

ASSOCIATION POUR L'AMELIORATION DU LAC MANITOU ET DE SES ENVIRONS (AALM)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday July 6, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Place Lagny, 2 Rue Saint-Louis, Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, QC

Board Members Present: Joyce Arsenault
Kyle Bebb
Elliot Berzan
Tim Dorey
Boyd Fuller
Tassie Fyon
Geoffrey Harling
Lyn Lalonde Lazure
John Patton
Michael Prupas
Rick Rubin
Julie Segal (via phone)

Regrets: Geoffrey Barber
George Barker
Peter Cohen
Jerry Golick
Howard Lehrer

Acting Recording Secretary: Lyn Lalonde Lazure

OPENING REMARKS

The Annual General Meeting was opened by Geoffrey Harling, President of the AALM, at 10:10 a.m. welcoming and thanking all in attendance. Geoffrey Harling acknowledged and thanked Mayor Daniel Charest and municipal councillors Jean-Claude Beliveau and David Lisbona, for their attendance and participation, as well as welcoming Stephen Takacsy, President of Conservation Manitou and introducing Jessica Krejcik, Liaison Officer, Bleu Laurentides.

MAYOR'S PRESENTATION

Ivry Sur-Le-Lac Mayor Daniel Charette thanked those in attendance and briefly commented on the current lawsuit with the Association des Pêcheurs Sportifs du Québec (APSQ). He advised that the file was in a holding pattern while the municipality waits for a response from the APSQ. Mayor Charette was asked which lawyer and firm are representing the municipality. David Lisbona responded that Maitre George Pollack, a resident of Ivry-sur-le-Lac, with the law firm Davis Ward Phillips & Vineberg, is representing the municipality.

Several residents raised concerns of the increasing lack of respect of the boating regulations, particularly in regard to compliance with the water-ski hours. Questions were raised concerning the municipality's enforcement of boating laws and regulations, and concerning boating safety. A discussion ensued with several recommendations for consideration including the creation of a new Boat Safety Committee and hiring a seasonal worker on weekends to monitor the boating activity on the lake during the summer period. It was also noted that it is not the role of residents to monitor the compliance of boating rules and regulations.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The approval of the 2018 AALM AGM minutes was proposed by Tim Dorey, seconded by Julie Dawson and was passed unanimously.

The waiving of the reading of the 2018 AALM AGM minutes was proposed by Michael Gold, seconded by Rick Rubin and was passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Geoffrey Harling indicated that there was no new business arising from the 2018 AGM minutes.

AGENDA

The agenda was distributed to all in attendance, no new business was added.

APPROVAL OF BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Geoffrey Harling indicated that there were no new by-law amendments for the present year.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Geoffrey Harling presented the financial statements for the year-end March 31, 2019. There was an increase in revenue over the previous year from \$9,240.00 to \$10,200.00. He also indicated that donations were similar to the previous year, going from \$2,295.00 in 2017/2018 to \$2,166.00 in 2018/2019.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Geoffrey Harling welcomed all residents to the 107th annual meeting of the AALM. He reaffirmed his commitment to the AALM and mandate. He thanked the Executive Committee, Lyn Lalonde Lazure, Harold Lehrer, Michael Prupas and Rick Rubin for their assistance during the year. It was announced that Harold Lehrer was stepping down from the Executive Committee, but would remain a board member. Geoffrey Harling acknowledged and thanked Harold for his dedication and huge contribution to the AALM.

Geoffrey Harling advised that the AALM and Conservation Manitou have created a joint committee to work with the municipality with respect to the legal proceedings instituted against the municipality by the APSQ.

Geoffrey Harling also reported the AALM was actively researching boat washing best practises, in collaboration with the municipality, as one important preventative measure against Eurasian Milfoil and thanked George Barker, Elliot Berzan, Kyle Bebb and Peter Cohen for their work in this regard. Geoffrey Harling acknowledged and thanked the town council and the Director General, Josiane Alarie, for collaborating with the AALM on these critical issues. It was recommended that the AALM collaborate with neighbouring lakes, to consider the possibility of establishing a joint boat washing facility.

Geoffrey Harling also recognized the contribution of board members and thanked Matt Stotland for his work on maintaining the website; Jerry Golick for managing communications and keeping the membership informed by emails; John Patton, George Barker and Kyle Bebb for managing the water testing; Kyle Bebb, Peter Cohen and Tim Dorey for placing the buoys on the lake; Michael Prupas and the Trails Committee for their organization of the annual trail clearing day and organization of winter and summer hikes. Geoffrey Harling also thanked Julie Segal for resurrecting the Environmental Committee.

