

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by BSRA President, Jan Purvis.

The BSRA Board was introduced. Also introduced were Mayor Bill Dowson, Deputy Mayor Dave Johnston, and Councillors Jim Fergusson, George Irvin and Bill MacDougall. Jan recognized the significant contribution of the past presidents of BSRA and the pre-amalgamation Stanley Township Cottagers Association. Present were Jim Chapman, Doug MacDougall Don Tuckey, Bob Worthy, Bob Honeycomb and Don Brazier.

The agenda was approved on motion of Grant Monteith and Bill Smith.

2. The [Minutes of BSRA General Meeting of June 6, 2010](#), as posted on bsra.ca, were approved on motion of Harlie Johnston and Don Bulloch.

3. President's Report

3.1. The highlights of BSRA activities in the 2009-2010 term [are attached](#) to these minutes.

3.2. [Priorities for the 2010-2011](#) term were adopted on motion of Paul Bieman and Bev Cody.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1. The [financial position as of August 12, 2010](#) was presented. One subdivision remains unpaid.

4.2. A motion of Keith Locking and Grant Monteith that the membership fees for 2011 remain the same was passed.

5. The Notice of Motion presented at the June 6, 2010 General Meeting was passed on motion of Bob Campbell and Don Bulloch. The rationale and changes are [attached on page 3](#).

6. Reports from the BSRA Board of Directors

6.1. BSRA **Water Quality** Program was summarized. [Testing results for 2010](#) were used to highlight that the ravine waters are unsafe all of the time and that St. Joseph and Ridgeway beaches would not meet the Blue Flag Standard for water quality. BSRA uses the Blue Flag standard.

Testing, supported by funding from Bluewater, is done to see if there is an improvement.

Efforts and funds allocated by Bluewater through a grant to BSRA are directed through ABCA at remedial work in the St. Joseph and Ridgeway drains to assist property owners in making improvements that will improve water quality.

The 2009 Water Quality Report was published. The report explains why it is the way it is and why not much will change.

6.2. An update on the **Lakeshore/Dashwood Waste Collection** System was presented and [is attached](#) to these minutes

6.3. An update on **Wind Energy** projects was presented and [is attached](#) to these minutes

6.4. BSRA has initiated an **e-Bulletin** which is sent directly to shoreline residents and others who want timely news and good information on issues. The bulletin will come regularly between May and October. The bulletin is already received by 370 subscribers. Each of us can increase subscriptions by sending it to 5 neighbours and asking them to subscribe.

6.5. Responses to questions.

It was clarified that the Ridgeway ravine was between Ridgeway and Norman Heights subdivisions. Water Quality Testing is done 50 meters and 100 meters north and south of the ravine.

Yes, rain events and a wave action usually create high readings.

It was commented from the floor that personal testing in the drain between Highlands 2 and 3 indicated that readings were higher at the mouth of the ravine than where the drain crossed the road from the farm field. In response, the recent MoE study at 18 Mile Creek, north of Goderich, indicated

3 % was from human sources

60 % was from agricultural practices

20 % was from the sediment with non-specific origins

A question on a statement in the recent e-Bulletin was deferred.

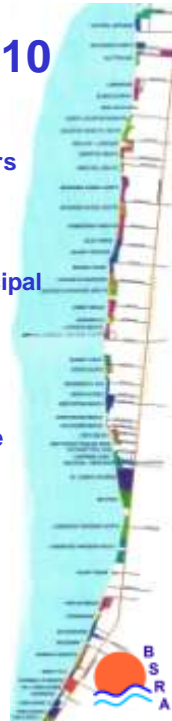
7. **New Business.** It was asked if BSRA would become directly involved specific situations where there may be infractions to the Building Code. BSRA does not generally get involved in specific situations however it will provide what information it can and suggest how to deal with it. In this case contacting the municipality and your local councillor are suggested.
8. **Meeting Dates in 2011:**
 - BSRA General Meeting – Saturday, June 4th
 - BSRA Annual Meeting – Saturday, August 27th
9. **Private Session:** Shoreline Residents/Association Members.
 - 9.1. On motion of Bob Campbell and Bev Cody that the slate of Directors listed on [the slide \(page 5\)](#) be approved for 2010 – 2011, and that pursuant to Section G of the BSRA Constitution, the Board of Directors fill the 2 vacant positions as individuals are identified throughout the year.
 - 9.2. Report on the 2010 Municipal Election. The importance of voting was discussed.
10. **Closing Remarks.** Jan Purvis, BSRA President, in thanking the retiring members of the Board noted that among them was 38.5 years of experience with Bob Campbell serving an outstanding 16.5 years. All have indicated that they will continue to contribute and support BSRA through their individual interests.
11. The meeting was **adjourned** at 12:21 pm on motion of Dave Griffiths and Grant Monteith.

