



Annual General Meeting Minutes
Sunday, July 24, 2022 10:00 am-12:00 pm followed by lunch
In Person at the Bayfield Boat Club

1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (ANNE STEWART)

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (ANNE STEWART)

- Anne mentions that after a COVID hiatus, water testing is resuming. She suggests that those interested in participating speak to Mike, Art, Nichola or Anne.
- She mentions the hazardous waste site.
- She acknowledges the efforts of the BNIA team, including Ted Simmonds and welcomes more volunteers.
- She mentions that new regulations require new bylaws and they're in the works for 2023. • She and Nichola Martin thank the Bayfield Boat Club for hosting and present Mary Stevenson with a bouquet made up of flowers from cottage gardens.

3. APPROVE 2021 AGM MINUTES (LEEANNE SMART):

- Anne requests motion to approve. Ted Simmonds motions, John McMullen seconds.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT (MIKE MAJOR):

- Mike thanks Peter Purdue for his years of service.
- He anticipates a surplus in 2022 and thanks those who use the online membership portal as it makes record keeping easier.
- He says that 2021 expenses were lower than previous years due to COVID and cancellation of in person events. The major expense was the Directory with most of the cost covered through advertising revenue. He thanks Rob Reed for recruiting advertisers.
- He reviews the statement items (noted in the directory) line by line.
- He suggests that the reserve reflects reduced costs for last 2 years.
- He notes that the BNIA is investing more in First Response this year, having purchased 8 Go Bags so each responder has one. The BNIA is also investing in additional training – Cold Water, CPR and AED Training.
- He notes that in 2022, there will be additional regatta expenses for refurbishment of the large trophies.
- Mindy Ord motions to approved financial statement. Susan Day seconds.

5. NOMINATIONS (NICHOLA MARTIN & ANNE STEWART)

- Nichola says that there are no new nominations with 15 positions filled by acclaimed Directors. • Nichola reads the names of each of the 2022 Directors and Directors are approved for coming year.
- Anne Stewart acknowledges the BNIA Directors who have retired in the past two years: Kathleen Kidd, Frank Pointner, John Lavis, Peter Purdue.

6. GUEST SPEAKER - SAFE QUIET LAKES (FRANCES CARMICHAEL)

- Anne introduces Frances Carmichael, from Safe Quiet Lakes.
- Frances shares handout which includes results from a 2021 survey completed by a professional survey company on a pro-bono basis including over 6,000 responses with 1,100 responses coming from the Georgian Bay area.
- She mentions that concerns about boating are the same across little lakes, big lakes, Georgian Bay and

Muskoka.

- She said results showed a distinction between those who indicated interest in paddle vs motor activities.
- Results indicate that “things are getting worse” (compared to prior surveys in 2013 and 2017). Noise and traffic are increasing, people feel less safe, the quality of their lake experience decreasing, and they desire more regulation and enforcement.
- The survey indicated that primary concerns are PWC, wake and boat engine noise. • She describes the Decibel Coalition, which was started with GBA support, hoping to bring in federal regulations on boat engine noise. While most advanced countries have decibel limits on engine noise, Canada does not. The Coalition is supported by 56 lake associations across Canada, and the ToA. They have met with Transport Canada on the matter.
- She mentions education efforts on reducing wake and speed and advocating for regulation. Transport Canada is resisting wake legislation. She mentions a video/program called “Wake Aware”, which can be found online and is supported by many marinas. Leave behind cards are provided for members.
- She indicates that while wake surfing is being investigated by Transport Canada, SQL is investigating whether it’s the right approach and forming an opinion.
- Leigh Fabens questions enforcement of wake. Frances confirms that it is not enforceable. • Mary Stevenson shares the BBC concern with boat wakes. She mentions that in PaB, they have “Slow down no wake” floating pylons, and she’s trying to get some. She is reminded that Transport Canada has rules about what can go in the water as to not be seen as an impediment to navigation.
- Earl Manners shares what’s happening in PaB. He says that education via PABIA is the focus. The marinas in the harbour put up their own private signs encouraging people to slow down. It was effective and now most boaters are slowing down. This past summer others put up similar signage. He reminds us that it purely voluntary and not enforceable.
- Mindy Ord suggests that the big waves are not from cottagers, it’s short-term people. She suggests that those who rent their cottages should inform renters.
- Susan Logue suggests that seasoned boaters are more cautious than new boaters. She refers to natural versus manufactured wakes (circulating to make wakes to bounce on), suggesting that there’s manufactured wake activity going on near her cottage which is dislocating water pipes, taking out docks, and ruining the shoreline.
- David Day observes that people in boats slow down and plow, thinking they’re being helpful as they’ve come off the plane. He reminds us that plowing increases wake. Frances mentions “Slow down, bow down”.
- Rob Reed thanks Frances for coming. He reminds us that Peter Frost is putting on a safe boating course on August 5, which includes PCOC certification, and to reach out to Peter for more information.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP (NICHOLA MARTIN)

