



Hudson Lakes Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 31st, 2024
7:00 pm @ Hudson Hall

Came to order at 7:08pm with 36 members in attendance

- 1) Land Acknowledgement**
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda**
Moved by: Bill Ramsay Seconded by: Dana McLean
- 3) Motion - Accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting July 26th, 2023**
Moved by: Crystal Gauthier Seconded by: Bill Booth
- 4) Welcome by the President and introduction of our current HLA Board of Directors**
Sarah introduced all current Directors and mentioned Nicki Duke who does all our publications. Sarah then introduced our Guest Speakers.
- 5) Guest Speakers – Thomas McLean and Alex Shillinglaw – Timiskaming District Search and Rescue**
Secondary High School Major (SHSM) Search and Rescue course – new course at TDSS (geography and mapping).
The course offers hands on skills with compasses and GPS units.
They have a high-end drone that was added to the program. They are licensed to use the drone and are able to get the students licensed through Transport Canada to use them as well. This is not a run of the mill drone and testing for licensing is quite difficult. Privacy concerns are taught to students in terms of moral responsibility etc...
Goal is to develop an operational team in our area in the future by teaching students who will hopefully return to the area and become part of the team.
They do live scenarios (did one in May at Pike Lake) and included Health Care students for cross-curricular connections.
Drone capabilities were explained, very impressive.

They shared parts of the student presentation on the Pike Lake Search and Rescue – Dana & Laurie McLean and Jim Brookfield partook in this real-life scenario. Fire Department came and set up for students to experience.

Students get 3 credits (2 OSSD, 1 Northern College) and they receive several other certifications.

They introduced us to the What3Words app and how it is used to determine a person's exact location within a 3mX3m grid. Everywhere in the world is identifiable in a 3m by 3m grid using 3 specific words. This is helpful when using radios instead of trying to relay coordinates. Works in areas that do not have service. Encouraged everyone to download the app.

Water Safety – Swimsuit colour test. Visual was shown of swimsuits in the water at different depths. Black and white are not good. Orange, yellow and green are the best. Public access defibrillators map was shared. Disadvantage is that many of these defibrillators are limited access to when the buildings are open.

Save Station Tower suggested for our area (Narcan and epi-pen) costs approx. \$4000.

Willing to come back and show us how to use a defibrillator, fire extinguishers etc...

Hudson Fire Department – it is their activity to address expired fire extinguishers etc...

Shared pics and videos of the drone capabilities, including the Infra-red capabilities.

ArcGIS – Drone Tile explanation

You need to always have a visual line site of the drone with someone in your team.

There are grants available to start up Search & Rescue teams and OSAR Board.

The Temiskaming S&R SHSM will be hosting the BBQ at Pike Lake on Saturday as a fundraiser, please come out and support them.

Alex and Thomas stayed till after the HLA meeting to show members the drone outside, the S&R vehicle and ambulance.

6) President's Report – Sarah Desmarais

Last September Renee & Sarah attended the Township Council meeting at which time the Lake Capacity Study was presented to Council. Valuable information and recommendations were provided, which has since been shared with HLA members multiple times via the Newsletter, the website and the Facebook page. If you have not already done so, please review the report and the recommendations. Bartle, Fairy and Upper Twin are at development capacity. Annual water testing is being done on Fairy (Sarah Desmarais), Bartle (Brett Medland), Twin (Peter Bowman) but currently no one is doing this testing on Pike. If you know of someone on Pike who could do this testing please refer them to Sarah.

Since last Fall no significant information in regards to the Official Plan/Zoning By-Law has been shared by or received from Council. Although it is the understanding that at the next Council meeting on August 7th, 2024 the draft Official Plan is being presented to Council by J.L Richards for review. We do not yet have a date for the "Openhouse" which is part of this process.

Thank you to Dana & Laurie McLean who finished the Mailbox Shelter project with completing the upper ends and installing the lighting and for taking on and completing the Map Sign Project including the information/advertisements signs at the bottom. Thank you to Chelsie, Renee and Dana from our Board of Directors who have worked so hard to make this year's 75th Hudson Lakes Regatta a success.

Thank you to the following Directors who's two-year term end this evening; Dana and Laurie McLean, Jim Brookfield and Laurie Wagle who will be unable to complete the second year of her term.

