



## FRIENDS OF WELLERS BAY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MINUTES

Saturday October 14, 2023, Consecon Mason Hall

**Meeting Called:** 10:04am

**Board Members Present:** Dan Shaer, Cheryl Lunan, Toby Toth, Karen Fischer, Penny Edwards

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement** - provided by Karen Fischer

**Member Quorum Certified:** Member attending: 16 Overall attendance: 17 (16 in person, 1 via Zoom)

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to accept: Karen White, Second: Diane Turner, Approved by all

### **Approval of 2022 AGM Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to accept: Dan Shaer, Second: Jim Alyea, Approved by all

### **Treasurer Report** - Cheryl Lunan

Welch review: Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in all material aspects, the Financial position of Friends of Wellers Bay Inc as of May 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and cash flow for the year ended in accordance with the Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations

Current Assets: \$48,671 (assets 2022 \$57,218)

Current Liability (\$2,205) and Unrestricted Net Assets \$46,466 - Total \$48,671 (2022- \$57,218)

Revenue: \$1927

Expenses: \$10,146

Short Term Investments: \$37,708

Motion to accept financial report: Toby Toth, second: Karen White, All approved

### **Board and Committee Reports**

#### **Board Report:**

Channel Markers- Dan S gave a summary of the history of keeping channel open and channel markers and how members used home made channel markers, then purchased channel markers and put them in and out every year. This past year, FOWB, after many discussions with Quinte West, agreed to take on putting in and removing channel markers.

Donation to Quinte West to purchase new channel markers. Jim Alyea noted that Quinte West partnered with Prince Edward County which supports annually with \$5000.00 which is put in reserves for future needs.

#### **Strategic Plan Update**

Karen F reviewed the Strategic Plan which was developed and approved in 2019 to 2024 and what the future holds. Reviewed the value statement, vision, mission and goals that were established.

-Will have the presentation linked to social media so members can review

To meet these goals: education sessions, Love Your Lake Program, Watersheds Canada reviews and suggestions for moving forward. Advocate for our members with Quinte West and other government partners to ensure quality of the Bay.

#### Recent Survey Monkey Results:

- Total Responses: 60 / Member of FOWB: 42% yes, 58% no
- Association with Bay: Year round resident: 36%, Three Season 47%, Occasional User 18%
- Top things love about Bay: Enjoyment of the Bay, Swimming, Mechanical Water activities
- Top 3 opportunities to improve/enhance the environment of Bay: Water quality, Water Safety, Information and action on: shoreline conservation, Advocacy and working with government authorities (Quinte West, Quinte Conservation etc), activities to increase enjoyment of Bay

#### Questions and Comments:

- Has light pollution been a focus?

Dan S asked Jim Alyea (Quinte West Council) if there are relevant bylaws - there are not

- Sand Bar (government land)

Too many people, garbage, potential of removing restrictions- comments will be part of the discussions/plans going forward.

- Survey Monkey participants

Survey was sent to anyone identified

-Jim Alyea brought up issues received by Quinte West Council

1. sand bar: some people were very rude to people who were bringing folks on pontoon boats for day trips and were told they were not welcomed (this summer). Additionally, concerns during COVID with people accessing Barcovan beach.
2. AirBNB issues and multiple complaints to the point that bylaw officers are out every weekend.

Toby T noted that FOWB could be an educational asset for members of the community to help with some of the issues identified but has no control.

### **A. Environmental Protection and Stewardship**

-Water testing done monthly for Water Rangers (shoreline by Toby) and for Lake Partner Program analysis (deepest part of bay by Karen Mouck). Water quality has been an ongoing important aspect of what people want to have done and keeping the bay healthy

- Doing water testing of wells and the Bay for bacteria: should be looking into testing and if anyone knows how to get results, people would appreciate getting that information (currently we do not have access to this information re: water health from bay)

- Noise pollution is another concern that has come up in the past, moving forward needs a balanced approach

### **B. Community Building and Communication**

- Consecon Day (successful despite the rain) and Ameliasburg Fair - fishing game and activity sheet well received

- Try to engage in community events like Christmas parade

- Flashback February event (Prince Edward County Festival, February) will have speakers in re: history of area

### C. **Board Governance**

- Ensured meetings followed bylaws

- Reviewed difference between Charity Organization and Not-for-profits for future discussion (Thank you to Penny Edwards for ensuring that FOWB meetings/board in compliance with ONCA regulations)

- Put all historic material on FOWB Google Drive so in permanent format and no risk of loss/destruction of papers and pictures (Thank you to D. Edwards for doing all the scanning)

### D. **Membership Development**

- Updated brochures delivered by Dan S door to door throughout Wellers Bay Area.

- Handed out brochures at various community events / library

- Still need to do Consecon Shore area in future

## **Chairperson Report**

### **Recognition of Past Board Members**

Dan S recognized the list of Past Board Members for their contribution to FOWB

- Will post a list on social media as a thank you.

### **Future of Friends of Wellers Bay**

- Dan S discussed that annual membership is not currently meeting the annual costs of running the cost of the organization (Currently \$5000 for operational cost). He would like to see a 2-prong approach going forward in the next year for fiscal responsibility: 1. increasing membership and 2. looking at the feasibility of changing from Charity to Not-for-profit organization or something else

- Look at going forward as an advocate for members/residents of the bay with a larger presence on social media

## **Elections**

No persons came forward to have their names posted to be on board. Karen Fischer, Toby Toth and Cheryl Lunan willing to serve on board. Karen will be the new chair for 2023-2024.

Karen thanked Dan for his leadership and years of service to FOWB.

Jordan from Brighton Marine Rescue presented information on this organization. Volunteer organization on call 24/7 and funded by donations. Discussed ability to perform rescues with current equipment. Promote safe boating. Call 911 if see someone in distress

Meeting adjourned at 1145