

## Yoho Lake Association (YLA)

### Meeting Minutes for August 28, 2016 – Annual General Meeting – 3:00-4:30pm, Yoho Scout Property

Sean Haley, President, called meeting to order welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

Minutes from AGM 2015 were reviewed by residents moved by George Bidlake, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Caverhill and passed as correct.

#### Committee Reports:

**Treasurer:** Mark Roach – as of the meeting of Aug 28, 2016 there was a balance of \$2 438.62 in YLA account. Income 2015/16 Membership \$510.00, ETF \$11 998.28, Interest \$0.65. Expenses 2015/16 2015 AGM \$212.61 ETF \$11 998.18, Mics \$55.37, interest expenses \$47.22, net income \$195.55. There is an outstanding account payable of \$300.00.

Motion that a detailed financial statement be provided 2 weeks before AGM, Sean Haley 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Caverhill.

**Communication Committee:** Forrest Orser - The Yoho Lake Echo was published twice and 2 bulletins sent out to residents. Residents are encourage to submit articles and or photos. If you are not receiving Echo please let YLA know.

**Road side clean up:** Larry Somerville – Typically road side clean-up takes place in the spring first weekend following the long weekend in May and in the fall first weekend following labour day, weekend. This year clean-up will take place Sept. 10, anyone interested contact Larry and he will meet you at the end of your road. The Provincial Government is no longer involved the roadside clean-up is sponsored by YLA.

**Membership:** Walter – Currently 48 members for 2016/17.

**Water Committee:** Bonny Hoyt-Hallett - Water Monitoring Committee Report 2015/16

Another year has passed, and it has been a busy one for the Water Monitoring Committee. The teams of Dean Mundeel/Bob Macquarrie and Jim Hallett/Ken Goodwin have monitored every other week since May and monitored up until October of last year.

This year the temperature went from 10.6 in June and a dissolved oxygen level of 11.6 to a temperature of 22.3 and DOL of 7.6 on August 15. The temperature was 14.7 in May, 2015 and 20.6 in Late July 2015 and the DOL of 7.5.

The water temperature is warmer and hence a bit of a worry for your committee. Late July and Early August you could see the suspended algae in the water column. The cool nights and rain events have however, allowed us so far to avoid any algae bloom issues.

The main focus of the committee has been to avoid nutrient loading to our lake.

We have continued our education of lake residents through the Echo and bulletins.

The septic pump out was held again this year. This is the third year for the program. The pump out program occurs on July 29 and August 29 of each year and attempts to keep our lake clean by avoiding

septic run offs into the soil around our lake. The firm we use, Nicholsons , gives a preferred rate, if there is a minimum of 10 customers on each occasion. Nicholsons have a 100 foot plus hose and they are able to reach down to properties from the road. They have been bringing a large truck and parking it by the Scout camp and using it to dump from a smaller truck. We encourage all residents to utilize this service in order to maintain our rate of 85 dollars for the pump out and 17.5 cents a gallon for disposal.

The committee also presented to the Hanwell Rural Community in August. We solicited their support for holding tanks for seasonal residents, as well as investigation of the Federal infrastructure program for all residents in the rural community wishing to upgrade their septic systems. Both of our recommendations were adopted and we will work with the Rural Community on these issues. We will be soliciting a meeting with the department of Health on the issue of holding tanks with the support of the Rural Community. We will keep you all informed.

We also worked with a number of Provincial Lakes and the Canadian Rivers Institute to apply for an Environmental Trust Fund grant to look at Blue green algae, its' causes, and modelling to determine what makes lakes more susceptible. We were successful and have begun this partnership for a possible 3 year program. You will have noted a new floating marker (buoy) near the mouth of the outlet in the deep section of the lake. This is a temperature probe measuring water temperature at 3 levels, continuously over the next 3 years. The data will be read twice a year, spring and fall. We ask all boaters to avoid this buoy. We will be attempting to mark it more clearly. We will also be receiving a kit to gather specimens if we should have an algae bloom.

Our incoming president Walter Bidlake, along with Ann Bridges and Jim Hallett attended an invasive species workshop put on by the Eastern Charlotte Waterways. This workshop, in July gave those in attendance a course on what to look for in invasive aquatic plants. Such plants can be brought into the lake on boats being transferred from one water body to another. In one example, the Maine invasive species monitoring committee intervened in a number of plants being found on boats and prevented transfer (1200 boats inspected 95 saves). Residents are requested to ensure your boats and boats of friends visiting the lake are washed before being put in the lake after being in other water bodies. Washing needs to take place well away from the lake edge. This concern has been highlighted with the interest by the Hanwell Rural Community in creating public access to Yoho Lake.

We have also started shoreline monitoring, taking pictures in the water of vegetation at a number of sites around the edge of our lake. This is our first year and we will be adding rigor to this by looking at the standards set by Maine. We would benefit from one person taking this on as part of our committee. If you are interested please let me know at [bonnyhh@gmail.com](mailto:bonnyhh@gmail.com) or call at 366-3515. We will look at changes in sediment, vegetation amounts and types, at specific sites similar times each year to see any changes, year after year. We have noted more vegetation this year than in past years.

Again anyone interested in joining the monitoring committee is encouraged to get in touch with myself or anyone on the Executive. New ideas and fresh eyes are always welcome. The monitoring committee would love to have additional hands.

**President's report** – Sean Haley -We have had a great summer. I met early in the spring with Dept of Transportation in regards to the run-offs along Yoho Lake Rd. They were all dry at the time and did not appear to have had much action in the past while. By the lay of the ground level at the locations he figures it would almost be imposable to run away from lake, but he was going to check with his

engineers to make sure that what was there was up to standards and to make sure they were working correctly as filters. I at this point have not heard back from them.