Unfortunately for years we have not had representation from Pike Lake on our Board of Directors, we are hoping we can recruit someone and be able to balance out the representation from the four lakes. Please consider putting your name forward to be on our Board of Director.

Sarah announced that she will be stepping down as President this year and will remain on the Board for one more year as Past President. She thanked everyone for the honour of being the President the last two years.

7) Treasurer's Report – Laurie McLean

Motion – That the Association accept the Treasurer's Report

Moved by: Bruce McKee

Seconded by: Bill Booth

8) Motion – Renew our F.O.C.A. membership for 2024/2025

Moved by: Chelsie McKnight

Seconded by: Jim Brookfield

9) Regatta 2024 Update – Chelsie McKnight & Frank Taylor

There will be 75th Hudson Lake Regatta Merchandise for sale on Saturday and Sunday.

Thank You to all our Regatta volunteers, Dana McLean, Renee Catt, Andrea Hawn, Jen Gervais and her crew. Always looking for volunteers to deliver programs, etc...

We moved to the name Hudson's Lakes Regatta to be inclusive of all lake residents.

Julie and Dave Grant will be hosting a Saturday night floating dance party (Pedersen Bay entrance to Lower Twin) and Sunday night fireworks once dark, that are not in the program.

Sparklers being handed out at Pike on Saturday and at the Regatta grounds on Sunday.

Saturday is full day – list of activities are in the program.

Sunday is another full day – regular list of activities are in the program as per past years.

Thank you to the Taylor family for the use of their property again this year.

Frank Taylor presented the Regatta History (Celebrating 75 Years) The Regatta began as the Taylor Hardware Picnics. Similar activities to current our current Regatta with a few differences such as an Open Bar, boxing matches and Regatta Dances in the pavilion that we no longer have.

Lots of neat videos, photos and historical stories were shared.

10) Addition to the Agenda made by Renee – Motion – To accept our current members as we are non for profit.

Moved by: Mike Anderson

Seconded by: Alex Goetze

11) Election of Directors for 2024-2026

Remaining on the Board and who's term ends in July 2025:

Sarah Desmarais Past President - Fairy

Chelsie McKnight - Twin

Renee Catt - Fairy

Mike Anderson - Bartle

Bill Booth - Twin

We have 5 open spots

Dave Grant from Twin nominated by Judy Dotten and seconded by Dana McLean

Laurie McLean from Fairy nominated by Bill Ramsay and seconded by Crystal Gauthier

Bill Ramsay from Twin nominated by Dana McLean and seconded by Don McLean

Jim Brookfield from Twin nominated by Mike Anderson and seconded by Charlotte McCullough

Gail Ross from Twin nominated by Bill Ramsay and seconded by Bruce McKee

12) New Business

Bill Ramsay shared about the new ATV Club – only trail is Spring Lake road to Access Road to Mowat's landing.

Dana McLean – asked if the HLA is interested in a Save Station with a cost of approximately \$3900. To set up at the mailbox area we would need electricity.

Wondering if it may be possible to link it to a Paralink tower that already has electricity.

The members in attendance were in agreement with the Directors looking into a Save Station, finding a location with power and fundraising for this project.

Fraser Reeves – asked people to please bring their canoes and kayaks for the races on Sunday.

13) Next Meeting Date – July 30th, 2025 at 7:00pm

14) Adjournment – moved by Dana McLean

Directors Meeting following the AGM to determine the Executive for 2024-2025:

President – Bill Ramsay

Vice-President – Chelsie McKnight

Past President – Sarah Desmarais

Treasurer – Laurie McLean

Secretary – Renee Catt

Motion to donate \$1000 to 75th Hudson Lakes Regatta

Moved by: Renee Catt Seconded by: Dave Grant

Discussion - Focus area for this upcoming year needs to be lake testing, water health, best practices and the Township Official Plan. We need to determine how far our role extends in terms of taking a position and enforcement. Hudson Township currently does not enforce its By-Laws as there is no means to do so. Maybe the avenue for Council is encouragement such as providing an incentive to those who empty their septic (\$100 credit on their tax bill).

We agreed that Dana McLean will now attend our HLA meetings as the Township Council Liaison.

Next meeting October 8th, 2024 at 7:00 pm