

Minutes of the Nestle Trail Association Annual Meeting Sun. May 20, 2012

Location: Hart's Cottage #23

10:15 a.m.: 17 in attendance, 12 properties were represented: #1 Peter & Ray, #2 Richard, #4 Brent, #8 Cynthia, #9 Kevin, #11 Nola, #12 Bonnie, #15 Ted, #18 Bev & Michel, #19 Beverly, #21 Bob & Connie, #23 Brian, Laurel & Chris.

Sadly, Vince Billings passed away this year. Our sincere condolences go out to his family. Vince's nephew, Chris, has taken over his road responsibilities.

Minutes from last year 2011: Minutes were reviewed. Minutes were approved, moved by Nola, seconded by Ray.

Treasurer's Report (Nola):

a) Copies of **Nestle Trail Assoc. Financial Statement May 16, 2011-May 17, 2012** were distributed by Nola who expressed appreciation of prompt payment by cottagers, and the extra money that was contributed by people who had work done on their cottages.

Summer & Winter Road Maintenance: (See details on attached financial statement)

Total summer road maintenance was \$4,803.00. This included Vince's maintenance of \$800, 10 total loads of limestone, Brad McDuff's grading, and Vince's additional time and work on the road.

Total winter road maintenance was \$975.00. This included 7 plows and \$210 for unfreezing culvert and extra gravel.

We have \$1,052.23 in a CIBC Flexible GIC which we need to maintain in case of emergencies.

Nola moved to approve financial statement May 2011-May 2012. Seconded by Ted. All voted in favour.

Road Fees: Nola suggested the idea of reducing our road fees to \$150. Kevin said it might be a better idea to keep the extra money in reserve in case it's needed. The money has been managed well so far and our road is in very good condition. All in favour of reducing the road fees - 1. The remainder of the cottage owners opposed, therefore we will leave the road fees at \$175.

Confirmed and Re-appointed Road Committee: Brian (who will oversee), Ray, Bob, Brent, and Bruce. This committee will keep everyone informed, let Nola know if there are any emergencies etc. Reminder that 3 members of committee must ok any repairs to the road. If any cottager calls Chris to do work on the road they are responsible for the cost of repairs. If individual cottagers have any road concerns, please contact Brian Hart or Nola. Cynthia made a motion to accept road committee re-appointments, Bob seconded.

Stormy Lake Association:

In 2011, there was a lack of interest in the SLA and no dues were collected. There is SLA money in the bank to cover major 2012 expenses. Bruce has paid 2012 FOCA fees from the SLA funds, some money is left for Rock Bass Derby, and the hope is that our road assoc. and the other road association will continue its membership. Bruce is willing to stay on as a Treasurer and Cynthia will continue to be in touch with Bruce and get updates from the other road assoc. After a recent email from Bruce, he reports that the North Road (Journey's End Trail) has its meeting on the August long weekend and will make their decision re funding the SLA. Early indications are positive at \$5 to \$10 per member. Bruce suggests the NTA simply match what they do.

We will maintain our FOCA membership (reasons: liability & insurance advice, NOT coverage. In case of problems with lake debris, they lobby on behalf of cottagers interests, legal advice etc.) See foca.on.ca & Nola has a list of what FOCA gives us. We would pay \$138.25 (\$75 up front and \$2.75 per cottage) Kevin moved that we continue to be part of FOCA, seconded by Ray.

Signs – Although the NESTLE trail sign is up and a reminder of speed (20 km/hr) is further along our road, we have no sign that reduces liability issues. Peter and Kevin will look into a sign saying Use at Own Risk/Private Road/20 km/hr, to be placed at the beginning of our road and perhaps further along our road as well. Is there a cost? We voted as to whether we'll fund these signs. Bob moved to accept and Laurel seconded. All voted in favour. Peter has galvanized puncture posts that signs can be attached to, therefore there is no damage to trees.

Road Clean-up Day: Very disappointing attendance each year. A number of suggestions were made to try and 'encourage' more people to come out and help on the clean-up day - Michel suggested a list be made of areas/jobs to be done and a sign up be created. Bob suggested talking to Chris to find out if we could hire him to do the maintenance (weed wacking, maintaining culverts, branches cut). Most importantly, he brought up the liability issue in the case of an injured cottager. It was suggested that the road committee meet with Chris after the meeting to investigate whether Chris is insured and if he will do our road maintenance. Majority show of hands agreed to go ahead with this.

The meeting did take place afterwards and Chris is insured and agreed to do the road clean-up, under the direction of the road committee who will provide him with a list of jobs, for \$575. Next year we will reassess. Motion to spend \$575 under the road committee direction, to do road clean up was initiated by Peter, seconded by Brent. All were in favour.

Annual Road "Potluck BBQ: Saturday, August 11th 2012, 4:00 p.m. Cottage #1- Thompson

Irene Thompson and the Thompson families have kindly offered to host the BBQ this year. Please bring your own meat, beverages, chairs and a dish to share with the group (salad, dessert, cookies etc). Road association will provide the condiments. They will need a 2nd BBQ. Cynthia has a burner, gas tank and large pot for the corn. Guests are welcome!

Rock Bass Derby: Ray has agreed to run the derby again if no one from the other associations wants to run it. It is run every other year and this is the year! Bruce will contact the other associations and find out if anyone else is interested in running the Derby. He believes the SLA, as long as it is in existence, should fund the Rock Bass Derby and not the road associations directly. It makes it easier for collection. The total costs are usually close to \$300, and Ray has paid the balance (personally) in the past. He still has some prizes left. Please contact Ray if you are able to help him out in any way. It's a huge undertaking and he often needs help with the digging of holes to store the fish etc. Nola made a motion to fund out of NTA what additional money was required to keep the Derby going (up to \$200). Kevin seconded. All were in favour.

Elections: Cynthia (cottage 8) – President Nola (cott. 11) – Treasurer Bonnie (cott.12) – Secretary All 3 agreed to continue their positions. Bob motioned to accept, Ray seconded and everyone voted to accept. All were in favour.

Other Items:

a) Stormy Lake website: We need additional involvement in our Stormy Lake website! If you send Bruce something you want to have posted, he will do that. (Thanks Bruce!) The SLA previously funded the website, but if the SLA disbands, it was agreed that NTA will fund the maintenance of the website which is up to \$50 annually. Move to continue to pay up to \$50 to maintain the website was made by Bob and seconded by Michel. All were in favour.

b) *A Nestle Trail Phone/Address/email List is being revised. Please email Bonnie (bonnie.bos7@gmail.com) if you have any changes from last year. Once all changes have been made, a revised list will be sent to everyone.*

11:45 a.m. Cynthia moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Thanks to Brian and Laurel Hart for their hospitality in hosting our annual meeting! ☺

Please drop off your \$175 road fee (cheque payable to Nestle Trail Association) to Nola (cottage #11) or Connie (cottage #2). Please do not give your cheque to anyone else. You can also mail it to the following address as soon as possible, for sure before July 1st, 2012.

Nola Mott
197 Candlewood Cres.
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Remember to continue to SLOW DOWN on our road to keep everyone safe.