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Minutes

Annual General Meeting, August 14, 2016

1. **Quorum:** Including Board members, there were eight people present. Quorum established.
2. **Opening:** JBCSI President Barry MacNeil called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm, and explained “General Consent”.
3. The members of the **Board** were introduced:

President	Barry MacNeil
Treasurer	Christine Leonhardt
Secretary	Diane Fredette (absent)
Kitchen Director	Catherine Pike
Activity Director	Darlene Cowper
Building Director	Leo Bos, Sr.
Communication Director	Cindy Reckzin (absent)

4. **Summary of past year’s activities:** Board President Barry MacNeil thanked the hard-working Board members and all volunteers. The president expressed his extreme sadness that only the usual volunteers are in attendance. Negotiations with Nipissing First Nation concerning amalgamation of fire services were finalized and, as of April 1, the Fire Department is no longer part of JBCSI.
5. **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on July 12, 2015, were read, and the membership was asked if there were any errors or omissions. There being none, Barry declared the minutes approved as read.

6. Annual Reports

Treasurer: The corporate income tax return and HST rebate applications for fiscal year 2015 were prepared by the treasurer and submitted at the end of June. We showed a net income of \$24,168.00, and our bank balance at the end of 2015 was \$13,011.03. Our income in 2015 was \$63,508 and our expenses, including loan payments, totalled \$39,340. Because the amalgamation of the fire department only took effect on April 1, 2016, all of the 2015-2016 fire-protection dues were transferred to us by NFN. The final instalment (for January, February and March) has not yet been received. We continued making loan payments on the pumper truck until June 30. We have also continued to make Fire Department payments pending the transfer of all accounts with suppliers, with the expectation that NFN will reimburse us. Our balance sheet was updated to reflect the fact that we no longer own the building, the vehicles, or the firefighting equipment, and that the breakfast float was returned following the final breakfast held in March. A month-by-month review of our ongoing and projected financial situation reveals that our expenses generally exceed our income from fundraisers. We will be able to manage for a while considering that our current bank balance serves as a cushion. However, we must find a long-term solution. The treasurer thanked all volunteers and supporters of our fundraisers for their generous contributions.

Building Director: No changes since last year. Fred Pike began assisting Leo. The entire building will be inspected by a Nipissing First Nation contractor on August 24, 25 and 26 for insurance purposes; a pre-inspection has already been done.

Activity Director: Darts and Pub Nights were attended by up to sixteen people. Usually there were twelve dart players, eight of whom were from Jocko or Beaucage. So far, ten people have signed up for the new season; if at least twenty sign up, Darlene would be willing to manage the Friday-night events again, and Barry would help with setup. The Zumba instructor needs two weeks' notice for a new session to start in September. The events last Labour Day weekend, including the yard sale, were not as successful as we had hoped. A suggestion was made to have a kids' Buy, Sell and Trade and/or a boot sale instead of a yard sale on the Labour Day weekend.

Kitchen Director: The number of Community Centre events has decreased in recent years; in March of this year the monthly Breakfast was stopped because of poor attendance and a reduced number of volunteers to sponsor the event. New volunteers are few and far between. Often we get a volunteer for a few events and then they drop away. The hours they are needed are long and the opportunity to socialize at an event is minimal. More volunteers would make everything easier for all but that just does not seem to happen. The work of volunteers before and during events is greatly appreciated, as are their donations

of salads, desserts and casseroles. Since September 2015, the Auxiliary has donated \$7,928.00 to JBCSI, with JBCSI providing approximately \$1,500 worth of staples (bacon, sausages, eggs, potatoes, etc.), resulting in a net donation of approximately \$6,428.00 towards the operating expenses of the Community Centre.

Skeeter Club: The children's Christmas party was a success, with 23 children attending.

7. New Business

- i) Future of the Community Centre and JBCSI. Jocko Point and Beaucage residents are attending or helping with events in very small numbers. The small pool of regular volunteers finds it discouraging to work so hard to keep the Community Centre open when it appears that most residents don't see the need for it. Since there are many new residents, we will launch an education campaign and then hold a Special Meeting, probably in October, to determine the future of the Centre. Barry will draft a letter, with factual information about JBCSI, the Fire Department and the Community Centre attached; the flyers will be distributed to all residents. The explanation of the situation will be blunt.
- ii) Final Report on Fire Department Amalgamation. Negotiations with Nipissing First Nation continued. NFN did not agree to compensate us for the building, vehicles or equipment that we were transferring to them. All residents were invited to a Special Meeting held on November 10, 2015. Those present were informed of the status of negotiations, and all answered "yes" to the question: "Do you agree that ownership of our firefighting equipment and building can be transferred to Nipissing First Nation, in order for our fire services to be amalgamated?" Negotiations with NFN were finalized and, on February 18, Barry MacNeil signed the Memorandum of Understanding, the lease agreement and the contract with NFN for providing standby services to the Department of National Defence, with April 1 the date on which these agreements took effect. In June, necessary documents were signed with the Caisse to terminate the loan, and letters were issued releasing interest in the pumper truck. Arrangements were made with NFN for dealing with shared expenses (such as hydro and phone) and with Fire Department bills that continue to be received by JBCSI.
- iii) Bylaw revision. The purpose of the Bylaw revision is to remove references to the Fire Department and related concepts following the amalgamation of the Jocko Point Fire Department with Nipissing First Nation Fire Services.
Motion AGM-14-08-2016—Motion A. Moved by Barry MacNeil, seconded by Leo Bos, Sr., that the revised edition of the Bylaws be adopted. All in favour. Motion carried.

8. Elections.

A list of available positions was presented. One nomination was received by the deadline.

Election Results:

Two-year terms

President	Barry MacNeil
Communications Director	vacant
Activity Director	vacant
Administration Director	vacant

One-year terms

Vice President	vacant
Secretary	vacant
Building Director	Fred Pike

There being no objections, the election results were accepted.

9. Adjournment. President Barry MacNeil declared the meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Christine Leonhardt
Treasurer

August 9, 2017