

DRAFT MINUTES OF UFRCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sun. August 2, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Solid Comfort Fishing Club

2014-15 AGM AGENDA

1. Call to order and Opening Remarks
2. Approval of 2015 AGM Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2014 AGM (August 3, 2014)
4. Introduction of the Current 2014-15 Board of Directors
5. Highlights of 2014-15 and Director's Reports
 - a) Dokis Liaison – Grant Hobson
 - b) Park/MNR and Communications – Dave Minden
 - c) Security – Wendy Kennedy-Sadler
 - d) Environment - Holly Waters
 - e) Newsletter – Liz Gallagher
 - f) Municipal Liaison – Sam Goodwin
 - g) History – Kaely McDermott
 - h) Social and Events – Jeff Hamilton
6. Photo Contest – Announcement of winners
7. Financial
 - 7.1 Report for 2014-15
 - 7.2 Budget for 2015-16
8. Election of Directors for 2015-16
9. Adjournment

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Dave Minden (President) called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. He introduced Joe Ray, President of Solid Comfort Fishing Club, who welcomed everyone and made the offer of tours of the property following the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: That the Agenda be approved as circulated to the members previously. Moved by Phil Witmer; seconded by Margot Woodwell. Carried.

3. Approval of the Draft 2013-14 AGM Minutes

MOTION: That the draft Minutes be approved as circulated to the members previously. Moved by John McFadgen; seconded by Larry Smith. Carried.

4. Introduction of the 2013-14 Board of Directors

Dave Minden read into the record the names of the nine 2013-14 Board of Directors and introduced those that were able to be present at the meeting:

- Dave Minden, President and Chair, Communications as well as Chair, MNRF/Park Liaison (present)
- Peter Rooney, Treasurer (present)
- Sam Goodwin, Vice President, Secretary and Chair, Municipal Liaison (present)
- Grant Hobson, Chair, Dokis Liaison (present)
- Wendy Kennedy Sadler, Chair, Security (present)
- Holly Waters, Chair, Environment (present)
- Liz Gallagher, Chair, Newsletter
- Jeff Hamilton, Chair, Social (present)
- Kaely McDermott, Chair, History (regrets)

5. Remarks from Chief Denise Restoule, Dokis First Nation

Grant Hobson introduced special guest Chief Denise Restoule of Dokis First Nation, noting that this will be the last UFRCA AGM that she attends as Chief, given that she announced her retirement. Chief Denise provided the members with an update on recent developments. She noted that the power dam commenced commercial operation in June 2015 – a partnership with Hydromega in which the Band starts with a 40% ownership that will grow overtime to full ownership as construction costs are recouped. Revenues from the facility will be going into a trust fund with the defined purpose of benefiting the community as a whole. Members were also advised that Dokis First Nation will be establishing a Lands Office that will include conducting mapping, developing and maintaining trails, and managing the forestry program. Chief Denise also said that the last major project as Chief will be the creation of a Dokis First Nation museum. She indicated that plans have been completed and a builder has been identified. Chief Denise reminded members that Dokis has a number of interesting trails, including guided tours showcasing medicinal and edible plants. She encouraged members to use the trails and ended her remarks by thanking UFRCA members for their support over the years.

6. Highlights of 2014-15/ Director's Reports

MNRF/Park Liaison:

- David Minden advised that it had been a quiet year on the Park front, noting new signs in place as part of the campsite adoption program and reminded members that this is an ongoing program and that anyone can sign up. He also advised that logging west of Canoe Pass continues to be delayed.

MNRF/Park Liaison:

- Dave Minden indicated that four newsletters had been produced in 2014-15 and expressed thanks on behalf of the membership to Liz Gallagher for taking on responsibility for compiling, editing, and producing the newsletter and for introducing new features.

Security:

- Wendy Kennedy Sadler reminded members that a limited form of emergency first response service is available through Sandy Haven Fishing Camp, in partnership with the Municipality of West Nipissing. She also engaged members in a discussion of an initiative to create a map of cottages that would be accessible to members and also to emergency services and first responders. Through a show of hands, members indicated their support.
- There was also general discussion about recent fires. Valerie Viau of Riverview Cottages Store and Marina briefed the members on a fire as a result of a lighting strike at the property of Amy Watkins. She noted that Dokis sent two crews and that MNR attended the fire as well, but that the West Nipissing Fire Department did not. Members commended Riverview for the speedy response.
- Members were also advised of a fire at the same time near the western end of Sandy Island that was dealt with by first responders from Sandy Haven Fishing Camp

Environment

- Holly Waters described the past year's focus on stewardship and information collection, as part of a province-wide phosphorus testing initiative. Members asked about blue-green algae and Holly indicated that no reports on the Upper French River had been received this year.
- UFRCA member Bonnie Witmer reminded members that there is a PDF map on the UFRCA website identifying the kinds of birds that have been spotted in the area. Members were encouraged to review the map and send an email to Bonnie when they spot something interesting, so that the list can be updated.
- David Minden noted that the Chair, Environment is also a member of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) and that UFRCA pays for that membership.
- A member asked about fishing. Dave outlined that reports after the past winter ice-fishing season seemed to indicate acceptance of the new slot size regulations for walleye. Dave consulted experienced fisherman member John McFadgen who commented that he thought the fishing was satisfactory this summer.

