**Mazinaw Property Owners’ Association**

**Annual General Meeting, Saturday, June 29, 2019**

The 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Mazinaw Property Owners’ Association (MPOA) was held at the Pineview Free Methodist Church, Cloyne on Saturday, June 29, 2019.

The meeting was preceded by a meet and greet including:

* Renewal of memberships
* Gypsy moth traps (sold out)
* Selling of new MPOA ball caps
* Informational brochures from FOCA, OPP, the local municipalities etc.

Special Guests:

* Henry Hogg, Reeve of Addington Highlands
* Fred Perry, Deputy Mayor of North Frontenac

Guest speakers:

* Melissa Dakers, Lake Stewardship Coordinator from Watersheds Canada
* Gord Mounteney, Water Management Supervisor, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

There was a lively and engaging group of approximately 80 MPOA members present.

***Important Note. For complete information on each agenda item, please review the AGM presentation slides from the MPOA web site at*** [***lakemazinaw.ca/meeting/minutes***](https://www.lakemazinaw.ca/meeting-minutes-c38.php)

**Call to Order – Francine Bates**

Fran welcomed all attendees and introduced the MPOA Board members with a slide showing the names and positions:

* 1. Arndt Kruger – moved from President to Community Relations Rep
  2. Francine Bates – kept Communications, became President
  3. Bob Reid – kept VP role, became part of Lake Steward Team
  4. Vern Haggerty – returning board member, Lake Steward
  5. Jamie Fraser – new board member, Lake Steward Team
  6. Rose Prevoe – Treasurer
  7. Kate McGovern – Memberships Director
  8. Suzanne Sills – new board member, Secretary
  9. Murray Russell – FOCA rep
  10. Archie MacDonald - Director

**President’s Report – Francine Bates**

Fran covered the ‘Year in Review’ (projects) and the ‘Focus Items’ (brought forward from MPOA members in 2018). She also acknowledged the many contributions from volunteers with last year’s projects. (*all noted within the* [AGM *presentation*](https://www.lakemazinaw.ca/meeting-minutes-c38.php)*).*

Love Your Lake

*Fran reviewed the results of the 2018 overall summarized report provided by Watersheds Canada.* The question of ‘Where does Bon Echo Park come in?’ was raised. i.e. Does the park have a mandatory inspection of septic system, monitor bathing in lake, dog beach usage, water flows from the park, etc.

*Action Item: Vern will contact the Park Superintendent.*

The following items were raised by the attendees during the focus items discussion:

*Firearm Use:* Concern was expressed on the use of firearms for target practice and outside of hunting season. While people would prefer this was not carried out at all, if it is done, they would appreciate knowing in advance if anyone/group was planning an extended practice session.

*Action Item: The board will table a discussion at the next meeting.*

*Theft/Vandalism/Safety*

* Tapping’s Landing Planter: This welcome greeting at the landing is in danger after 10 years because of vandalism (missing soil, use of planter for garbage, etc.). The Garden Club is currently debating whether or not to continue.
* Several thefts (including a boat with motor) happened this winter.

*Action Item: Members are encouraged to set up their own‘cottage watch’ with their local neighbours.* *One MPOA member, Terry Napier, said he is now on the lake year round and would be interested in getting involved*. *As well, the board will connect with the OPP on what needs to happen should we decide to implement a formal Cottage Watch program.*

Fran noted the board was considering some new initiatives for possible future consideration and asked the members if these might be of interest. The following items were points of discussion:

* *Garbage Barge:* The board has had several conversations about hiring a barge to pick up metal from lake access properties. A member noted this was done several years ago with acclaimed success.

*Action Item: Fran will conduct a poll to determine interest, content of garbage, help required*.

* *Facebook Page:* The board received a suggestion to set up a Facebook page and has had discussions on the pros and cons.

*Action Item: Fran will conduct a poll to determine membership interest*.

**Treasurer’s Report – Rose Prevoe**

*Highlights*

* The April 1st, 2018 to March 31st, 2019 treasurer’s report was reviewed. Largest expenses in 2018 were MPOA Lake Directories $2,876 and Insurance $1,173; Membership fees received were $4325; Closing bank balance was $10,740
* Treasurer’s Report was approved (see closing actions/motions)

**Lake Steward Report – Vern Haggerty, Melissa Dakers, Jamie Fraser**

*Very detailed information on last year’s projects are available on* [*2019 AGM presentation slides*](https://www.lakemazinaw.ca/meeting-minutes-c38.php)*.*

Vern & Melissa provided a comprehensive review on the health of our lake and the projects that were completed last year.

Vern passed around a clipboard for volunteers to help with the Mallory Creek spawning bed project - a 2019 project.

Jamie presented on the variety and size of fish in the lake over a 10 year period, and took questions from the floor, including ‘What if someone dumps gold fish in the lake?’ Answer is that they are an invasive species.

*Action items for all:*

* Ensure your septic system is working properly
* Monitor trends on water quality
* Create natural shorelines
* Waiting until you have a problem is too late
* If we do the right thing for the lake… we will do the right thing!

**Flooding and Water Level Management - Gord Mountenaym, MCVA**

A much-anticipated discussion given the unprecedented water levels this spring.

