

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2013 GRAND LAKE ASSOCIATION (GLA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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1. Welcome and Thanks

Harris Boyd welcomed over 40 members to the AGM, and thanked the Crepin family for the use of their beach and the Lemieux for their facilities. The Sports Club had as usual offered access to its facilities in the event of rain. He welcomed Linda Bruyere representing MacArthur Lake and Eric Lugtigheid representing Dam Lake. The Mayor of Val des Monts was not able to attend but was represented by Councilors Jacques Laurin and Bernard Maillot.

There was a clear quorum. Harris noted that the meeting would be bilingual, welcoming members to speak in the official language of their choice. The proceedings would be recorded by Paul Butler and would be translated and circulated with the spring 2014 Newsletter, as well as posted on the website.

2. Approval of 2013 AGM Agenda

Allan Lansberg proposed to add a new calendar to the agenda. Jim Nicol proposed changing the AGM meeting time and Gen Gunther proposed a second CPR course. The agenda was approved as amended

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3. Approval of 2012 AGM minutes

Moved by Dale Smith and seconded by Larry O Grady

Given the presence of Councilors Laurin and Maillot, they were invited to make some informal remarks and to take questions from members. The Councilors discussed the upcoming municipal election November 3rd, the new ward boundaries and encouraged everyone to turn out to vote. They also announced a new septic pumping program with the cost added to taxes. Permanent residents will have their tank pumped every second year, seasonal residents, every four years. There was a discussion about lower mill rates for cottagers on private roads but this is not permissible. The concept of grants instead was proposed and warrants further discussion.

The councilors took questions on the following subjects:

What further development plans were proposed for the Culbute.

When a new Director of Public Works would be announced.

The sale of crown land, water levels, and a variety of other issues

4. Reports

a. **Treasurer** – The GLA is in a sound financial position with a healthy reserve of over \$50,000 in GIC's plus 2,000 in the operating account. Terry Ford moved acceptance and Terry Guilbault seconded. Approved.

b. The waiver of a formal annual audit of financial statements was moved by Jim Nicol and seconded by Terry Guilbault. Following some discussion, the motion was approved.

c. **Membership** – Roger Paul noted that 97% of cottagers have paid their dues.

A new Members' Directory will be produced with information on multiple names of owners will be included. Roger Paul encouraged members to provide email addresses and to keep these current and inform him of any changes.. Acceptance moved by Lynn Bezanson and seconded by Eva Kmecic.. Approved.

d. **Environment** – Dale reported better results this spring than last. Phosphate still a continuing issue however. E-Coli testing will be conducted in August . A motion was presented to ask the Municipality to lower water levels at the dam before winter. The motion passed with four votes against. Harris agreed to send a letter to the Municipality accordingly.

e. **Federation of Lakes** – Doing a study on seventy lakes and their water quality.

f. **Boating and Water Safety** –Harris Boyd reported that the Executive has decided to take over this issue directly and everyone should send suggestions to the members of the Executive.

5. **President's Report** – Harris Boyd reported that the Executive has decided to focus its efforts on political activity with three broad priorities: a voiding new development and the sale of Crown Land, taxation, and water quality. Mike

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Avon was thanked for installing the markers and organizing the fireworks. He also thanked those who have worked on the hiking trail and all the others who have helped on events and contributed to the well-being of the Lake.

6. **Dam Lake Report** – Eric noted that Dam Lake would hold its AGM the following day, with similar issues and concerns, in particular about water quality, boating and water levels. A representative of Grand Lake was invited to attend their AGM.

McArthur Lake Report- Linda Bruyere reported that their association was much smaller with only 55 members. They are experiencing a milfoil problem as well as higher phosphorous levels. They are also concerned about the new boat ramp at the Culbute.

7. **2013 nominations** – Brian Reynolds reported that we have two vacant positions on the executive, one for the sports club and one director at large. Motion by Brian Reynolds to nominate Dale Smith for a new three year term, seconded by Eva Kmecic. Approved.

8. Special Activities

a. **Canada Day** – There were over 50 boats for the celebration, which was augmented by the Snowbirds. Awards were presented for the Toll boat, the Bouvier boat and the Migus boat. Special thanks given to Mike Avon for the 'best fireworks ever 'again!

b. **Hiking Trail** – Abby Hoffman noted that the trails were now complete and that maps of the trail were available. The work days are scheduled for Sept 15th and October 13th. Abby thanked members who helped maintain the trails. Abby was thanked for her work on the trails.

c. **Golf Tournament** – Paul Methot reported on the plans for the golf tournament. This will be the 20th anniversary tournament to be held on July 26th. at the Edelweiss Golf Course. We invite those interested to sign up quickly.

d. **Sailing** – Terry Ford noted that interest in sailing on Sundays at noon continues and there are a number of new participants. Contact Terry or Don Poole for more information.

e. **Poker Run** – Dale reported on behalf of Don and Sue Goodwin on The Poker Run which will be held on the September long weekend. Same format as usual. Tickets are \$20.00 including the barbecue for 2 adults; for just the barbecue, it is \$5.00 a person; barbecue to be held after the Poker Run at Brian Reynolds'.

f. **Winter Patrol** – Ian Lemieux will again handle the winter patrol. Not too late to sign up with your membership. Roger reported that we had 67 people so far signed up.

Lost and Found – Nathan Cooper has taken over the lost and found. Items can be seen on the Association web site.

9. **Website** – Louise Dubois gave an update on the website. The advertising of goods and services is now free.

10. **Other Business:** Allan Lansberg proposed to survey residents to see if we should do another calendar and whether the funds should be earmarked for special projects. He circulated a proposed list of projects. No decisions were taken.

AGM meeting time: Jim Nicol proposed to start the meeting at 10am next year. N. Cooper seconded. Approved.

CPR course: Gen Gunther reported that he planned to organize another CPR course. Proposed date is July 20th at the sports club. Cost is \$20.00.

George Avon: Provided an update on the Culbute development. Pierre Bourke has proposed exchanging seven lots for Crown Land. George has discussed the proposal with the MRC. Motion approved to send a letter to the MRC and to Council expressing dismay at lack of consultation. Approved.

Moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.