FBBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, August 17th, 2025 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m.
South Sauble Community Church, 579 - 16th Street, Sauble Beach

1. Welcome and Opening of Meeting– Dave Pickard, President

2. Introduction of guests – Dave

Betty Hughes, Treasurer SCOI
Lucas Cugalj, President SCOI
Carl Davey, Past President FBBA

3. Introduction of Current FBBA Directors – Dave Pickard

Laura Aldworth-not present (Secretary), Marion Leifso (Communication), Dean Good (Winter Patrol), Heather Thomson (Organization of AGM Meetings & Signs), Leah Ewasick (Treasurer), Dave Pickard (President & SCOI Board), and Brian Death (Tech support & SCOI Board).

4. Approval of Agenda – Dave Pickard

Carl Davey made a motion to approve the 2024 FBBA AGM Agenda, Seconded by Gord McGiverin. Carried

5. Cottage Winter Patrol Update – Trent Skinner and Dean Good

Trent thanked Dave, Dean and Leah for helping to keep the Winter Patrol successful which allows us the advantage of the discounted rate. The price will remain $112 that includes the 14 checks from October to April.

A total of 42 incidents occurred during the inspection period. The majority of incidents were doors/windows left open and weather related. It is important to note that of the 23 weather related issues, it did not include the month of February because Trent had too many emails and phone calls to list concerning snow on roofs and snow removal.

One break-in was reported this year and the owner was notified.

Dean thanked Trent for his work on our behalf as this winter was particularly busy with many of us receiving a call or email about the snow buildup on our roofs and decks.

6. Approval of 2024 AGM minutes – Dave Pickard

Heather Thomson made a motion to approve the 2024 FBBA AGM Minutes, Seconded by Brian Death. Carried

7. SCOI Report – Lucas Cugalj, SCOI President

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Lucas made the following remarks:

- He explained that his term as SCOI President will be ending at the next AGM on August 30, 2025 however he will remain as past president.
- As the SCOI President he meets with representatives of the Saugeen First Nations #29 three times a year.
- The priorities for this year are the extension of land leases and First Nation Land Management Act (FNLMA). Lucas announced that the next lease term will be extended to 10 years for the next lease. He also explained that there was little movement on FNLMA since the band has acquired the North Beach and more work was needed to be done.
- Lucus reported that the SFN #29 was now offering paid parking on the North Beach.
- A new Water Rescue facility has been located on the North Beach and to call 911 in the event of an emergency.
- The contract for Security was not renewed by SFN #29 and complaints should be forwarded to the band office, works department or OPP. He gave examples such as parking or dogs on the beach should be reported to the band, speeding should be reported to the OPP non-emergency line and any emergencies you should call 911. FBBA member Aidan Tracey asked Lucas if our service fees include security and it does not.
- Some work has been completed on the roads with gravel and grading.
- Garbage pickup has been extended and the last pickup will be on Nov 3, 2025.
- Lucas felt that the ATV traffic was down on the beach. This may be due to a greater presence of SFN #29 personnel on the beach as well as the occasional patrol by the OPP.
- There was a brief discussion raised by the owner of 54 Thompson about an additional stop sign at Thompson and 31st Street, however there is no plan to add one at this time.
- Lauren Gandin of 22 Thompson reported that her culvert had been removed during some road work and was causing flooding to her property. She will contact the works department and Lucas and President Pickard will follow-up.

8. Treasurer's Report – Leah Ewasick

Leah presented the Treasurers report (attached) and added the following comments:

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- This year's Statement of Earnings showed a slight loss (-$438.16) with our Balance Sheet showing a total membership equity of $12,095.72. In 2025 we upgraded the beach signs and as such the board would not be recommending a contribution to the endowment fund. However, our surplus funds would be moving to a GIC and any interest generated could be used to supplement the fund.
- Our major expense this year was the new beach signs ($1256).
- Ian Tester 1472 Thompson asked if we could make additional donations to FBBA. Leah explained that it couldn't be done with current website however you could EMT her a donation at fbbatreasurer@gmail.com .

Leah Ewasick then made a motion to approve the Treasurers report, Seconded by Heather Thomson. Carried

9. Beach signs – Heather Thomson

Heather provided an update on the replacement beach signs at various locations around French Bay. The old signs were very wordy and it was felt that no one took the time to read them. The new signs included pictographs that focused on beach etiquette and a QR code with the FBBA website.

She thanked her husband, son and Board Members that helped remove the old signs and erect the new ones.

President Pickard thanked her for her work on our behalf.

10. FBBA Priorities – Dave Pickard

President Pickard gave an update on the priorities of FBBA:

- The next lease would be 10 years as Lucas had reported. Approximately 50% of cottagers have not received their current lease.
- Speed on Second Ave was a priority and that Rob McLaughlin was working with the Band to implement a lower speed limit (30 or 40kms). He also encouraged members of call the OPP non-emergency line to report speeding. The more reports should mean a greater police presence.
- There was nothing new to report regarding dogs and cars on the beach and the management of these issues would be ongoing.
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- President Pickard then outlined the 2025 FBBA activities:
    - Increase membership in the FBBA by mail drops outreach through email.

