

IBPOA INC.- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- 2009

Saturday, July 18,2009
Friendship Centre, Lions Head.

The meeting commenced at 10:05 hours with excellent attendance.

Executive present: President- Mike Noble

Treasurer-Bruce King

Secretary-Kathy Burns

Directors- Denise Callaghan

- Don Snow

Executive absent: Past president- David Cooke.

Municipality representatives present: Mayor- Milt McIver

Councillor-Tom Boyle

Mike Noble opened by welcoming all and outlined the meeting's agenda. He introduced the executive and thanked Milt McIver and Tom Boyle for attending.

Kathy Burns read the Minutes of the 2008 AGM. Bruce King made a correction of the financial closing balance of \$3351.56. It should be \$3671.77. Motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Bob Spearing, seconded by Anita Cunningham.

Motion carried.

The treasurer Bruce King read the financial report. The closing balance on Dec.31,2008, was \$4435.25. See attached report. Motion to accept the financial report, as read, was made by Bob Spearing and seconded by Don Snow. Motion carried.

It was advised by Don Tefft that when referring to the IBPOA the word "INC" needs to be included as the association is incorporated.

Another suggestion was to add the IBPOA web-site on all written material.

Business arising from the 2008 AGM minutes: Don Snow gave a brief road report as a result of meeting with council in the Fall of 2008 and again in the Spring of this year. He has been told that there are no plans that affect the Isthmus Bay Road in the immediate future and that he will be consulted in regards to any future planning. Presently the status quo remains.

Mike Noble introduced the guest speaker, Don McIlraith, president of the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club. Don gave a very interesting presentation on the Bruce Trail Conservancy (see attached transcript copy). Question and answer period followed. For more information Don suggested that people access the web-site: btc.org and pbtc.ca. Don also gave a brief presentation on Dark Sky and apologized for being unable to bring the display as it is presently in use at the National Park in Tobermory. Don showed an example of an outdoor lamp with a light source shielded thus complying with the Dark Sky Guidelines. Don advised that we looked for the Dark Sky logo when making outdoor light purchases.

There was some discussion about the poison ivy on the Bruce Trail and use of

horticultural vinegar instead of pesticides, the new side trail at Williams Cave between the harbour and Carter Lane, and trimming of trees near Devil's Pulpit to afford a better view of Georgian Bay. At the end of Don McIlraith's presentation everyone was asked to look under their chair seats for a pink paper indicating who would be the winner of a beautiful walking stick. John Newton was the fortunate winner. Mike Noble thanked Don for the wonderful presentation and presented him with a small gift of appreciation.

Milt McIver was welcomed, by Mike Noble, to the podium. Tom Boyle was introduced and thanked Don McIlraith for all the hard work done by the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club. He pointed out that the municipality has a Dark Sky Policy and stated that funds have been allocated for all new light installations and any replacements to comply with the Dark Sky Guidelines. Milt explained that the municipal budget is based on a 4 year reassessment cycle with an average increase of 6% and the tax levy is the actual amount of dollars spent. This year 4.6% is needed as they had a 1.3% growth which leaves a tax rate increase of 3.3%. Other factors affecting the budget include garbage collection cost increase of 1.1%, metal collection revenue decrease, Recycling cost increase, and the market slump affecting returns on investments to the tune of \$100,000 (the capital is intact). With regards to The Bruce Peninsula Press article about removal of dumpster and roadside garbage tags Milt clarified that it is only a suggestion/at the discussion stage presently. Two public hearings are scheduled for Aug.26 and Sept. 21. Question/answer period followed:

-Fireworks and Noise Bylaws: how to enforce them after the municipal office is closed? Who to call? Milt stated the number to call is on the municipal answering machine.

-The issue of speeding on Whippoorwill and Isthmus Bay Road was raised. It was decided that a letter expressing our concern be sent to the OPP.

-Dumpster at the harbour is locked. This seemed to surprise Milt. Much discussion followed as to the right to use it. Milt had no response. Milt noted that our landfill site is open more hours than most.

-It was pointed out to Milt that the camp ground on Isthmus Bay Road was operating. Milt seems initially surprised and unable to provide any clarification as why it is running but did end by advising that the out of court settlement document be reviewed especially article 1.

Mike Noble thanked Milt for coming and invited him and Tom to stay for lunch.

Election of Officers:

The vice presidency and two director positions are open. Don Snow offered to assume the position of vice president. Moved by Bruce King and seconded by Mike Noble. Carried. Mike Noble suggested that Robert Cunningham stand for nomination as a director. Bob pointed out that he had heard negative comments concerning the number of Carter Lane residents currently on the executive. After some discussion from the floor a motion to appoint Robert as director was made by Don Tefft and seconded by Ann Bacso. Motion carried.

Sandy Jolliffe offered to assume a directors position. Nomination was moved by Bob Spearing and seconded by Bob Cunningham. Carried.

Denise Callaghan mentioned that the Bruce Peninsula Society of Artists would appreciate donations of Hellyer's grocery sale receipts. The receipts can be turned back into the store to receive monies for the Society. There are several artists in the Isthmus Bay area. The receipts can be dropped off at the Artist Co-op or given to any artist who is a member of the Society.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Noble, seconded by Anita Cunningham. Carried
The meeting closed at 11:45 hours and lunch catered by Vicki Formosa followed.
Many stayed to enjoy the food and friendship.