

Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association
Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Sunday February 1, 2009

Location: Creemore Spring Brewery

Present: Keith MacDonald, Janice Gibson, Peter Newson, Ross Klopp,
Susan Davidson

Regrets: Barry McPherson, David Tiernan

1. Welcome and update to Agenda - (Keith MacDonald)

**2. Review August 1, 2008 Minutes of the Bruce Beach Cottage Association
Annual Meeting – (Keith MacDonald)**

Minutes reviewed by the committee without changes (see attached). Peter Newson to send Susan Davidson electronic copy for final preparation and for distribution to the 2009 Annual Meeting.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

No issues were indentified as business arising from the minutes

4. President's Report - (Keith MacDonald)

This year has not been as active with issues as experienced last year. Barry McPherson, Past President, has agreed to continue as our communication liaison between the BBCA, the township, other Bruce Beach Associations and other Beach Associations in the near vicinity. This will ensure consistent and timely information available for the association.

On November 10th 2008, there was a meeting attended by Keith MacDonald, Barry McPherson, Bruce Beach Cottagers Association Mary Rose Walden, CEO Huron Kinloss township, Mayor Mitch Towlan, Ripley, Dan Thorp and Doug Brown. The purpose of the meeting was to assess and discuss the environmental issues associated with the beach and lake area in Huron Kinloss Township.

The following were highlights of the meeting: This year, between Point Clarke and the 10th Concession, the township has cleaned 120 loads of algae from the lake shore. The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority is planning to plant 40,000 trees along

the river banks to improve the quality of run off water from the adjacent fields. The septic system assessment program has identified an issue with 20% of tanks requiring cleanup or replacement. Water quality testing along the shore has fairly good results. Several beach residents near Point Clarke are removing concrete pylons installed in the lake during the 80's. Algae are growing prolifically on these structures causing a portion of the problem in that area. Carol Mitchell, MPP for Huron Kinloss Township, is a member of a joint US and Canadian committee to continue assessing the environmental issues with Lake Huron.

A future meeting is anticipated with Ben Lobb, Member of Parliament (Federal) and Gordon Miller, head of the Ontario Environment Commission to discuss the environmental issues with the condition of the beach and lake.

5. Vice President's Report – (David Tiernan) (unable to attend meeting)

6. Communication Director's Report – (Ross Klopp)

The e-mail communications with members of the BBCA continues to be extremely effective, with very few unknown return e-mails. Members have been very diligent ensuring accurate e-mail addresses.

Ross sold numerous Bruce Beach ties, scarves and BBGC flags last year. It was recommended by the committee to eventually donate this money to the Bruce Beach Golf Club renovation fund. This will await clarification of the project.

Ross discussed a copied letter from Susan Yates Johnson. She has requested a donation for the BBGC renovation of \$20,000 from the township. Keith distributed a letter from Roy Parker, Secretary and Treasure of McCosh Grove Limited (see attached) outlining future utilization of the renovated Club House and the golf course. The BBCA executive will await final decision of the new guidelines before including certain events in the 2009 Year Book. Keith will respond to Rob Parker outlining the above decision.

7. Winter Patrol Report - (Janice Gibson)

It was recommended by Janice to discontinue the current winter patrol at the end of this winter season as many cottagers have hired private individuals to regularly inspect their property. This was unanimously approved by the BBCA executive.

8. New Business – Treasures Report – (Janice Gibson)

Janice distributed the financial report for 2008 actual and the 2009 budget Income Statement (see attached). This was reviewed by the executive committee and it was noted that only a few cottages have not paid their 2008 fees. The 2009 budget for printing and mailing of the Yearbook was changed from \$2,200.00 to \$2,500.00 as postage and printing have increased. It was noted that in 2009 the BBGC rent for the

annual meeting includes the cost for 2008. A gift certificate of \$150.00 will be presented to Karen Gaudino in thanks for the use of the Creemore Springs Brewery conference facilities for the winter executive meeting.

In 2009, the document requesting the BBCA dues will list the due date of June 30, 2009. If fees are received after the due date, an addition fee of \$5.00 will be required. Peter Newson recommended this new fee and Janice Gibson seconded. It was unanimously approved by the committee members in attendance.

A meeting will be held on July 11th 2009 with the 11 area councilors including Gillian Norton and Jim McBurney to discuss their roles and responsibilities. Keith will invite them by e-mail to attend the meeting. They will continue to be responsible for collection of over due accounts.

9. Content of Yearbook – (Peter Newson)

The content for the 2009 Yearbook is nearly developed with the deadline for changes January 31, 2009. Printing and mailing is on target for delivery to cottagers by June 1st Dates for most social events have been finalized however, dates for several events will not be published in the book. See above for information on due dates and fees.