*Highlights from Gord’s presentation*

* There were many events within the Mississippi Conservation Authority happening at the same time as the spring floods occurred, further complication the situation. These included a staff shortage, a new GM, and a new board of directors.
* The floods were preceded by a draught at the end of last year. A draught has no measuring point, it is only solved by rain. The draught led to a decision to keep extra water in the system last fall.
* By March 1st everything had changed, however, from April 1 to 14 there was perfect weather - things were looking up.
* The forecast for the Easter weekend was for little rain. On Good Friday they pulled a log out of the dam at the bottom of Mazinaw Lake. They only do one log a day to avoid problems in Marble Lake downstream. Then the rain started! They pulled 2 logs out of the dam on Saturday and put out a flood warning. Gord went into the office on Easter Sunday to check the gauges and was shocked that the gauges showed the highest water levels ever for Mazinaw Lake.
* Record rain fell over the Easter weekend. There was also lots of snow still in bush, and to complicate things further, snow on top of ice. The volume of water coming into Mazinaw Lake that weekend was unprecedented. Every other lake in the area exceeded levels from the recorded past except Shabomeka. One result was significant erosion at the bypass channel (from the dam). Gord is in the process of getting permits to repair the bypass channel, hoping for end of August. There was no damage to the structural integrity of the dam, just the bypass.
* In response to a question about what to expect going forward, Gord responded that there aren’t forecasts to predict this type of extreme. Steve Smart who lives year round at Mazinaw Lake supported Gord’s findings that this was a very unusual situation this spring.
* The water level operating range is the same as it was in 1960. They have tried to start at top end of operating range because of draughts in past.

Given Gord’s time had run out, and there were more questions, he agreed to stay after the meeting and answered member’s questions. He left business cards for people to contact him.

**MPOA Membership Report - Kate McGovern**

Kate presented some interesting statistics on the numbers and distribution of MPOA members. She also made the point that the MPOA would have more clout with municipalities with high membership.

*Action Item for all: Encourage your lake neighbours to join the MPOA.*

**Social Events Report - Bob Reid**

*BBQ & Kayak*

* Last year was the first year for MPOA organized social events. Feedback has been excellent on the BBQ and Kayak Adventure resulting in a repeat of the events for this year.
* The BBQ will be held August 10 from 4:00 - 6:00. Kip Van Kempen has offered to host this event again this year. An email will be sent out with details closer to the event. Kayak adventures will also take place this year.

*Action Items:*

* Bob is looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the BBQ setup and cleanup
* Fran will canvass members to see who would be interested in Kayak Adventures.

*Non MPOA events*

* Recreational tennis at the Cloyne tennis park Wednesday mornings. Coordinator is Howard Goodfellow. Contact info: [hgoodfellow@cogeco.ca](mailto:hgoodfellow@cogeco.ca), 416 722 0870
* Sail Mazinaw. Contact info: Dennis Richard or check out Sail Mazinaw's Facebook page: facebook.com/SailMazinaw for more details. This year’s theme is ‘Pirates’.

**Open Discussion**

*Cell Service*

Rod Trute brought up the topic of poor cell reception on the lake (which seems to be worse this year). Jamie Fraser recommended ZTE hub which both Bell and Roger’s sell. If you have a week cell, you will also need a cell booster.

Discussion on this item did not get completed; however, after the meeting Rod advised he would be happy to get involved with any activity in this area.

*Action Item: MPOA board will discuss at next board meeting.*

*Bon Echo Park Canoe Rentals*

A suggestion was made that the park be asked to instruct canoe renters on how to use a canoe. There have been many incidents with tipped/stranded canoes resulting in a rescue efforts. As well, the kayak and canoers think they need to go through the channel, which they don’t, making it more difficult for boaters to pass through. A member of FOBE (Friends of Bon Echo) stated that the canoe concession is not run by the park but rather a group that won the bid last year.

*Action Item: Board to determine the company who won the boat rental contract and their contact information* *to discuss.*

*Possible future AGM Speakers*

A suggestion was made to have Mazinaw, Lanark Forestry to address what logging might be going on/planned in the area.

*Action Item: Board to consider for the 2020 AGM.*

*Evolution of Cottage Property*

At the last AGM there was a discussion about getting lawyer **Peter Lillico** to provide information on cottage succession. Arndt advised that the lawyer was unavailable this year. In the interim, FOCA are hosting cottage planning seminars. For more details and how to register: [https://foca.on.ca/cottage-succession/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001VxlbrDDAiXbixbBS6LgkaC293Qezcyc7OWpxpY0XNQDCO1y_vO5kscB48_qKUdQpmozT_RfWfR_sWiztp9CZZZcLVIyeEsh4zkdMt9Q7V0ovrX3YSyZf4LPDcjJzC_6iA2dJWOh9XRuZtcNEqIcF_CEQWlzth0Vo-U27iLNq_rVEBwxylHnb-cCsStF2mee7aV9F8gQCJhCnia_mQlUHminj7R_5nxNcgfJCzPZQdB9GJjHxrTITlm4OnW3hAGE-CLLTXseGZrKHGlcKCNMkRpiHy2S6D39NH_39Nd1cKBJexopSPFUnFNamzYINP2fQ0It72i3bLTw=&c=2HtVJMV5uyIbHlAANz2axQ5qvl_xYRcxRQ_zen_qtSQD2PGJGUeP1A==&ch=XK6qxBr325qszSPGhR7-1_yuW65WA8lsbCA42pETT54eGLzDsXKtPA==)

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**Closing Actions**

*MPOA Board Membership*

* Two new board members volunteered. Nancy Skipper & Kerry Skipper. Together they will be the Communications director and Webmaster respectively.
* If any member wishes to join the board, please send an email to [communications@lakemazinaw.ca](mailto:communications@lakemazinaw.ca) or speak to any board member.

*Motions*

* Motion to approve minutes of meeting from last year’s AGM from Howard Goodfellow, seconded by Richard Colden. All in favour. Passed.
* Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report from Bob Reid, and seconded by Harry van Ymeren, All in favour. Passed
* Motion to adjourn. All in favour.Passed.