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- Continue communication efforts with membership through newsletters and email.
- Developed a set of Operating Guidelines to supplement the Constitution
- Update FBBA Constitution and By-Laws
- Recruiting additional Directors for our Board.

11. Recruitment – Dave Pickard

If you are interested in volunteering with the FBBA you can contact him at davej.pickard@gmail.com

12. Nominations – FBBA President & Directors, SCOI Directors – Marion Leifso

Marion asked for a motion to re-elect the current board, Dave Pickard, Laura Aldworth, Marion Leifso, Dean Good, Heather Thomson, Leah Ewasick.

- Moved by Brian Death and Seconded by Carl Davey. Carried

Marion then asked for a motion to re-elect Dave Pickard to the SCOI Board.

- Moved by Carl Davey and Seconded by Rod Lennox. Carried

Marion then asked for a motion to nominate Dean Good to the SCOI Board.

- Moved by Heather Thomson and Seconded by Carl Davey. Carried

13. Saugeen Cottagers Endowed Fund (SCEF) – Brian Death

Brian provided an overview of the SCEF. The intention of the Endowed fund is to assist Band members achieve their grade 12 equivalency. It covers incidental expenditures that aren't covered by Federal or Provincial programs (travel costs, meals, books, internet, child care expenses). The fund is managed by the Community Foundation Grey Bruce.

Brian confirmed the guidelines the Board established for future donations were that we must have a minimum of $10,000 in our Balance Sheet after any donation was made. The Board will review annually if they are recommending to the members if a donation should be made. Brian also confirmed all monies being allocated by SCOI to SCEF were being utilized.

He further suggested that you download the SFN #29 newsletter from their website for further announcements and information.

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As well he suggested an important book, “Who We Are: Four Questions for a Life and a Nation by Murray Sinclair” to help all of understand the fundamental issues that face Indigenous peoples in Canada.

14. Other Business

Margaret Davey asked about the sick fox (mange) that was in the area and if anything could be done. President Pickard explained that he had contacted the band who has spoken with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the MNR would not be intervening. He also mentioned that an article was included in the Summer Newsletter to help educate our members on the precautions to be taken when dealing with a fox with mange.

- Valerie McGiverin of 45 Thompson asked about Accessibility and a beach mat that will allow for wheelchairs and walkers to access the beach. Valerie had raised this issue earlier in the summer and Rob McLaughlin, Brian Death and Dave Pickard visited the site and Rob confirmed the Band would not allow us to modify the sand dune in any way. Heather Thomson raised a concern about increased liability if FBBA were to install a beach mat. We also talked about accessing the beach through different access points which was easier for those individuals with mobility issues. President Pickard will reach out to Valerie to see if we can find another alternative for accessing the beach.
- Rod Lennox of 107 Thompson asked about the lack of no parking signs along Thompson and those signs that were there were overgrown with trees and couldn’t be seen. President Pickard will have a look and discuss with the works department.

Ann McCallum of 38 Wahbezee said that if you showed your cottager card you were allowed to drive and park at the beach. It was the understanding of President Pickard and SCOI President Lucas Cugalj that no one other than band members and cottagers that had their address on the beach were allowed.

President Pickard then thanked Brian Death for his years of service to FBBA and his expertise and knowledge as a board member.

15. Adjournment Carl Davey moved for adjournment.

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Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2025
(Unaudited)

ASSETS	**2024/2025**	**2023/2024**
Current Assets:		
Cash	$ 11,990.72	$ 12,588.88
Ppd Expenses/Acct Receivables	$ 105.00	$ 0.00
Total Assets	**$ 12,095.72**	**$12,588.88**
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accts Payable & Accrued Expenses	$0.00	$0.00
PPD Membership	$ 0.00	$ 25.00
Total Liabilities	**$ 0.00**	**$ 25.00**
Membership Equity:		
Retained Earnings Prior Yr	$ 12,533.88	$ 10,360.23
Current Earnings	$ (438.16)	$ 2,173.65
Total Membership Equity	**$ 12,095.72**	**$ 12,533.88**
Total Liability & Member Equity	***$ 12,095.72***	***$ 12,558.88***

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Statement of Earnings
As of April 30, 2025
(Unaudited)

FISCAL YEAR	**2024/2025**	**2023/2024**
REVENUE:		
Membership & Winter Patrol	$ 21,245.00	$ 20,711.00
Total Revenue	**$ 21,245.00**	**$ 20,711.00**
EXPENSES:		
Office Supplies/Printing	$ 16.46	$ 22.00
Advertising & Promotions	$ 71.51	$ 95.09
Bank Fees	$ 48.50	$ 78.50
Gifts	$ 1,700.00	$ 0.00
Insurance	$ 636.69	$ 627.76
Meetings	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
SCOI Membership	$ 3,045.00	$ 2,130.00
Winter Patrol	$ 16,065.00	$ 15,484.00
Total Expenses	**$ 21,683.16**	**$ 18,537.35**
NET PROFIT/LOSS	**$ (438.16)**	**$ 2,173.65**

Membership Totals (w/ 324 Potential):		
	203	213
Member with Winter Patrol	153	157
Member Only	50	56