

Sawyer Point Road Association Annual Meeting 2021

The Sawyer Point Road Association 50th Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at the home of Mike and Patty Mac Hewitt and called to order by the President, Jay Sweetnam, at 10:06 am. Jay opened the meeting welcoming all members and thanking Mike and Patty Mac Hewitt for hosting this year's association meeting in their home. A thank you was also expressed to the members of the association (Gerry and Donna) who care for the flowers at the entrance to Sawyers Point; provide the Christmas landscaping displays, and the landscaping at the triangle. A special thanks went to Larry DeGeorge for his time and efforts in keeping the road in good condition.

Jay welcomed John and Courtney Fiske (former Isley property) to the Sawyer Point Community and noted the passing of Ray Thomas in September 2020. Ray was an active member of the Sawyer Point community and longtime friend to many in the community.

Jay reminded the members that this summer will be a special celebration of the 50th Golden Jubilee of the Sawyer Point Road Association with a dinner and band at the Bird /Roriston home following the SPOTT tennis tournament on Saturday, July 31, 2021. He also recognized and thanked Gerry De George and Erik and Karina Thomas for creating the amazing Sawyer Point 50th commemorative book which had been fully supported through purchases by members of the Sawyer Point community.

Jay re-iterated that the Sawyer Point Road Association is concerned only with the plowing, sanding, maintenance and repair of the common roadways and removal of fallen trees and obstructing shrubbery. Jay introduced the officers of the Sawyer Point Road Association: President: Jay Sweetnam, Vice President: Bob Jenkins, Treasurer: Gerry DeGeorge, Secretary: Robert Roriston, Road Agent: Larry De George and Assistant Road Agent: Rick Anderson. Jay on behalf of the Association wishes to express a note of thanks to David Couture who plows and sands our roads on Sawyer Point. Also, to Kevin Bernier who maintains our roads and with a new piece of equipment can fix potholes and generate a smoother overall surface. Finally, a thanks to Jake Brooks who performs tree work on Sawyer Point.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the 2020 meeting, which had previously been distributed to the membership were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gerry DeGeorge reviewed the income and expenses of the association for the past fiscal year. Gerry noted that the association is in good financial health, with this year inflows exceeding outflows, by \$2,979 primarily a result of a light snow year resulting in below budget snow ploughing. The year began with reserves of \$15,245 and ended the year at \$18,224. The report was accepted as presented. Based on the healthy surplus, the SPRA executive committee recommended the dues remain at the reduced level of \$325, with the

understanding that in future years dues may need to increase again in the event of significant snowfall or other unforeseen circumstances.

Presidents Report: Jay Sweetnam expressed kudos to Gerry DeGeorge for her work in keeping all the SPRA books and records current and accurate, to Larry DeGeorge for his efforts in keeping the Sawyer Point roads in great shape, and Erik Thomas/ Gerry DeGeorge for their time and effort in reworking the Sawyer Point signs. Jay also noted that \$2,500 was being reserved in the 2021 /22 budget for Jake removing brush along the road and that an additional amount would be needed (currently seeking an estimate of the cost) for removal of the dead tree at the entrance to Sawyer Point (the tree that currently has the Sawyer Point sign). A discussion occurred regarding SPRA's limited responsibility to keeping the brush along the road cleared at certain points (happens late July) and removal of fallen trees that block the roadway. Other tree maintenance on a property is the responsibility of the homeowner. Jay also added that all residents are responsible for personal driveway plowing in winter, which is important for safety and insurance reasons, even if the home is not used during the winter. Mike Hewitt raised the question of special recognition for Kevin, Jake and Dave and it was agreed that they would receive a recognition through a gift that will be part of the appreciations fund.

SPOTT: David Jones provided an overview of the plans for the SPOTT 18 tournament to be held on July 31, 2021. Dave noted that he was contemplating the addition of some badminton play for non-tennis players. He also added that he would be sending out an email shortly soliciting players and providing tournament details.

Celebration Plans: Sarah Bird gave an overview of the planned 50th SPRA anniversary celebration to be held after SPOTT on July 31, 2021 at the Bird / Roriston home. The plan was for a traditional lobster bake and band. Sarah said she would be sending out an invitation shortly with details and seeking RSVP's.

The next annual meeting of the Sawyer Point Road Association will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 9:30 am for coffee meet and greet, and meeting at 10 am at a home to be determined (seeking volunteers), which will be noticed to the members in advance.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Roriston