**Minutes of PaBIA Directors’ Meeting (Conference Call) May 12, 2020**

Directors participating**: Tom Scoon, Erica Allen, Helen Bryce, Hilde Clark, Tom Lundy, Michael Phippen, Nancy Rogers, Dave Sharpe, Julia Sievwright, Mary Thomson**

Regrets: Mike Berton (GBA Rep.)

Ward 3 Councillors: **Earl Manners, Scott Sheard** present for the first agenda item.

**Township of the Archipelago (TOA)** Earl Manners and Scott Sheard

Council had consultations with MPP Norm Miller. Marinas have been opened for those with water access properties but with strict guidelines from the Province. TOA is keeping ratepayers informed of COVID-19 related changes through their website and e-newsletters. Pointe au Baril public docks were to be open for the May holiday weekend but the Large Item Pick-up day was cancelled. As information changes, Earl and Scott are communicating with Hilde Clark for items to be included in the ‘Connections’ e-newsletters.

**Member Safety** Tom Lundy

Tom has discussed with John Siddall, Ojibway Club General Manager, necessary changes for the Marine Patrol’s 2020 program. For example, the MP office is too small for physical distancing so another location at the Club can be used. Masks will be available and distancing will be possible in the Henley MP boat. The addition of an access door in the Henley hull should be completed soon at the Henley shop on Manitoulin Is. Tom will pick up the boat and deliver it to Payne Marine.

Andy Blenkarn was able to reposition the two test markers that were out of place after the winter (off Carolyn Is. and at Hemlock Channel N. entrance). Andy has only recently been able to consider placing the PaBIA markers. They will be put in when he has staff available and weather conditions permit. Not all markers will be in place by the May holiday weekend. This will be publicized in Connections.

**Member Activities** Virginia Skuce

With current COVID-19 guidelines in place, it is expected that most of the planned events may not be held in their traditional formats. Some suggestions for alternate ways to run events have been circulated. We will ask for all suggestions to be sent to Virginia for consideration. Members will be kept up to date through ‘Connections’.

**PaBIA By-Law Update** Mary Thomson

There are still some sections to be rewritten. Once these are completed, the draft will be circulated to Tom Scoon and others on the Board.

Due to circumstances, it’s expected that the AGM will not be held in our normal format. Mary will check the By-Laws related to this so that alternatives can be discussed.

**Environment** Michael Phippen

Michael circulated the septic inspection proposal from Tom Todd, Northshore Barge along with the ‘report to owner’ form. This is not a PaBIA program but there was discussion about a possible perception that by providing information about the proposal we would be seen to be giving an advantage to one contractor. It was pointed out that consultation with the TOA has taken place, the program has been in development for a considerable time and it is for an inspection only. There would be a minimal charge and that the property owner would be under no obligation to any contractor for any remediation work that was recommended. The process of developing the program will continue with review by Michael, Mary Thomson and Julia Sievwright. Dave Sharpe offered to work with Michael on the wording of any communication to members about the program.

**Education** Helen Bryce

Plans for the summer events remain ‘on hold’. Articles are being prepared for summer communications.

**CZBL Update** Ian MacLeod

There is nothing further to report. Due to current circumstances, the process has become slower. Public meetings cannot be held in the format originally planned.

**Communications** Hilde Clark

We will need to consider new ways to produce programs by alternate methods, such as Zoom meetings or webinars. These may need to be used for our AGM. Zoom requires reliable internet access which is not possible for the majority during the summer.

**Administration** Nancy Rogers

The paid membership total to date is only 2 fewer than 2019.

Of the 35 Cottage Patrol reports from Bruce Tiffin’s Spring Round, most were dock or boathouse related due to the high water levels and storm surges. All have been forwarded to property owners.

Our annual Spring Directors’ Lunch and Meeting at the Ojibway Club must be cancelled. All invited guests will be notified.

Meeting adjourned.

Nancy Rogers

Recording Secretary