Walter and I attended a Provincial Water Strategy Workshop this spring. It was an information and brainstorming workshop, with all groups, that have any involvement with water in the province, including Forestry companies, Excavation companies, Lake Associations, Salmon federation. The results of the workshop have yet to be published but we are hoping to stay involved.

In July the Yoho Lake Association hosted an invasive species workshop at the Scout Lodge for 5 local lakes. It was developed to educate and train people on how and what to look for in the “BAD WEEDS” Dept. Walter Bidlake and Ann Bridges, are our go-to people for that and have nice Picture books to identify the invasive plants—Please Remember visiting or returning boats including paddle boats, kayaks, etc., should be cleaned and inspected to make sure nothing is being transferred from one ecosystem to another.

Our lake has fared pretty well this year with temps above normal and a few weeks when algae could be seen in the water column. I hope with the cooling nights and heavy rains we have had lately we may have made it over the critical time.

As I’m sure everybody has seen, we have a new buoy out from the mouth of the outlet, Yoho has entered into a 3 year study between CRI and Mt. A to use the WM data we collect and with the Temp Info that that buoy is for to create a model of Yoho Lake, Hopefully it will be able to help us determine a strategy to fight against algae in the water.

In the past month the Hanwell Rural Community has been asked to look into public access to Yoho Lake, it was brought forward at a council meeting and it was agreed to have a look at the circumstances. We have had an information meeting with council voicing “to start with” our Environmental concerns. This I am sure will be discussed much over the next while. We have been very well received they have asked for a formal presentation to council with our concerns and with letters from CRI back –up our information. We are moving forward and with this and we will keep everybody informed as to what is going on.

Now I know a lot of people here and a lot from around this lake.—we need more members, and most of all we need more volunteers to help out with the executive and the committees.

Walter is running for the President chair, I am hoping to stay on the Executive and fill the new Director at large position. WE NEED A SECRETARY NOW and we need Co-chairs for all the committees, that way our 6 people are not wearing all the hats.

#### **Committees Include:**

**Water Committee** - Bonny Hoyt-Halett/Kim Lipsett

**Membership Committee** - VP-but we need a co-chair to handle a membership drive

**Communications** - Forrest Orser

**Community Clean-up** -has graciously been taken back by to Larry Somerville but we need somebody to help him out.

**Fund Raising Committee** - (new) to handle the swag for us

So a list of name from people that are ready to get involved would be great. Thank You

**Constitutional Amendments:**

Old wording

6.5 The election of the Executive shall be for staggered terms, with the election of the Vice-President and Treasurer in the first year and the President, Secretary and Director-at-Large in the second year.

New wording

*6.5 The election of the Executive shall be for staggered terms, with the President and Vice President and one member at large in one year and the secretary, treasurer and one member at large in the alternate year.*

1<sup>st</sup> Larry Somerville 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry Haley motion carried

Old Wording

7.2 The Executive shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, one Director-At-Large and a Yoho Scout Reserve representative.

New Wording

*7.2 The Executive shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Directors-At-Large and a Yoho Scout Reserve representative.*

1<sup>st</sup> Claude MacKinnon 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy MacLaggan motion carried

The third motion is to raise membership fees to \$20.00. This will take effect June 30, 2017. Susan Jonah moved to raise Membership fees 2<sup>nd</sup> Dinah Stocker motion carried

**The names below are the YLA executive and council for 2016/17.**

President:	Waler Bidlake
Vice –President:	Tim MacKinnon
Secretary:	Ann Bridges (Acting)
Treasurer:	Mark Roach
Director at Large:	Rick Huntingford
Director at large: new position	Sean Haley
Scout Camp Liaison	Dean Munde

**Committees:**

Water:	Chair	Kim Lipsett Bonny Hoyt-Hallet
Membership:		Tim MacKinnon
Communications:	Chair	Forrest Orser
Community Clean Up:		Larry Somerville
Zone Representatives:		Ken Goodwin (Zone 2) No representative (Zone 1) Jamie Wheaton (Zone 4) No representative (Zone 3) Richard Hanson (Zone 6)

Shelly MacQuarrie (Zone 5)

### **Words from our New President Walter Bidlake**

We need more voices involved in then YLA currently we have 48 members which is only ¼ of the YL Community. We all need to promote the YLA to try and raise membership. There were 18 people that took advantage of Nicholson preferred rate and the same number in 2014. We urge people to promote this service to their neighbours, would like to see 25-30 taking advantage of this service. Everyone has a story about YL and pictures please forward to Forrest for publication in the Echo. This is the first year for Yoho Lake yard sale Sept 3 please contact Walter to have your name put on the list. We are hoping to grow this into an annual event to help raise money for the association.

### **White Board – Resident concerns**

- Detailed financial statements
- Outside events should not be allowed – if occurring need strict guidelines and someone to supervise – boat wash
- Public access
- Hanwell rep on YL board
- Fund raising auction
- Copy of Yoho Zoning plan available to residents (welcome Package)
- Copy NB regulations – guidelines to bonfires – removing vegetation from lake front – how to enforce

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30, moved Allison Caverhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> ?

**Presentations:** Lynn Melanson Harvey Lake - A Tale of Blue/Green Algae  
Chris Melvin [Chris.Melvin@hanwell.nb.ca](mailto:Chris.Melvin@hanwell.nb.ca) Mayor of the Hanwell Rural Community

Submitted by A. Bridges Aug 29, 2016