

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LAKE BARRON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION SATURDAY JUNE 21st, 2008 - 9 AM - NOON

Total attendance at the meeting was 23

List of executives present

President, Leslie Evans
Vice-President, Jeff Patterson
Treasurer, Ron Miller
Secretary, Denyse Tremblay
Regatta, Sue Lavoie

Zone Directors present

Carol Anderson
Sue Lavoie
Diane Leduc
Bruce Campbell
Marie Lamarre
Valerie McNicholl
Don & Vicki Riven

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- The President, Leslie Evans, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S GENERAL MEETING

- Denyse Tremblay read the minutes of the 2007 AGM. Denyse Tremblay asked if any members would like the minutes summarized in French, but there was no request. John McGuiness moved that the minutes be adopted; seconded by Bob Milne. All were in favour.

BOARD MEMBERS CHANGES:

- Leslie announced officially that she has resigned from her functions as president, but will maintain certain functions to help the association. The association thanked Leslie for the great work she has done in the last 2 years and appreciated her dedication and enthusiasm.
- Jeff Patterson has taken on the role of president for a period of one year. The association also appreciates the time Jeff will be able to devote to the association with his present time constraints.
- Ron Miller has also officially resigned from his role as treasurer. His work for the association as a zone director for many years, as well as his work as treasurer for the last few years, is greatly appreciated and the association will miss his diplomacy and calming presence.
- He is replaced by Carol Anderson. Carol will also maintain her role as zone director. Carol has been dedicated to the association for many years and the extra duties she has taken, will be a fantastic help to the association.
- John McGuiness has become the vice-president to replace Jeff Patterson. John's involvement with the association dates from many years and his present active role will be a wonderful help to the association.
- Sue Lavoie will not be taking on the tasks associated with the organization of the regatta this year. She has done this work wonderfully for the many years and wishes to take some time off. Sue also assumes responsibilities with the Environmental Committee. Unfortunately, no one was found to replace her. The zone directors will ask for volunteers and a second meeting will be held on **Sunday, July 6th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the City hall**, to determine if the regatta will be held this year (location to be determined). **If no one can be found to do this work, there will be no regatta this year.**

- **Gil Ratto has also stepped down as Environmental Committee director. His past efforts to organize the committee, obtain information for the association, as well as link up with various organizations, will be missed. The association wishes to thank him for his efforts. A replacement has not been found, but the committee will continue to operate.**
- **The adoption of the new board was proposed by Alan White and seconded by Sue Lavoie. All approved.**
- **John McGuiness thanked Leslie and Ron for all past efforts and work, as well as all the members of the executive committee. This motion was proposed by Gordon Southward and seconded by Alan White. All approved.**

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

- **Scott Pearce advised that there were leaflets distributed to Gore residents concerning regulations for the municipal dump, as well as for the concerts at the Church. New funds should be made available next year to improve the dump. An exchange barn is also being planned to make old appliances available to the less fortunate residents of Gore, after the appliances have been cleaned and recycled.**
- **There were 200 tests performed on the lakes in Gore again last year. These tests were done to detect blue-green algae, fecal coliform, phosphorus, etc. Scott is trying to get the federal government to be involved in providing financial help to the residents of Gore who cannot change their system due to their income level. Septic tanks were also tested and the emphasis was placed on the older septic systems. Four biology students were doing volunteer work to help out the municipality.**
- **Results of the tests will not be available to all due to privacy reasons.**
- **There are still septic systems left to be checked out on Lake Barron. The soil can be checked for saturation as well as the basement connections. Dyes can also be used to determine the condition of the septic system.**
- **New bi-laws were put into effect in May 2008 concerning grass cutting, tree planting, etc. These laws will be explained to the residents of Gore as part of an awareness program before penalties are applied.**
- **Scott is trying to propose modifications to the laws at the federal level to relate the boat motor size based on the size of the lake.**
- **Beavers are under control. One of the inspectors at the municipality has a licence to inspect beaver dams.**
- **New urban by-laws were revised by the municipality. Minimum lot size has been changed, as well as to how many lake accesses can be made available per lots. This should reduce the amount of developers in the municipality.**
- **An environmental protection day will be held again this year. The information will be communicated.**
- **A lawyer is being retained again this year to send registered letters and to take non-respondents to court. Fines are being levied at \$300 per day if property owners do not respond.**
- **Lachute may be looking for its own source of water due to the fact that blue-green algae may become a problem on the lakes feeding their water source.**
- **Cross-country trails will only be made available if the municipality purchases land for these trails.**
- **The Church Hall is almost completely renovated and will be available to residents for various activities. The house across the street, owned by the municipality, will be sold and the funds reinvested.**

