**Review of provincial cottage fees by Manitoba is expected during 2017.**

B) Stu Massey, Nopiming Parks Director, described the plowing at Long Lake. He said that there is better value with the current private contract service than with Manitoba's Dept. of Transport. He noted that Davidson and Flanders Lakes do their own winter plowing. However, Cam N. said that Lots A1 to A6 were not snow plowed in the 2016/17 winter. Stu Masey added that there are not yet any capital plans for a north Nopiming sewage lagoon.

The volume of pump-outs of cottage sewage holding tanks from Long Lake is low.

A pit privy is still OK without a hydro hookup.

To put in a holding tank for sewage, an approved site plan is required plus environmental approval is needed with a pressurized water system.

C) Morgan Hallett, Parks Branch, stated that the Manigotagan River Draft and Nopiming Park Draft Management Plans are still waiting for direction from the Minister by June 2017.

D) Regarding ATV use, there is currently nothing new. It will be addressed in the Park Management Plan.

E) Cam N. noted that trail clearing between Beresford and Garner Lakes was done in 2016. This may be (?) used by snowmobiles. However, Megan Hallett said that no snowmobile trail permits were issued in north Nopiming. No such snowmobile trail applications have yet been received from any group.

F) Reclamation work at the Wadhope site is done on the east side of Highway #314.

However, the status of reclamation on the west side of #314 was not clear.

A question of spillage into water running into Long Lake was raised.

**Megan Hallett said that she would check results from the water survey.**

## 5. New Business:

A) Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association Presentation:

Gerry Arbez, Association President gave a statement of the Wildlife Association goals.

He described the trout pond created north of Lac du Bonnet, plus their fishing derbies and wildlife banquet held by his Association.

B) Moose Management in the GHA 26 area:

This Management Committee was established 25 years ago and includes First Nations. Data shows that the moose population in the area declined during the last 8 years.

Population counts were done by aircraft.

Several factors include disease, wolf kills, illegal hunting and harsh weather.

Wolf trapping incentives are now in place. Several old roads were de-commissioned to limit access to moose habitat. Sustenance hunters have been restricted.

A report and recommendations will be submitted in April 2017 to the Minister for Sustainable Development.

C) New Provincial Park Cottage Owners Association:

The new Association (led by the Whiteshell Cottage owners) was requesting other cottage associations within parks to join resisting major changes proposed for the cottage assessment fees throughout Manitoba. To join such an umbrella group would cost LLCOA \$80 per year. It was agreed that this cost was not worthy of any potential benefit. No formal arrangement would be made.

**Brian G. would have an informal discussion with this umbrella group.**

D) Stu Massey suggested the possibility of re-creating the Nopiming Cottage Association with reps from each of the 6 lakes' associations throughout Nopiming Park. A list of current contacts at all 6 lakes will be distributed by Parks Branch.

**No formal action was taken by the LLCOA Board to date.**

E) A possible Saturday BBQ at Long Lake was raised.

Ryan Swan said he would consider a possible Saturday date in July 2017.

7. Elections for Staggered Board for 2 Seats:

2 year Term: Vice-President reelected - Dave Cutler

2 year Term: Treasurer reelected - Ryan Swan

Note: Carlos Ferreira (President) & Brian Gudmundson (Secretary)

2 year terms conclude in March 2018.

8. Adjournment:

Carlos thanked guests and members for input into the discussions.

Carlos adjourned the AGM at 9:25 PM.

The next Long Lake AGM is scheduled for March 21, 2018.