- Nichola encourages people to volunteer for the BNIA.
- She mentions that there are 221 Primary/Full members, many of whom are couples with one vote.
- She reminds us that the cottage isn’t the member, individuals are and encourages “older folks” to invite their children to be Associate members.
- She mentions that we have 49 Associate members, clarifying that they receive a directory and have a voice but no vote.
- She says that there are 16 unpaid members who paid in 2021 but not (as of today) for 2022. They are still members but by March 2023 their membership will lapse.
- She concludes noting the neighborhood coordinator program saying that they tried to hand out directories and maps last year.

HISTORY (KATIE POINTNER)

- Katie refers to the history book and invites people to add to collections, family stories. • She says that her goal is to categorize and publish the Bayfield Nares history into volumed copies and make them available to members to purchase for coffee table book. • Anne confirms that Frank has 98% of the content digitized and thanks him for his service to the community.

OUTINGS & EVENTS (HEATHER GILMAN & SUSAN DAY)

- Heather invites people to get involved, including younger people and asks people to contact her to share ideas for events.
 - She references the recent Knot Tying event in Nares and Georgian Bay Biosphere Interpretative Paddle event saying they were successful and well attended.
- Susan reminds people that the Regatta is taking place at her island next Saturday. • Susan reminds us that on Saturday August 6, there is a Community Picnic and Social at her island and invites people to bring a chair, picnic, drink, and musical talent.

COMMUNICATIONS (ART KILGOUR, SARA CARTER & KATIE POINTNER)

- Art mentions that they are responsible for the Directory, email, FaceBook and Instagram. • Sara mentions the 2022 Directory and receives a round of applause for it. Mary Stevenson thanks the committee saying the Directory is “first class”.
- Sara apologises that the Directory was delivered slightly late this year.
- She suggests that American visitors who come early in the season, reach out to their neighborhood coordinator to hold it for you instead of mailing it.
- She also says that the Directory is for members and about members and invites people to submit ideas to ensure that the directory includes as many voices as possible.
- Art references the Emergency tear out info at back of book and encourages people to use it. • Art indicates that email is vital way of communicating with members. He invites members not receiving emails to follow up with him.
- He mentions that FaceBook is larger audience, and is mostly unmoderated, however, no commercial activity is allowed.
- Mindy asks if members can add more than one email. Art indicates that yes, and to contact him to facilitate.
- Thomas Husebye asks if there can be a map in the Directory to see where the fire pumps are. Art notes that in the Directory, those indicating that they have a pump have a flame next to their name. Thomas reminds those who have a fire pump to have it ready with extra gas.
- Ruth Anne Winter asks about internet services. A member mentions that Rogers works well, and another mentions that he has Starlink at home and brought portability to Bayfield and it works well.

DERELICT DOCKS (TED SIMMONDS)

- Ted clarifies that if you're getting a new dock, the new vendor will take away old dock and that is not what he helps with. Rather, if there is an old dock not belonging to anyone, call him for removal.
- He mentions that he's removed 20 docks in Bayfield over the past few years.

