

Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park
Management Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 8, 2007

APPROVED Meeting Summary

PRESENT

Kim Dunford
Thomas Cole
Tom Flynn
Don LaCombe
Julia Madden

Murray Kidd
Rick Meridew
Betty Zyvatkauskas
Wendy Lyttle

David Coulas, OP
Pam Lawrence, OP

Regrets

Mary Anna Zakula

Meeting called to order at 4:09 p.m.

Review and approval of meeting agenda.

Motion: To approve agenda for August 8, 2007 as complete.

Mover: Don LaCombe

Second: Tom Cole

Carried.

Review and approval of meeting summaries (April 16, 2007 and July 9, 2007).

Motion: To approve summaries as accurate reflections of meetings held on April 16 and July 9, 2007.

Mover: Rick Meridew

Second: Wendy Lyttle

Carried.

Declaration of any Conflict of Interest

None declared.

Chair Update

Motion: That the board go into caucus.

Mover: Tom Cole

Second: Don LaCombe

Carried.

Superintendent Update

❖ Round table update:

- No negative comments regarding the use of Beaver Lake Road over the long weekend.
- Lots of ATV activity, i.e. wood collection on the north shore of Anstruther Lake.
- Long Lake – Ten – fifteen vehicles parked on the road. No complaints for this long weekend. Previous long weekend heard camper complaints, i.e., large groups, campsites full. Cottage association educating cottagers on boating/canoeing etiquette. OPP and Conservation Officers both patrolled the area over the weekend.
- Bottle Creek – garbage and boat cache. Stewardship rangers were in that area before the long weekend to do a clean up of the area.

- Long Lake – heavier canoe traffic. Have the sense that they are newcomers to the area.
- Paddling trip – Big Cedar – Buzzard – Vixen – Loucks and down into Stoplog Lake. Observed over camping on a few lakes, big groups. Three groups were over nine people and had three tents and a dining shelter. Lack of enforcement, need to have that presence at access points.
- Water level on Catchacoma Lake has dropped considerably. Working Divers – blasting held there – every 12 – 15 minutes for a period of at least two hours. Concern raised for the well-being of wildlife. West side, fire ban in effect. MNR has approached a trapping council to set hair traps for cougars this will begin in the fall and continue through the winter. Also received an inquiry about open positions on the Board.
- Staffing - Senior Operations Technician will be returning on August 27th, other staff will be returning as well.
- Attended Anstruther AGM on Monday of the long weekend. Main topic of discussion was the sale of the Anstruther Lake Marina. A group, separate from the cottage association, has been formed consisting of twelve directors. To date, a terms of reference has not been developed. The Marina is privately owned and the park carries no authority or influence over private ownership. A LUP for the adjacent parking is linked to the Marina. If the Marina is sold and continues to operate as a marina the LUP will be transferred to the new owner. If the Marina is sold to a private individual the property would have to go through a re-zoning application through the municipality. The superintendent will deal directly with the cottage association. At the meeting there was a motion from the ALCA stating that they would support this group if their sole purpose is to look at the acquisition of the Marina. If their purpose is beyond that, they would not provide support.
- Identified by ALCA that cottagers that camp in the park are also responsible for keeping the area clean.
- Other subjects discussed were water testing and the regatta.
- After the meeting, a group of campers came off the lake; they had been camping on North Rathbun. The campers were portaging through and encountered an individual at a rec camp who yelled obscenities, threatened them and there was a firearm discharged. Information was passed on to the OPP who are investigating the incident. Conservation Officers have investigated this camp as well.
- Conditions on a LUP – The District Manager, Bancroft District, still carries signing authority on LUPs within the park. LUPs may be revoked if there is a conflict with the way the land is managed or if it is in public interest. Currently, there cannot be arbitrary conditions that would contradict a lease relationship. The Board needs to think about what conditions need to be applied when the park takes over the administration of LUPs. Conditions need to be tighter than they are now. Would like to see other LUP holders involved in this process.
- Search and rescue in the park as well on the holiday Monday. Individual found.
- Board input has been incorporated into the Preliminary Park Management Plan. Open house dates set for September 15th and 16th.

Motion: To receive the Superintendent updates.

Mover: Rick Meridew

Second: Betty Zyvatskas

Carried.

New Business

- Board correspondence - Take more time at meetings to come up with points to be included in the letter.

Motion: The following process for all MAB correspondence is followed:

- MAB correspondence will only be sent out with the approval of the Chair.
- At MAB meetings as many points as time and/or need allows will be discussed and established to provide direction for the correspondence.
- The Chair may ask for assistance drafting correspondence. Any draft will be circulated to the board by the Chair for comment.
- Once the majority of the MAB members agree with the correspondence, the Chair will sign the final version in ink prior to sending.
- The final version may then be scanned and distributed electronically or sent by non-electronic means.

Mover: Rick Meridew

Second: Julia Madden

Carried.

- *Terms of Reference – 2.5 The Board will attempt to reach consensus on all recommendations. It is understood that there may be certain circumstances which require casting a vote. The quorum at meetings shall be a majority of members appointed at any time, excluding the Chair. The Chair has the same voting privileges as any other member. The Board may appoint subcommittees, but reports of subcommittees shall be subject to the approval of a quorum of the Board as a whole.*
- Newsletter – Waiting for Biologist input on this as well as Superintendent input.
- Species at Risk – Discussion on funding that is available.
- Open Houses – Discussion on content.
- Discussion on open mic session with SGKH. The Superintendent would be willing to attend a session like this, but, cannot speak on behalf of the Board.

Motion: To go into caucus.

Mover: Rick Meridew

Second: Wendy Lyttle

Carried.

Review of the Draft Preliminary Park Management Plan

Motion: To come out of caucus.

Mover: Tom Cole

Second: Don LaCombe

Carried.

Motion: The Board strongly supports the Shared Stewardship Theme on page 39 of the Draft Preliminary Park Management Plan. Sections 8.5.1 – Natural Heritage Education; 8.5.1.1 – Information; 8.5.1.2 – Park Interpretation; 8.5.1.3 – Outdoor Recreation Programs.

Mover: Wendy Lyttle

Second: Rick Meridew

Carried.

Motion: The Board actively pursue the writing of the final management plan and budget and to facilitate that the Superintendent would invite appropriate park staff to speak to the Board on content.

Mover: Rick Meridew

Second: Don LaCombe

Carried.

Motion: The EI Subcommittee of the MAB begin working on a monitoring plan in cooperation with Ontario Parks staff.

Mover: Murray Kidd

Second: Wendy Lyttle

Carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 6, 2007