

Cawaja Propertyowners Association

Established in 1955, Incorporated in 1965

68th Annual General Meeting

Church in the Pines, Tiny, ON

Saturday, July 23rd, 2022

MINUTES

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by President Janet Surgeoner-Marks at 9:39am.

2. **Confirmation of Quorum:** The Secretary confirmed that quorum was met.

3. **Acceptance of Agenda:**

Motion: **“To accept the agenda”**

Moved: Elizabeth Fleming

Second: Andy Poprawa

The Motion passed

4. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest:** None were raised

5. **Approval of 2021 CPOA AGM minutes:**

Motion: **“To accept the Minutes of the 2021 AGM minutes as presented”**

Moved: Maggie Carveth

Second: Doris Fiedler

The Motion passed by a majority; three members opposed the motion.

Discussion: One member was concerned about the lack of detail in the minutes as a number of issues were identified and discussed during the 2021 AGM. The Board has taken the position that the minutes of the AGM should be a summary of the matters raised and a record of voting on the resolutions presented to the membership. Another member asked if the details could be provided either on the website or some other place for interested members to access.

ACTION: Board will discuss minute details and disseminate or post where appropriate

6. **President’s report**

Janet Surgeoner-Marks

The President reported on activity of the CPOA over the year including updating the website to include new information on water testing as well as a visitor/renter’s guide, beach maintenance (40 volunteers attended May’s beach cleanup and filled 100 yard bags), phragmites remediation (10 volunteers helped in June and the Township and Severn Sound Association will be doing two additional digs in August), addition of signage regarding dogs and litter, Township relationship management and progress on settling the quit claim estates of Dale Stringer and Roy Sennett which would transfer ownership and care to the CPOA. (See president’s report document).

Discussion: Regarding the website, one member noted that FOTTSA is not supportive of short-term rentals and therefore we may want to change the title of the “Renter’s Guide” to “Visitor’s Guide” instead; in addition, the watercraft speed limits are three hundred meters, not 30 meters in Tiny due to shallow water. He also noted that there is no support for Ukraine mentioned on the site.

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7. Secretary's report

Lianne Verheyden

The Secretary highlighted that focus has been on getting communication protocols in place to streamline and automate processes, as increased members communicate via electronic means including email, social media, and online membership renewal.

8. Treasurer's report

John Carveth

Treasurer reported that fiscal year 2021 ended with higher closing balance of \$25K because there was less activity and expenditures due to Covid restrictions. In addition, the Township gave some free support for beach cleanup which further saved the Association some money.

Motion: "To accept the Financial Statement presented by the Treasure which showed the 2021 budget and expenditures."

Moved: Don Fiedler

Second: Leslie Seaborn

The motion passed

About FY22, the Treasurer reported that we are close to plan on membership although donations are a bit lower. Tree removal will remain a high expenditure for some time. Incidentally, Tiny taxes went down slightly due to changes in the assessment rate, and we were able to reduce bank fees by changing the account type. Nonetheless, we foresee that our expense line will be more than our income and may be a shortfall at end of 2023 (although we will have our 2-years of running costs).

The Treasurer emphasized the importance of paying membership dues early (January/February) as this helps the Board to plan for the busy spring and summer season and to talk to neighbours to get them to join.

Discussion: A member asked what percentage of potential members are, the Treasurer answered 50%, the highest we have ever had.

9. New Business

a) Beach Use Bylaws Changes- Andy Woyzbun, Director

Report: CPOA surveyed members regarding bylaws and one of the top issues was dogs on the beach. The committee put forth changes to the date range when restrictions start and end to align with Township, essentially extending it from June 1 to September 30 thereby adding four additional weeks of restrictions.

Discussion: Some points raised in support included: we are on the beach longer as climate change is extending the season; enforcement is easier if our by-laws are aligned with the Township. Points raised in opposition included: there are so few people on the beach early June and late September, it does not make sense to change it; the Township should adjust their dates instead.

Motion: "To amend Beach Use rules to extend the dogs on beach restriction to June 1st through September 30th"

Moved: Mark Chomentowski

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Second: Stan Jansen

The Motion failed

Other top issues from the survey were drinking on the beach (which falls under Province (OPP) jurisdiction so out of CPOA control) and smoking/vaping which although Township does not allow, it is impossible for CPOA to enforce.

b) Corporate By-laws Changes – Marek Malicki, Chair

The Chair recognized the three other members of the committee: James Des Roches, Ken Marks, and Andy Woyzbun. The proposed are housekeeping changes: recognize electronic communication, allow for electronic banking and combing paragraphs on how bylaws can be amended.

Motion: **“To accept Corporate bylaws as amended”**

Moved: Andy Poprawa

Second: Ted Antkow

The motion passed

- c) **Membership dues:** Baden Colt put forth motion to increase annual membership dues as there has not been an increase in 10 years and there are future large expenditures to maintain our community property.

Motion: **“To increase CPOA annual membership dues to \$125 per annum”**

Moved: Baden Colt

Second: Tom Fijalkowski

The Motion passed

- d) **5G Update** – Andy Woyzbun reported that progress on infrastructure has been slower than anticipated and could be November for service. Several members shared alternatives such as Rogers and Costco. Members are encouraged to email secretary@cpoa.ca with information and we will consolidate.

- e) **Third beach entrance (Blair walkway) rubber mat** – Janet Surgeoner-Marks reported that a new mat was donated and will be laid down in the Fall.

- f) **Trees** – The President reported that there are 8 to 12 trees that need to be taken down which may cost upwards of \$8k and that a tree committee should be formed to take on this project.

Motion: **“To establish a tree committee to manage tree removal of any dead and/or hazardous trees from CPOA property, made up of James Desroches, Ted Antkow and Chris Vipond”**

Moved: Baden Colt

Second: Maggie Carveth

The Motion passed

Motion: **“To allocate up to \$8K for the removal of trees.”**

First: Janet Surgeoner-Marks

Second: Andy Poprawa

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The Motion passed

- g) **Purple loosestrife:** A member noted that there is purple loosestrife, an invasive species, was spotted near the Jamison property. Members should watch for it.

10. Ratification of all Legal Acts and Directors for the Year ending December 31, 2021

Motion: **“All legal deeds and acts of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year December 31, 2021, be ratified and approved and that all members of the Board be indemnified against any acts legally done.”**

Moved: Marek Malicki

Second: Elizabeth Fleming

The Motion passed

11. Election of the 2022/2023 CPOA Board of Directors

The following volunteers will sit as the next CPOA Board of Directors: John Carveth, Joanne de Visser, Elizabeth Fleming, Andy Poprawa, Janet Surgeoner-Marks, Lianne Verheyden, Andy Woyzbun

12. Meeting adjourned 11:05am

Moved: Janet Surgeoner-Marks

Second: Elena Kraczynski

The Motion passed