



FRIENDS OF CEDAR BAY
2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
December 4 2014
Chair's Report to Membership

This was a year in which many projects we have worked towards for years came to fruition. We look forward to the Cedar Bay facility moving forward in the direction we set when we formed as an incorporated body.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. In November 2013, we welcomed Mike O-Brian and Darlene Martelle to the Board after our valuable members Brent Darling and Gary Goldthorpe stepped down. These valuable volunteers have continued to assist us with many projects.
2. We have a new website, courtesy of Brent. It has many capabilities that the old lacked. People are accessing it and booking events at the Stable and posing questions about what we do. Brent also designed our Facebook page which now has 135 "LIKES" and is an invaluable way of communicating to the public.
3. Funds for the pavilion were secured from Trillium Foundation and Mike O'Brien agreed to lead the project. Construction started in August and the facility is virtually complete by this writing. It is a beautiful structure. Our next endeavour will be to secure enough money to install electricity so its use can be expanded to evening events and on-site cooking is possible. The pavilion project was an example of a positive partnership with the Municipality. We plan to have an official ribbon cutting in the warmer weather.
4. Boo at the Bay was attended by about 300 people in October 2013 with revenue of about \$875. Volunteer for the scary trail are getting difficult to recruit. Perhaps we need to partner with other organizations if we are to make this event happen. The Youth Centre and High School are possible groups. (The 2014 Boo was organized as a party for the very young children at the barn and was successful).
5. The Loader donated to us by the Municipality in 2012 needed numerous repairs and was larger than what we needed. We were able to sell it locally, and thanks to the determination of Howard with the help of Dennis Dumphy, we located and secured a Case 580K. We broke even with the cost and the transportation.

6. Our beloved Commander developed a neurological disorder and could no longer be used as a draft horse. Jacques Gagne, who found Commander for us, agreed to take him to his pastures. Again, thanks to Howard, we found Minnie who joined Bud. While smaller than Bud, she works well with him.
7. Cozy Cabin had record attendance this year and record donations are helping to pay for diesel for the plowing of the parking lot. I have approached the Nordic Nomads to enter a more formal arrangement for cost sharing of the plowing of the parking lot.
8. Our Equestrian members partook in 2 Equine Assisted Learning program training sessions out of town with the support of the High School. This training will allow co-op members to help troubled teens to work with horses as a valuable life skill tool.
9. Co-op membership has increased by 4 members after the loss of several members last year.
10. The community expressed its support for FCB by asking us to run summer farmers markets as fund raisers. We brought in close to a \$1,000 this summer with 3 markets we organized. Everyone enjoyed working these markets. We were asked to organize the lucrative Christmas Craft Fair for which volunteer response has been exceptional.
11. Day Camp registration was up this year.
12. With the loss of members, finances were a bit tight this year however this is being alleviated with increases in wagon rides, fund raising activities, and boarders.
13. The Municipal Council approved costs for the cutting of a bush road through to the lakeshore. Pending no objections being posed by December 6th, cutting can commence soon. Once access is improved, the possibility of development of the Lakeshore facility will be greatly enhanced.

GOALS FOR 2014-2015

1. Develop and expand the Equine Assisted Learning Program
2. Install electricity and possibly some side shelters for the pavilion
3. Work with the town on the bush road to the Lakeshore
4. Discuss with the town for the 2014-2015 budget, a barn manager's salary.
5. Work with municipality to apply for grants for rehabilitation of the Lakeshore buildings.

Thanks to the Board, volunteers and our benefactors for their invaluable contribution to Cedar Bay.

Respectfully Submitted

Joyce Timpson

Board Chair 2013-2014