- A new basketball court and hockey rink will be added to the park as well as a chalet to be combined with a day-care centre for children. The day-care centre should provide most of the revenues for maintaining the building.
- A fire-prevention day will be held again this year. Fire extinguishers will be made available to residents at lower prices and soon will be required by all households.
- Speed bumps are being added in Gore to reduce speed.
- Taxes are the lowest in Gore as compared to the other municipalities in Argenteuil.
- Emails addresses can be sent to the municipality in order to receive information via emails. Leslie proposed to send the email addresses of the LBCA association members.
- Much of this information is on the Township of Gore website (www.cantondegore.qc.ca) . Links can be made through the www.LBCA.ca website.
- Scott announced his official candidacy for the Conservative Party for Argenteuil-Papineau-Mirabel. He would like to be able to do more for the municipality this way. He will only resign as mayor if elected.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- The Profit/Loss Statement and Cash Reconciliation Reports were presented by the Treasurer, Ron Miller. Total revenues to date amount to \$3,800; total expenses of \$4,900, making a net deficit of \$1,100. There is still \$9,000 in reserve.
 - There were no one-time expenses this year.
 - 36% of LBCA members have paid their fees so far. By the end of the season, we usually have a total of 60 to 67% paid fees.
- A fee increase was proposed to be raised to \$30 in 2008. The motion was moved to be adopted by John McGuinness and seconded by Bob Milne. All were in favour.
- Environmental testing was the main expense this year.
- Phone directories will not be reprinted but are on the LBCA website. If members do not have access to the Internet, the zone directors can have those lists printed for them.
- Copies of the financial statements are available on the LBCA website.
- John McGuinness moved to adopt the Financial Report; seconded by Bob Milne. All were in favour.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

- Gilbert Ratto was not available for the meeting, but the committee are trying to coordinate their water testing with the municipality. Their role will also be redefined.
- Gil did not get a response from the provincial government for water testing. But a group to advise the committee was reserved.
- LBCA decals are available through the zone directors. These should be placed on the boats in order to reduce the quantity of boats accessing our lakes by non-residents.
- Mr. Carron is careful about the boats to which he gives access to the lake. He charges \$30 this year launch boats.
- Buoys will be replaced and purchased to be placed in front of the Tanguay property. John McGuinness moved to adopt this motion; seconded by Bob Milne. All were in favour.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- Dave Anderson is still maintaining the LBCA web site www.lbca.ca. To access confidential information the USER NAME is lbca and the PASSWORD is lbca. The Newsletter is available on the website as well as the minutes to the meetings.

- **There will be an addition to the first page of the web site in order for residents to communicate changes in addresses, etc, more easily.**
- **The fishing tournament will be held on July 26, 2008.**

REGATTA

- **To be determined at the meeting of July 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Sue will prepare a list of tasks to be done for the regatta.**

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS – SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS

- **The new zone director will be Bob Milne, taking over for Jeff Patterson.**
- **Zone directors are still required for other areas left vacant for people leaving the area.**
- **Marcella and Wayne Jordan have moved from the area. Their efforts and dedication to the association will be sorely missed.**
- **The AGM meeting next year should be moved to the month of July and held on a Sunday in order to improve the attendance.**
- **All members were concerned about the lack of volunteers to fill the tasks at hand. Leslie proposed various committees in order to alleviate the work load on each volunteer. Solutions need to be found and a general appeal is made to all in order to help resolve this situation.**

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:00 P.M.

Proposed by Bruce Campbell and seconded by Bob Milne.