

Association pour l'amélioration du Lac Manitou et de ses environs (AALM)
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Saturday, July 10, 2021
9:00-11:00
Via Zoom

Board Members in Attendance:

Joyce Arsenault
Kyle Bebb
Elliot Berzan
Peter Cohen
Tim Dorey
Boyd Fuller
Tassie Fyon
Jerry Golick
Geoffrey Harling
Lyn Lalonde Lazure
Harold Lehrer
John Patton
Michael Prupas
Rick Rubin
Michael Vineberg

Board Members Absent:

George Barker

Members and non-member participation:

Approximately 47 households

AGM Meeting Minutes

1. President's Welcome

Michael Prupas, AALM President, opened the AGM at 9:18am and welcomed all participants. It was announced that the meeting is being recorded.

2. Approval of the 2020 Annual General Meeting minutes

Approval of the 2020 AALM AGM minutes was proposed by Michael Prupas, seconded by Michel Lazure and was passed unanimously. There was no new business arising from the 2020 AGM.

3. Financial report, Michael Vineberg

Michael Vineberg, Treasurer, reported that our financial situation continues to be strong and provided the key financial metrics and membership up-date highlighting:

- 2021 annual due invoices were automatically generated April 1st, the beginning of our fiscal year, with reminders sent in May and June
- as of the end of June, 168 members (households) out of 265 had paid their dues
- 46% of the membership paid last years dues by e-transfer option, saving on banking fees
- our cash balance as of July 10, 2021, is \$36,900.00

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Income Statement

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	<u>(03/31/21)</u>	<u>(03/31/20)</u>
Revenue	\$15,825	\$11,145
Expenses	<u>\$8,768</u>	<u>\$ 5,076</u>
Net Income	\$7,057	\$ 6,069

Balance Sheet

Assets	\$25,764	\$18,557
Liabilities	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 101</u>
Equity	\$25,764	\$18,456

Michael encouraged all AALM members to pay their annual membership dues using the link that was included in the email circulated, or by e-transfer to info@aalm.ca using the password *Manitou*. Michael thanked all the members whose dues are paid.

Michael thanked Dennis Waite for assisting us in the preparation and filing of our tax returns for a second year in a row.

Michael Prupas thanked all the members present for their continuous support for the AALM.

4. Municipal Affaires, Mayor Daniel Charest

Michael Prupas welcomed Mayor Charest and invited Mayor Charest to provide a status report on municipal affaires. The mayor expressed his commitment to preservation of our trails. He advised members that the MRC des Laurentides agreed to a program for the future protection of the trails in the entire MRC region. No details were provided.

Mayor Charest noted that this is an election year and would be running again for mayor. He hoped to continue his mandate for the next 4 years.

A few questions were raised by residents. The first regarding the proximity of trails to homes and impact of break-ins. The mayor was unable to comment stating he was unaware of the sector in question.

Several questions were raised concerning the protection of the Nantel trail and the impact of excessive cutting, specifically on the Forget property. With regard to protection of trails the mayor responded that the municipality could intervene by sensitizing residents and revoking permits, however, he did not provide a concrete plan.

A question was raised asking about potential increase in taxes. The mayor indicated that he did not anticipate an increase in taxes despite a significant increase in the 2023 agglomeration budget.

The mayor was asked about new regulations for outdoor lighting. He stated that he was unaware of any new regulations.

The mayor was asked to outline the priorities for the council and to give an overview of current issues and projects being addressed. The mayor said the list was too long and did not elaborate.

Michael thanked Mayor Charest for his time.

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5. President's report, Michael Prupas

Michael reported that the AALM executive have been proactively addressing the clear cutting on the Nantel trail and protection of the trails in general, and have been in discussion with the municipality to address this issue.

An amendment to Article 4.2 of the AALM By Laws, Associate Membership, was proposed to modify the associate member category to better manage access to our trails, the conditions of the trails and distribution of the trails map. After a lengthy discussion, the resolution for amendment was proposed by Joyce Arsenault, seconded by Alice Lehrer and passed by the membership.

The passed amendment reads as follows:

Article 4.2. Associate membership of the AALM on a non-voting basis will be offered to non-residents of Ivry-sur-le-Lac upon satisfaction of the following conditions: a) that they have expressed in writing a willingness to support the goals of the AALM; b) that they have their application supported by at least 3 Ivry-sur-le-Lac resident AALM members in good standing; c) that they have agreed to pay the annual dues of the AALM. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Board of Directors of the AALM can reject any non-resident Associate membership application by majority vote at a duly constituted meeting of the Directors. Furthermore, any non-resident who is already a member of the AALM as at the date of entry into force of the amendment (July 10, 2021) will be entitled to maintain that membership as long as such non-resident continues to pay membership dues on an annual basis.