Newsletter

- Liz Gallagher reminded members that the newsletter includes a "cottage classified" section and a regular "Where on Earth Are You?" contest, featuring pictures of undisclosed locations sent in by members and a call to members to identify those locations.

Municipal Liaison

- Sam Goodwin conveyed greeting from West Nipissing Mayor Joanne Savage and Councillor Guy Fortin, both of whom were unable to attend the AGM. He indicated that it had been a quiet year on the Municipal front but that he would be following up with the Municipality on members concerns about fire response.

Social

- Jeff Hamilton introduced UFRCA member Bill Diehl and together they told members about the Fish Fry to be held on August 8, 2015 at Chaudière Lodge. Members were advised that there would be good food and music and were encouraged to sign-up/attend. Thanks were expressed to Steve Niedzwiecki, owner and operator of Chaudière Lodge for hosting the event.
- Jeff also reminded members of past years' dock sales and that this was a semi-annual event. By show of hands, several members indicated their support for a dock sale during the 2016 season.

History

- Kealy McDermott, Chair, History was unable to attend the meeting.

7. Photo Contest

Jeff Hamilton reviewed the process that followed for the contest and the scoring criteria in three categories (Nature, French River Life, and Boats). The following winners and runners-up were announced and prizes awarded:

Best overall: Christopher Fry
Runner-up: Bert Clarke

Nature category:
First place: Jennifer Roehl
Runner up: Anthea Radford

French River Life category:
Winner: Erica Waters
Runner up: Holly Waters

Boats category:
First place: Adrian DuBuc
Runner up: Lori Chamberlain

8. Financial

UFRCA Treasurer Peter Rooney presented the Financial Statements for 2014-15 (see *Appendix A*) and also the proposed Budget for 2015-16 (see *Appendix B*).

From 2014-15, Peter highlighted expenses related to the speed sign installation at Canoe Pass and also storage shed for the emergency equipment at Sandy Haven Fishing Camp. He also reviewed the proposed 2015-16 budget, noting that revenues show as lower than the previous year as a result of slower receipt of membership renewals.

MOTION: That the 2014-15 Financial Statement and proposed 2015-16 Budget be approved as presented. Moved by Joe Ray; seconded by Grant Hobson. Carried.

9. Election of Directors

Members were advised that all current Board members had agreed to stand for 2015-16. Dave Minden proposed the following slate of Board members:

- Dave Minden
- Peter Rooney
- Wendy Kennedy Sadler
- Holly Waters
- Jeff Hamilton
- Kaely McDermott
- Grant Hobson
- Sam Goodwin
- Liz Gallagher

The members voted to accept by acclamation the proposed slate of Board members. The vote was unanimous.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: That the 2014-15 UFRCA Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Moved by Sam Goodwin; seconded by Peter Rooney. Carried.

UPPER FRENCH RIVER COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION**INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT****as at June 23,
2015**

		July 23, 2014	
Opening Balance			\$11,579.38
Income (membership & donations)	donations & advertising)		
August		\$0.00	
Sept		501.87	
Oct		177.97	
Nov		140.00	
Dec		0.00	
Jan		0.00	
Feb		0.00	
March		0.00	
April		105.00	
May		0.00	
June		3425.00	
July		0.00	
		\$4,349.84	\$ 4,349.84
Expenses			
2014 AGM Expenses		230.39	
Web Hosting (Apr 13-Mar 14)	(Apr 15 - Mar 16)	491.55	*
Insurance		1,333.80	
Teleconference calls (4)	ence calls (5)	729.79	
General Admin expense		52.88	
Membership mailing exp		70.00	
Donations - Heart & Stoke	Flowers	87.62	
	Speed Sign	500.00	
	Installation	300.00	**
	Storage Shed	1,200.00	
Membership Reimbursement		35.00	
Garage Sale - Barge		1,000.00	
			\$6,031.03
Balance as of		23-Jun-15	\$9,898.19

Outstanding Deposits \$1,591.20

Outstanding Cheques \$231.05

* includes some trouble shooting

** donation to West Nip VFD

Appendix B: Proposed 2015-16 Budget

UFRCA BUDGET

		2015-16	2014-15
REVENUE			
Membership Dues	(130 x 35)	\$4,550	(150 x 35) \$5,250
Member Donations		600	600
Corporate Donations			
Advertising		200	200
		\$5,350	\$6,050
EXPENSE			
General Operating			
Insurance		\$1,350	\$1,350
AGM		800	1,000
Donations / Promotion		2,000	2,000
Telephone / copying etc		100	100
Environment Committee			
FRSC Dues		250	250
Board Member		25	25
Communication / Website			
Teleconference	(5 x 130)	650	(5 x 150) 750
Website	Hosting (updating-internet time)	350	350
		50	50
Park / MNR Committee			
General expense		25	100
Membership			
Membership drive - mailing		300	300
Bylaw Review		2,500	2,500
Assoc. Event (dock sale/social/??)		400	400
Photo Contest		200	200
		\$9,000	\$9,225
		(\$3,650)	(\$3,175)