Priorities and Activities in 2009-2010

1. Attend all Bluewater Council meetings
2. Meet regularly with the Hay West and Stanley West Councillors and, as necessary, other members of Council and Bluewater Administration
3. Monitor and respond to Council-related issues that affect shoreline residents: e.g. taxation, planning issues, and municipal services
4. Continue to monitor water quality in Bluewater and investigate/implement ways to improve water quality
5. Track the impact of the 2008 assessment changes on the property taxes paid by Bluewater shoreline residents over the next 4 years
6. Communicate with shoreline residents by issuing the *BSRA Newsletter* and convey significant and timely information to Member Associations' Contact People, using email
7. Continue to develop the BSRA website and other methods of electronic communication
8. Implement plans for the 2010 municipal election

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Changes to the Constitution and By-laws

Proposed changes to the BSRA Constitution and By-Laws

Designation of Board of Directors Positions – Rationale

- The designation of all Board of Directors positions with specific titles dates back to the formation of our predecessor organization, the Stanley Township Cottagers' Association. In the intervening years, the only significant change in the composition of the Board of Directors has been a reduction in the number of Vice-President positions.
- The current structure provides only limited flexibility to meet evolving Association needs.
- Some shoreline residents, who might otherwise be interested in serving on the Board, may not have the specific background or interest related to one of the current positions when it becomes vacant.
- Redesignating the three current **Communications, Environment, and Membership positions** as **three Director-at-large positions** provides **the Board of Directors with the flexibility to assign** specific responsibilities in recognition of the unique skills and interests of these individuals.
- The very success of the Association has indirectly led to fewer outstanding issues which might cause individual shoreline residents to become involved in their resolution. This has made recruitment to fill Board positions more difficult in recent years.

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Present Wording

Constitution

G. Officers

1. "The Officers of the Association shall be a Past President, a President, a Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, **Environment Chairperson, Communications Chairperson, and Membership Chairperson ...**"
2. "... Except in unusual circumstances, the **Past President is not elected**, but holds that office by virtue of his service ...".

By-Law – Duties of Officers

Notes:

- Sections 14 to 17 outline the duties of the **President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.**
- No specific duties are outlined for the Past-President,
- Environment Chairperson, Communications, Chairperson, and Membership Chairperson.

Replace With

- "The Officers of the Association shall be a Past President, a President, a Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and **three Directors-at-large ...**"
- "... The position of **Past President shall normally be** filled by an individual who has previously served as President of the Association, as a general rule the immediate Past President. Where no such individual is available, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member of the Association to fill the position...."

Add the following section:

Duties of Directors-at-large

- "The specific roles and duties of the Directors-at-large shall be determined by the Board of Directors, after consideration of the needs of the Association and the skills and interests of the individual Directors-at-large."

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Sewers project

Lakeshore/Dashwood Sewer Project

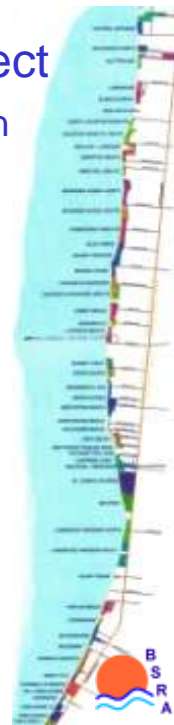
- Watch carefully at the PIC this afternoon in Dashwood. Be sure you understand:
 - why this is needed
 - how much this will cost you and why
- Write out your questions
- Importantly there are many questions that must be made by the council of the day.

In the list of questions and answers posted by Bluewater there are many decisions they will make that will directly affect:

- your ease of operations and maintenance
- whether you will pay before you get anything and
- what those that connect after role out will pay.

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Nominations for BSRA Directors

Nominations for 2010-11 BSRA Board of Directors

President Lynn Lindsay

Past President Jan Purvis

Treasurer Keith Locking

Directors-at-large: Dave Griffiths

Jim Hall

Malcolm Kay

Vice President

Secretary

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