Jessica Krejcik, agente de liaison du Conseil régional de l'environnement (CRE) des Laurentides, was introduced. Jessica has launched an environmental awareness campaign focusing on the protection of shorelines. Jessica has and will be reaching out to residents during the summer months to offer shoreline assessments and recommendations. Geoffrey Harling encouraged everyone to welcome Jessica and take advantage of the opportunity to meet with her.

Geoffrey Harling concluded by reiterating the request for donations to support the activities of the AALM.

Stephen Takacsy was invited to summarize the actions proposed to the municipality by Conservation Manitou in conjunction with the AALM to address the APSQ lawsuit. Stephen provided a sequential description of the initiatives taken to date.

DISCUSSION ON EURASIAN MILFOIL AND PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Geoffrey Harling reported that the proliferation and risk of Eurasian milfoil continues to be a central topic of great concern. The APSQ lawsuit adds to the urgency of proactively finding solutions to mitigate this risk, including the prevention of any contamination by boats and other water craft. It was noted that over 40 lakes in the Laurentians have been affected by Eurasian milfoil.

Geoffrey Harling also reported the AALM was actively researching best practices for boat washing as one important preventative measure against Eurasian milfoil and thanked Elliot Brazen, Kyle Bebb, George Barker and Peter Cohen for their work in this regard, visiting several boat washing facilities and researching best practises. It was recommended to collaborate with neighbouring lakes to assess the possibility of jointly establishing a boat washing facility.

A discussion ensued concerning preventative measures and the consequences to home valuation should Eurasian milfoil invade Lac Manitou. Many observations, opinions and recommendations were shared.

WATER QUALITY REPORT

John Patton reported that the Water Quality Committee conducted three tests on Lac Manitou on August 8, 2018 and conducted three tests on Lac Fer à Cheval and two on Lac de la Grise on August 21, 2018.

John Patton advised that Lac Manitou water testing results were excellent showing no problem locations. Lac Fer à Cheval had the usual very high read at the mouth of the stream flowing out of the lake. Two additional tests taken further down the lake were clean. Lac de la Grise tests were higher than normal but still in the acceptable range. It was noted that weather plays a major role in these tests. The later tests were done after a rain storm which accounts for higher readings.

ASSOCIATION'S PROPERTY REPORT

Geoffrey Harling reported that work on the AALM property, notably painting of the gazebo, has been completed. He noted that the gazebo and dock are in good shape and there has been a reduction of overflow of water from the municipality's gathering pool.

TRAIL COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Prupas reported that the Trail Committee organized four winter hikes, one of which, the annual hike with Valdurn, was cancelled due to extreme cold weather conditions. Two summer hikes have been scheduled for this summer. The first is being held on Saturday, July 20, 2019, commencing at 10:00am at the trailhead of the Adams Trail. The second hike is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 2019 commencing at 10:00am to discover the Barbara Richardson Nature Reserve.

Michael reported that the trail clearing day was a huge success with great participation from the Manitou community. He noted in addition to working on the trails, a bridge was built this year on the Prupas trail to replace a rotting and dangerous structure. Michael thanked the members of the Trail Committee.

Michael also thanked Howard Stotland for hosting and opening his home once again to over 70 people for a party at the conclusion of the trail clearing day.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Julie Segal reported via phone that initiatives and activities have been organized for this summer to educate and create awareness of the environment. Julie is working with the Lake Manitou Community Center (LMCC) summer program Director to introduce environmental awareness activities, the first of which is the creation of a community garden. Julie noted that she is looking into possible future activities such as property tours and property clean up. Julie encouraged anyone interested in joining the committee to contact her.

BUOY COMMITTEE REPORT

Kyle Bebb reported that all the buoys and channel markers have been installed. He advised that the prominent rocks have been identified with buoys, but cautioned that not all protruding rocks can be identified.

CLOSING

In closing, Geoffrey Harling thanked everyone for their attendance and participation, and acknowledged the passing of several Lac Manitou residents in the past year including:

Jennifer Patton

Ann Johnson

Donna **A???**

Elinore Roast

Closing of the meeting was proposed by Annie Rubin and seconded by Alice Lehrer; the meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.