

BLUEWATER SHORELINE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Saturday, September 22, 2001

1. The meeting, held at St. Peter's Parish Hall, St. Joseph, was called to order by President Don Brazier who welcomed everyone and introduced the members of the Executive Committee.
2. Glen May moved that "the Minutes of the previous General Meeting of June 30, 2001, be adopted as circulated". Seconded by Ruth Slater and carried.
3. Correspondence was received from:
 - Brian Coburn, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs: notice of information sessions re proposed Nutrient Management Act
 - Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation: notice of the Water Quality Summit (held August 11)
 - Sharron Taylor: no longer BSRA representative for Ducharme Beach
 - FOCA: information and copy of a letter from Senator Mira Spivak re Personal Watercraft Act, Bill S-26
 - Senator Mira Spivak: copy of the fall newsletter of the Canadian Coalition of Provincial Cottage Associations containing information re PWC legislation
 - FOCA: notice and information re their Annual General Meeting, November 10, 2001
4. Doug Banks briefly outlined the Personal Watercraft Act, which essentially gives local authorities control over regulations governing personal watercraft. The Executive Committee has written to Senator Spivak supporting in principle Bill S-26. Copies of a petition in support of the legislation were made available to BSRA member associations.
5. Bob Campbell gave an update on the roads initiative. The Roads Committee, appointed by Bluewater Council, has completed its investigation of road issues and presented its report to Council on September 17. A copy of the report was given to each shoreline community, along with an overview prepared by Bob, of the current situation. A public meeting to present the Roads Committee Report to the public and to allow for public comment has been scheduled by Bluewater Council for Tuesday, October 2, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., at the Stanley Complex in Varna. Over the past few months, BSRA representatives have provided input on inequities, presented all arguments in favour of "as is" road assumption and provided information collected from our surveys to the committee. It is now recommended that BSRA member associations and individual shoreline residents come forward and contact members of the Roads Committee and the other Councillors to make their views known. Member associations are strongly urged to arrange to make a presentation to the October 2nd public meeting, and to have their members attend to show their support.

A Special General Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Peter's Parish Hall, subject to hall availability. Members will be apprised of the progress or lack thereof made on the inequities issue over the winter, specifically in the area of road assumption, and will be asked to provide direction to their executive on further action to be taken, based on information available at that time.
6. In May, the Executive Committee received the resignation of Vice President Chuck Box and realized that no mechanism was in place to replace a member of the Committee no longer able or willing to serve as a member of the executive. In light of this, Doug Banks moved that "the Constitution be amended under the Section entitled "Officers" by changing the term "two Vice Presidents" in the first line to "a First Vice President and a Second Vice President". Seconded by Bill Halloran, carried.

It was moved by Doug Banks that "the Constitution be amended under the section entitled "Officers" by adding after the second sentence the words, "Where an Officer resigns or becomes unable to serve, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement Officer *pro tempore* until the next Annual General Meeting". Seconded by Cec Southward, carried.

7. Treasurer Bob Worthy presented the Financial Statement for the year 2000/2001, showing an opening balance of \$892.24 and a closing balance of \$592.03. He moved that "the report of the Revenues and Expenditures for 2000/2001 be accepted as submitted". Seconded by Bob Honeycombe, carried.

Jim Chapman moved that "the annual fees for member associations be capped at \$50.00". After some discussion, this motion was defeated.

Bob Worthy moved "that the current fee structure be kept in place for the year 2002". Seconded by Bob Honeycombe, carried.

8. John Gillespie, from St. Joseph Shores, gave a presentation on Surface Water Quality. For the past several years, his subdivision has been regularly testing water samples for E-coli from the creek in the ravine at the north end of the property and from several sites off the beach. The results have been less than reassuring, with bacterial counts very frequently well above the accepted safe levels, especially during the peak bathing months of June, July and August. The elevated E-coli counts are thought to be due to agricultural run off, malfunctioning septic systems and release of improperly treated sewage from the Zurich lagoon. Water samples are currently being analysed to determine the ratio of animal E-coli to that of human sources. Considerable discussion followed and it is evident from the interest shown that this issue will continue to be of concern and will be followed by the BSRA.

9. Membership Chairman Jim Chapman reported that 44 subdivisions, representing more than 1000 individual residences, are currently BSRA members. Over 90% of Hay ward shoreline communities have joined the BSRA.

10. Don Brazier noted that at least two or three Executive Committee members have been present at all Bluewater Municipal Council Meetings. The request for a semi-annual large item garbage pick up for the Hay and Stanley wards has been turned down; hopefully the issue will be revisited in January, 2002.

11. Re Insurance, Bob Worthy reported that 16 associations have taken out general liability policies with Westlake-McHugh, with another three ready to enrol when their current policies expire. The response to an offering of Directors' and Officers' insurance has been less than hoped for—to date, two applications have been received, with six other associations expressing some interest. Ten members are required to qualify for the \$1500.00 group premium.

Negotiations are still ongoing in an effort to provide for alternate long distance carrier telephone service.

12. Doug Banks thanked "retiring" members of the Executive Committee for their past service and expressed his gratitude to those BSRA members who have helped with the prompt distribution of newsletters to all shoreline residents.

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, he proposed the following slate of officers for the 2001-2002 year:

President:	Bob Campbell
First Vice President:	John Gillespie
Second Vice President:	Doug Kyle
Secretary:	Jean Irvin
Treasurer:	Bob Worthy
Membership Chairman:	Jim Chapman
Newsletter Editor:	Doug Banks
Past President:	Don Brazier

Their being no further nominations, Doug Banks moved "that the above slate of Officers be elected for a one year term". Seconded by Don Brazier, carried.

Retiring Past President Don Tuckey added his thanks to all Executive Committee members who had worked so diligently with him during his term of office.

13. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Don Brazier.

Ann Kertesz, Secretary