Little Athapap Cottage Owner's Association			
August 22, 2022	Time: 7:00pm	Location: Bakers Narrows Lodge	
Type of meeting	Annual General Meeting		
Chair	Sherry Trudeau		
Secretary	Kara Kozar	Kara Kozar	
Treasurer	Terry Hills		
Attendees	26 people		

## **Review of Agenda**

Meeting started at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda approved by Sherry Trudeau, seconded by Leanne Nawrocki, carried.

## **Adoption of Previous Minutes**

Meeting minutes from June 15, 2022 approved by Kara Kozar, seconded by Ray Miller, carried.

## **Financial Report**

Bank balance as of August 2021 \$20,372.63

Revenue: dues \$4,690.00, interest \$22.61, donation \$872.15

Expenses: trail gravel \$1,216.32, service fees \$1.50, masks \$3.25, cheques \$83.89, trail maintenance \$300.00, north of 54 \$600.00

Balance \$23,752.43 which includes: bank \$8729.93, GIC \$15,022.5, trail fund \$1,128.64, revenue for fire response \$5,000

Financial report approved by Terry Hills and seconded by Jane Robillard, carried.

Lagoon Levy - IRNR cottagers - \$30,000 still owing and IRNR thinks it will be paid off by 2023.

Reports	
1. Water Report Kelly Gilmore	Graphs of water levels in the lake for last 5 years and one for the past full year were reviewed on screen
	Present: 291.998 within operating range for the lake.
	6 rows of logs out of the dam in June have all been in place since July 4, 2022, we expect all logs will stay in for the rest of the year.
	Summer 2021: For the entire open water season we had 36-39% of average rain fall, so at the end of last season lakes levels were very low, but not record lows and still within the operating range. Athapap rose over winter. The spring 2022 snow pack was 3-4x average and combined with a very late melt and twice normal rainfall in May produced some of steepest increases ever seen in the lake levels.

2. Trails and Maintenance Kelly Gilmore	Walking trails across from the airport were very well maintained throughout the year. Vandalism occurred, 16" of birch tree bark was stripped. No significant maintenance work is planned for this summer. The ski trails maintained by Doug Gawiak. Reports south end trails are fabulous for snow shoeing. Ski trail questions call Doug 204-687-5170. Ray Miller made a motion to pay Doug Gawiak \$60.00 for ski trail maintenance seconded by Tom Guthrier, carried.
3. Fire Service Report	Looking for a chair for the fire committee.
Terry Hills	Local Notification: fire call out system tested 2x; some people are getting the phone call, others not. The company is looking into the issue.
	Provincial Notification: 1-800-782-0076 to report a fire/wildfire
	Creighton Fire Department will respond to our calls if they are not busy 1-306-953-4284.
4. North of 54 Cottage	Executive meeting will be held August 30, 2022.
Association Report	In need of a treasurer.
Sherry Trudeau	AGM is September 26, 2022, location unknown as of yet.
Road Committee	Parks - Contact Little Athapap directors or Codie Baker with concerns.
Report	IRNR - Paradise Road concerns work being complete
Parks IRNR	Brush clearing - Meeting with Tracey from IRNR next week. X\$/km and mobilization costs. One estimate received and waiting for a second. MB Hydro interested in dove tailing. Possible grants available.
	Other road concerns and plans will all depend on budgets. It will be voted on by IRNR cottagers at future meetings.
	IRNR - Sherry Trudeau has met with Thompson and Winnipeg and she is optimistic in future invoices will be paid on time.
5. Park Report	Codie Baker did not attend.
Codie Baker	Update: Blondies Beach Road between 1st and 2nd tier will all be surveyed by end of fall 2022 and construction will take place in 2023 to widen the road within the existing 50' right of way. There was safety issue last winter, corner completely blows in, in past snow fence. Sherry Trudeau will inform Codie Baker of same.
	In spring 2022 Codie Baker stated brush cutting was not on their agenda.
Business arising from l	last meeting
Trailer burn mess update	Emailed letter to Mr. Kennedy at the Mines Branch recommending clean up in order to be good stewards of the land.
Calcium for road update	Too late this year for plan and required to take a truck load, cost is \$1200.
New Business	