FIRST RESPONDERS (TED SIMMONDS & BUTCH FOLLAND)

- Ted explains that First Responders are volunteers and invites our first response lead, Butch to speak.
- Butch mentions that the BNIA is helping FR's to upgrade materials, efficiency, and skills. He says the goal is to get to the mainland quickly, efficiently with the best care. He mentions the BNIA supported training and says that Peter O'Grady organized a two-day paramedic training that was attended by the FR's.
- Butch shares a story of four recent Laura Bay (S of Nares) incidents and acknowledges the efforts of Rob Leblond and all the FR's, as well as Dennis Scale. John McMullen mentions that as a sequel to the airlift story, the injured party is fine and made a special trip to Nares to give Rob a hug of thanks.
- Mindy Ord applauds Butch's heroic efforts and thanks him on behalf of Bayfield. • Mindy Ord proposes free memberships for FR's. Ted says that the BNIA is considering it. • Bev Westacott asks if CPR classes will resume in Bayfield. Ted mentions that once COVID is over, it will be revisited. He confirms that currently, all FR's are fully CPR updated. • Ruth Anne Winter says that she is alive today because of BNIA FR's – Butch and Doug Wagener. She mentions that she fell and cut an artery and would have bled out had it not been for them.
- Ted says that so far this year, there have been 8-9 call outs, with a large portion of the people needing help being older.

- Ted reminds us that there is no parking on 529A and asks everyone to remind their family friends/renters not to park there as ER vehicles and delivery trucks don't have space to get by.

FIRE SAFETY (LEEANNE SMART)

- Leeanne starts by reminding everyone that although FR's are our first response for health related activities, we ALL are our response for fire. Our fire department is us. • She reminds us of the open burning and fireworks rules for low-moderate-high and extreme ratings and says that these rules are put in place for our safety by the ToA. She also says that rating information is up to date on highway signage and on 529 near the transfer station, and on the ToA website.
- She mentions that although there have been several illegal incidents so far in 2022, and shares information about one that took place on July 1: People were dropped off on an island with no supplies, and they started a fire. Astute cottagers went by and saw the fire, and by the time they returned shortly afterwards with buckets, the fire was verging on out of control. They extinguished the fire with pails. This fire was on a small island with clear visibility to the main channel and many cottages.
- She asks that people be vigilant and investigate when seeing or smelling smoke. Don't assume that someone else is, or that you can call authorities for help as it may be too late. • She reminds us to be prepared and have a plan. She references the "Plan now for a fire emergency" cut out on the back of the Directory.
- Ruth Anne Winter asks if fire rating signage can be posted at the Government Dock. Leeanne agrees and indicates that Peter and the ToA are investigating.

8. TOA UPDATE (PETER FROST)

- Peter thanks everyone for their support.
- He says that the ToA has 20 employees who do a tremendous job to continue to preserve and protect the environment. They just hired second bylaw officer and they're continuing to try to hire others.
- He mentions that it is an election year, and he is running again to be Councillor. • He mentions a few ToA initiatives:
 - Planning and Building committee, focused on floating cottages.
 - New bylaw efforts on noise and waste.
 - Site alteration bylaw efforts to legislate cutting down trees and doing inappropriate things to the shoreline.
- He says that the ToA looking to help with buoys in front of the BBC but confirms that speed and wake is the responsibility of the boater as there are few enforcement tools.
- He concludes by thanking the people of Bayfield Nares who have supported him over past 2 terms and hopes to retain support over the coming term.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS (ANNE STEWART)

- Arts on the Bay – Saturday July 30 and another date in August.
- Thompson Marine – wants to remind people that washroom is for their patrons only. • Science North Road Show in PaB – Thursday August 11 for all ages.
- Regatta (Mike Major). Event starts at 1pm. Registration between 12-1. Please bring pinecones for the scramble.
- GBLT (Andy Fabens). Thompson Reserve was given to the GBLT 20 years ago. The GBLT has now raised funds to complete demolition and the reserve will be complete. Contents of cottage are of interest to some people. If volunteers want to organize and auction for the contents, please speak to him.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion Linda Rothney, seconded by Susan Day.