

AGM Small Table Discussion
Synthesis of Table Reports
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Topic 1 – Reduction/Elimination of Phosphates

- a) What individuals can do
- Use phosphate free products; dish detergent, laundry soap etc
 - Stop fertilizing lawns – use environmentally safe fertilizers
 - No bathing/shampooing in the lake
 - Self-education: educate friends, neighbors, visitors, renters
 - No washing cars or boats on lawns
 - Ban fertilizer 100 ft from the water
 - Do not use fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides
 - Landlords should insist that renters read a published list of “do’s and don’ts”
- b) What the Lake Assoc. can do
- Sell products at the AGM
 - Educate people who do not come to the meeting
 - Produce list of “Do’s and Don’ts” for owners, visitors and renters also a booklet for each cottage on maintenance of water quality
 - Test the lake every year – ensure same instrumentation and calibration
 - Use Association newsletter to recommend Phosphate free products
 - Ask Carola to stock products that are eco-friendly
 - Put together a list of environmentally friendly products and where they are available, eg Foodsmiths in Perth.
 - Monitor septic systems and recommend people request inspections

Topic 2 – Prevention of Invasive Species

- a) What Individuals can do
- Eliminate 2 cycle engines
 - No commercial boats/resort fishing on the lake
 - Control ice fishing – live bait
 - For owners who rent, have a letter re invasive species that renters must read
 - Don’t let renters bring in boats unless disinfected
 - Report invasive species to???
- b) What the Lake Assoc. can do
- Survey the lake for invasive species
 - Provide a disinfectant at lake launch locations
 - Put info piece together for all owners, eg keep boat out of water for 5 days

- Special letter or flyer to cottages with boat access
- Put up signage at each road entrance re invasive species and special conditions for Farren Lake. (The province has signs at boat launches that may be available).
- Audit other Lake Assoc. re the quality and their practices
- Find out what can be done if we get invasive species and find out what people can do or should not do if they have weeds in front of their cottages. (suggestion to put an article in the newsletter)
- Make up a page of Invasive species “Do’s and Don’ts”
- Make up a “Farren Lake Cottage Rules” including invasive species, phosphates and other things such as Fire regs
- Request Reg Norris to only allow Lake property owners to launch boats on his property
- Send letter to the OPP, MNR, Rideau Docks and other who may put water craft on the lake to ask that they disinfect first.

Other

Ban PWC

Take garbage (cigarettes, pop cans, animal waste etc) off the islands after picnicing

No wake zones during loon nesting (month of June)

Test the lake for radioactivity levels to establish a baseline

Ensure no residential development/sub-divisions on the lake