Michael confirmed Venture Vanadium, who had acquired the mining rights to the inactive open pit mine on the northeast side of the lake, informally known as the old Titanium mine, as well as rights to mine an extended area bordering on Highway 117, had been sold and at this juncture there is no indication that any mining or mineral exploration is planned.

It was noted that the municipality had proposed to adopt a schéma d'aménagement through the MRC des Laurentides, to prohibit mining in the municipality of Ivry-sur-le-Lac. Michael explained the process to adopt a schéma d'aménagement is lengthy ending with a final review by the provincial government before approval. There is no further update on this and no news on the status of this file. The AALM will continue to actively monitor this.

6. Boating Committee report, Boyd Fuller

Boyd reported that a group of residents have informally met to discuss some of the boating issues raised last summer and to explore actions to be taken to improve awareness, knowledge and education. Concerns had been raised by residents relating to an increase in towing activities being conducted outside the Federally sanctioned hours (10:00-12:00 and 16:00-19:00) and the impact of "big wave boating" on the safety of other watercraft, damage to property and the shoreline, and potential risk to wildlife. Boyd reported that the group has met several times. The committee will produce a video this summer focusing on a boating policy, safety, nautical rules and respect, which will be shared with the community at large.

It was remarked that there has been less boat activity this summer than in 2020 and as such, less discord. Some residents expressed their disagreement with this remark. Concerns over "big wave boating" were raised again as an important topic to be addressed. Discussion and different points of view followed concerning enforcement of rules, speed limits, new buoys, impact of wake boat activity and the nautical patrol.

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It was suggested by a few residents that the municipality take a proactive role in informing and educating new residents of the municipal bylaws, nautical regulations and other pertinent information, in the form of a welcome package.

7. Trail Committee report, Joyce Arsenault

The Trail Committee includes the following AALM members: Joyce Arsenault, Chairperson, Alice Lehrer, Vice-Chairperson, Michael Prupas, Mauricio Idarraga, Dan Knafo, Matt Stotland, Stephen Takacsy, and Cameron Hogg-Tisshaw.

Joyce reported that there are approximately 100 members registered to use the trails.

Several hikes are being planned for the coming year including:

July 17, 2021- Horseshoe Lake and Hanging Rock

August 28, 2021 – Barbara Richardson Reserve

September 25, 2021 – Mel Prupas

Trail clearing is scheduled for October 23rd, 2021. Joyce asked members who are out on the trails to observe the condition of the trails and pass on information to her or any member of the committee.

One member observed that the compatibility of snowshoes and cross-country skis on trails in the winter was problematic, particularly for skiers. It was asked that the trail committee consider how this can be addressed for the benefit of both snowshoers and skiers. It was suggested the AALM contact the Valdurn resident's committee, who are dealing with the same issue.

Joyce thanked the members of the Trail Committee and also recognized the contributions of many members who maintain the trails continuously throughout the year.

8. Manitou Arts and Culture Committee report, Jerry Golick

The Manitou Arts and Culture Committee includes the following AALM members: Jerry Golick, Chairperson, Howard Stotland, Alan Coopersmith, Gaby Opas and Veronica Baruffati.

Jerry reported that several community events have been planned for the coming summer months:

July 18, 2021 – Mushroom workshop, organized by Betty Prupas, being held over 3 days

July 24, 2021 – Broadway sur-le-Lac, organized by the Stotland family in support of the Segal Center

August 14, 2021 – Vernissage à la plage

November 26, 2021 – Gin Tasting Zoom event, organized by Kathy Swim

Jerry encouraged members to connect with him to recommend topics of interest and/or events.

9. Buoys Committee report, Tim Dorey

Tim reported that all the buoys have been installed, in collaboration with the municipality, including 11 new buoys indicating speed limits and towing hours. Various opinions were expressed about the new buoys (the number, the placement, the design and impact) in support of the buoys and in opposition.

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10. Water Quality Testing report, John Patton

John reported that 10 water tests had been done, with samples taken from separate locations on Lac Manitou, and the overall results of the water testing continues to be excellent.

As in past years John noted a couple of testing areas of the lake, those closest to swamps and wetlands and the input stream from Horseshoe Lake, continue to generate negligible fecal coliform readings. John reported other than these testing spots the lake; water fecal coliform results are excellent. John reported that on-going testing will occur annually with testing planned at points corresponding to new construction on the lake.

Lac de la Grise was also tested for coliform levels and John reported the findings were satisfactory.

11. Closing

In closing Michael noted that a petition led by Matt Stotland asking the municipality to increase measures to protect the trail system, was being circulated to Ivry residents. Michael confirmed that the AALM supported this petition and invited members to review the petition and sign.

Michael Prupas thanked all the members for their continued support of the AALM and for their attendance at the AGM.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:28am.