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Election of 2022/2023 executive	President - Sherry Trudeau will stay on.
CACCULIVE	Secretary - Kara Kozar agreed to stay on.
	Treasurer - Eloise Gawiak nominated and elected.
	Directors - Blondies Beach West - Ian Lee nominated and elected.
	All other directors agreed to stay on.
	Ray Miller closed nominations, Jane Robillard seconded.
	Connie Holubec made a motion to approve the above slated directors Doug Gawiak seconded, carried.
Green lot signs for Payuk	They should be arriving soon.
Water Safety Concerns	Concerns: Jumping off bridge, speed of boats and personal water craft under the bridge and other places of congestion such as the entrance to back channel, Mink Narrows and Schist Creek. There are a lot more kayaks, canoes and paddle boards on the lake and their rights are not always respected.
	Waterways are under federal jurisdiction, specifically the Coast Guard.
	Kelly Gilmore suggested that signage requesting careful and courteous boat driving could reduce the concerns. He has contacted MB highways as the bridge is under their jurisdiction and it is going through chain of employees.
	Some simple Rules for boaters:
	Boating language is different than what most people use, for example starboard is right, port is left, stand on means you have the right of way and give way means you must yield the right of way.
	Smaller water craft virtually always have the right of way. One exception would be something like a barge that may need almost the entire channel to proceed).
	When you meet someone you veer to the right (starboard) just like driving a car.
	When crossing yield right of way to the boat on the right.
	When you overtake someone, you can go on the left or right of them but you have to do on the safest side and they still have the right of way.
	You cannot block a waterway, ie. a boat fishing under the bridge.
	The boat coming downstream has the right of way. This is important on Schist Creek. It may seem silly at the bridges on Athapap but it would be person coming from the North.
	Lights are required on boats
	No Wake Zone s- they actually exist within 100 meters of the shore line, speeds are limited to 10kms per hour. This would include the whole bridge zone.
	Kelly Gilmore will contact RCMP as they are tasked with enforcing coast guard regulations.

Garbage Clean Up	Garbage in the ditches Bakers to Flin Flon. One program Adopt a Highway (8kms) or just approach highways, highways will pick up garbage.  Dick Nelson will head up a committee.
Concerns Anita Tetlock	Cottage at Paradise - road, no service on the road. Grader comes as far as Paradise boat launch and turns around, does not go down past the three cottages.
	Paradise dock -floating part of dock not reinstalled this year as it was not safe. Sherry Trudeau sent an email to IRNR re: the dock and what budget it comes from. Sherry Trudeau will report back to Anita Tetlock.
Fisheries	We had hoped for a presentation, they were unable.
	Important to take an active role in managing the stewardship of our lake.
James McIntyre reported on fisheries information	Fisheries states they are looking for a direct relationship with the public. Lake Athapap and surrounding lakes are in the Northwest Region, Ian Kitch manager from Swan River and there is a biologist in The Pas. They are considering creating an Athapap Fisheries Management Board. They state it would include many different stakeholders and it would focus on the long-term management of fishing resource in the areas.
	In 2021 a massive study re: lake trout was done, Athapap was included and habitat mapping occurred. Sample netting at various depths and with different net sizes, for short period of time occurred and they extrapolated the lake trout population of Athapap. Also tagged 22 fish in 2020 and lake trout telemetry and follow fish for up to two years.
	This study was sponsored by Cranberry Portage Tourism working group, therefore they have exclusive rights to the data currently.
	Fish stocking will occur in fall 2022 – Barbie Lake - 30,000, etc.
	New angling regulations coming April 2023.
Meeting adjourned	At 9:03p.m. motion made by Jane Robillard to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dale Powell, carried.