

THE FRIENDS OF CHARLESTON LAKE PARK

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 2010

Held at the Nature Centre, Charleston Lake Provincial Park.

Chair Steve Page opened the meeting at 9:17 am. Self introductions followed. Attendance included 8 directors and 6 general members in good standing. A quorum was in attendance.

The Agenda was reviewed and approved by a show of hands.

1. Chairman's Report: Steve Page.

a) *Membership:* We started the year with 30 members and now have 46 paid members. The new "Corporate Membership" has been slow going as we now have just 2 corporate members; but it's a start.

b) *Trails:* The Friends are much involved in monitoring the Park trails and doing minor maintenance. Thanks go to Ray Wilson and all the trail monitors for our very good trail system.

c) *Store:* We operated with a little more profit and one fewer staff than last year. Thanks go to Janice and Bill Hallam for a very good job. Continuation of 'VISA' service is an undecided issue.

d) *Raffle:* The draw will be on Thanksgiving Monday, October 11. Our net profit will be down this year because we bought the canoe, whereas last year it was donated to us.

e) *Website:* Thanks to Peter Murray's substantial efforts our website is now up to date.

f) *Finances:* A big thanks goes out to Wayne Ashford for an excellent job maintaining our financial records and providing reports for each meeting.

2 Parks Report: Ben Chabot, Acting Park Superintendent

a) *Events:* The Friends provided funding for 3 special events this year including the "Settlers' Weekend", which was a big success, David Archibald, who is always well received, and Terence Dickinson, who has been very popular for 25 years.

b) *Student Bursary Program:* Friends contributed \$250.00 toward this program.

c) *Blue Mountain Trail Improvements:* The Friends contributed 40% (\$7,000) for these trail improvements, including 2 bridges, a small boardwalk, and some ATV barriers, which appear to be working. The "Trail Head" concept is now planned and the next step is to ask the Township to upgrade the un-maintained township road allowance. Ben presented a power point show about the building of the bridges and the planning of other improvements including the 3 layouts

for the Trail Head parking area.

d) *Sheffield Property*: The public subscription share of the purchase of the Sheffield property (\$70,000) was exceeded by \$20,000 , money which will be needed by the Land Trust for two other possible property acquisitions on Red Horse and Gananoque Lakes. Ben continued the presentation, showing the size and merits of the Sheffield property. This is a remarkable 600 acres of land and a very fortunate purchase, particularly in this part of the Province.

Treasurer's Report: Wayne Ashford

Financial statements were reviewed in detail by Wayne.

Motion by Wayne Ashford, Seconded by Andy Graham: "That the Treasurer's Report for the year ending October 31, 2010 be accepted". Carried.

Election of Officers for 2011:

1. All 10 of the existing Board members agreed to stand for re-election.
2. The 2011 slate of Board candidates consisted of: Steve Page, Andy Graham, Duane Dillman, Peter Murray, Wayne Ashford, Janice Hallam, Bill Hallam, Jim Wallbridge, Ray Wilson, Doug Bickerton, Cliffe Redmond, (new) , Jeanne Stegman (new).

Motion: by Steve Page, Seconded by John Luxton, "That this slate of 12 directors be approved." Carried unanimously.

Adjournment of the AGM was at 10:50 am.

There followed a brief coffee break with donuts and conversation.