

## 2024 HORN LAKE AGM MINUTES

August 10th, 2024

10:00 Merchandise was handed out and membership payments were accepted.

10:30 Meeting began.

ATTENDANCE: 38

Meeting was opened by Chris Haist, President. He introduced the rest of the executive:

Tara Boyd, Vice President

Sharon Thomson, Treasurer (not present)

Lynn Pearson, Secretary

Chris welcomed all guests and new members.

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A motion to approve the 2023 AGM minutes was made by Carl Noll. Seconded by Dave Laycock

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### **Treasurer's Report:**

Tara presented the treasurer's report, as Sharon was unable to attend. Copies were handed out, and Tara touched on a few key items, including Net Income, Closing Balance, Net Profit and Membership numbers as of July 29th. Members were advised to reach out via email to [hello@hornlake.ca](mailto:hello@hornlake.ca) if they have any questions.

\*Sharon has since updated the membership information:

2024 65 (4 new)

2023 49 (4 new)

2022 64 (3 new)

2021 72 (17 new)

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### **President's Report:**

1) Chris reported that Bell Fibe high speed Internet is being considered for installation around the lake (you may have seen little flags in trees, which were placed by survey crews). There is no firm timeline for completion, but the government deadline to use allocated funds is December 31st, 2025.

2) Fire Hut Update: Chris extended a huge thank you to Carl Juergensen for continuing to inspect and repair the fire huts every year. Currently, there are two more huts ready to be placed. Chris asked for volunteers to help create a working group for consideration of appropriate placement for these huts.

Rino Roncadin, Richard Wotherspoon and Carol Noll volunteered.

**\*\*Members are reminded that Carl created a video on how to use the fire pumps. This can be found on our website. <https://www.hornlake.ca/fire-huts/>**

3) The association has received concerns about wakeboard boats coming too close to shore. If you are unable to speak to the boater directly, you can always take a picture, or video of the boat and the wake it is creating, and report it to the OPP.

4) Chris reminded members that while we belong to \*FOCA, we are also members of the Almaguin Watershed Association, which is comprised of local lakes including Eagle, Bernard, Cecebe and Horn. As a local community they continue to discuss items including water quality and invasive species.

**\* Please remember to visit the FOCA website regularly for current updates, and member discounts. <https://foca.on.ca>**

5) The topic of the Minkler's Bay development was brought up again. The Association has had no updates on this, however Dale Bender continues to monitor this situation. If members have concerns about septic issues on this site, or anywhere on the lake, they are encouraged to contact:

North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority [www.nbmca.ca](http://www.nbmca.ca)

15 Janey Avenue

North Bay, ON P1C 1N1

69 Bowes Street,

Parry Sound, ON P2A 2L5

Office: 705-474-5420

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### **Water Report:**

Bruce Pearson (the water guy) updated us on Horn Lake health.

Lake clarity remains consistent. Readings are 5 meters in spring, to 6.5 meters by fall.

Chloride (salt) remains extremely low at 0.8mg/L, which indicates insignificant amounts of road salt (or salt in general) leaching into the lake. The average reading is 0.9mg/L.

Calcium readings declined last year to 1.3mg/L. . This is too low, as it prevents healthy food chain growth. (i.e. crayfish etc). Our lake average is 1.45mg/L

Phosphorus levels are staying the same at 5.7m g/L.

Bruce continues to send water samples to the Ministry annually, and conducts secchi disc readings as weather permits. He also noted that the data is not being updated in a timely manner by the Ministry, as they have not posted 2023 results as of this meeting.

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**Election:**

Chris Haist's double term as president closes today and Tara Boyd moves from Vice President to President.

On behalf of the executive and members, we thank Chris for all the dedication and hard work he has done for our association!

A little bit about Tara. She and her family have a long history on Horn Lake. (The Douglas family cottage and Rock Island). She has many years of volunteer experience in her community. Tara has spent some of her spare time over the last four years working hard to upgrade and maintain the Horn Lake website, as well as keeping the executive on task!!

The positions of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were included in the vote today.

Lynn Pearson agreed to stay on as secretary, and Sharon Thomson agreed to continue as treasurer. There were no others who wished to run for these positions so no vote was required.

Jeff Fertile nominated Carl Juergensen for Vice President. As there were no other nominations, so Carl has been named vice president by acclamation.

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**New Business:**

Bruce Pearson commented that the number and variety of waterfowl has diminished significantly over the years. There used to be mallards and more loons. There are no mallards on the lake anymore, and significantly fewer loons. There is concern that this is partially being caused by water edge erosion. We are looking for members interested in helping to assess other causes and to come up with ideas to help repopulate our waterfowl.

Closing: Chris thanked Allanna for hosting, and providing coffee and muffins.

The 2025 AGM is tentatively scheduled for July 12th.

Motion to adjourn: Carl Noll, Seconded by Chris Haist