



The South Channel Association- Georgian Bay

Founded 1974

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010 AGENDA

August 1, 2010 – Glen Burney Marina

Total members present – 53

Eliana Wheeler appointed Secretary for this Meeting

1. Meeting opened by Ryan Tarrant at 10:10 a.m. with announcements and welcome. Thank you to all attendees and to Glen Burney Marina for supplying the facility. A special thank you to Liane Black for her work as Treasurer.

2. REPORTS

- a) **President's Report:** Ryan Tarrant thanked the members for their support and especially the Executive Directors for their work over the year. Ryan talked about his experience on the Executive and the time he has spent as our SCA President. It is time to step down as President and he looks forward to working with the new Executive as Past President.
- b) **Treasurer's Report:** The Financial report was distributed and reviewed by Liane Black.

Our working capital = \$ 6,746.27
Contingency Fund = \$ 7,562.82
Total Balance as May 31, 2010 = \$14,309.09

Liane Black moved acceptance of the financial statement as distributed.
Seconded by Terry Zanussi. Carried.

- c) **Membership Report:** Stephen Blundy stated that membership is holding steady with 100 members. Stephen talked about the need for new volunteers as after 10 years this will be his last year as Membership Chair. Stephen would like someone to come forward to take this position and work with him and his wife Pat for the next year.

- d) **GBA Report:** Claudette Chabot's report given by Paul Morgan. A brief outline is as follows (the full report is available with the Executive Minutes).

The GBA work on our behalf in many areas and the executive is a representation from all the Cottage Associations such as

- Boating and Safety – Chair Stephen Murch (Honey Harbour)
- Fisheries, including cage aquaculture – Chair John Wilson (Manitou)
- Lands and Forest – Chair Wendy Parker (Cognashene)
- Water – Chair Stephen Elliot (Sturgeon Bay)
- Government Affairs – Chair Ted Cowan (Bay of Islands)
- Governance, includes providing legal advice on documents and procedures as necessary – Chair Sue Grundy (Madawaska Club at Go Home Bay)
- Communications – Chair Rupert Kindersley (Sans Souci)

Promotion of the GBA and SCA: Paul Morgan stated that \$40.00 of our \$65.00 membership fees go directly to the GBA. The report previously read regarding the GBA tells it all. Read your GBA Newsletter when it comes in, it is full of information. We need to get out there and tell our neighbours about the SCA and how important it is to our cottage area. Is there a new cottager near you?

- f) **Water Quality Report:** Lance Topping handed out a report on the Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program for 2009 Sampling Data for the Township of The Archipelago. The full report is available with the Executive Minutes and Lance has offered to email out the report to anyone who did not receive it.

Bottom line is that we are doing much better with our water quality control over the last few years. Please keep at your neighbours “IF YOU CAN'T PUT IT IN YOUR MOUTH, DON'T PUT IT IN THE WATER” **It is working!**

For information on this report and/or the volunteer water quality monitoring program in The Archipelago, please contact Ted Thompson at the Township of The Archipelago.

- g) **Marketing Report:** *NEW THIS YEAR* – Ceramic Mugs \$5.00 each. No new wearing apparel purchased this year as we still have a supply of T-Shirts and Hoodies.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Concern regarding the Island Queen** - Paul Morgan was called by a concerned cottager recently regarding the new route for the Island Queen and the wake the Island Queen throws against hi dock. Paul checked out the situation and suggested to the cottager that the cottager call the Island Queen authority with their concerns. If things don't change, the SCA will contact the Island Queen authority on their behalf to try and correct the situation. So far, the cottager has been satisfied with the co-operation from the Island Queen authority.

- b) **Fire Pumps/extinguishers/smoke & C02 detectors** – Paul Morgan made a list and contacted owners of fire pumps regarding their pump activity. He suggested that all fire pumps be checked out each year and maintenance performed as required. Fire extinguishers need to be ‘recharged’ every 5 or 6 years. Check your out for last date renewed. Also Smoke Detectors and C02 Detectors should be used in all your buildings. Safety should be first on your list at the cottage, the same as at your home.
- c) **SCA Volunteers required to distribute Membership Boxes.** The SCA Executive are looking for an individual or individuals who would be willing to go to all cottagers not listed as a member of the SCA and give them a package containing information on the SCA. An honorarium will be provided.
- d) **Presentation** - Stephen Blundy presented a Thank You Plaque to Ryan Tarrant in recognition of his six years of service as our SCA President.
- e) **Question to the floor to change the date of the South Channel Association Annual General Meeting.**

It is been brought to the attention of the executive that some members are not attending the AGM because it is the long weekend of August and that is their family visitors time. It was requested that the date be changed.

Comments from the floor

- don’t believe the date change would make a difference in the number of attendees.
- Although several families here today have guests at their cottage this weekend it is easier to come on a long weekend and leave guests at the cottage than it is on a short weekend.
- Email request sent out with only one (1) reply stating they know a couple of families that would be here if not on the long weekend.

After much discussion the members were asked to vote with a show of hands - it was decided that we should stay with the long weekend of August, however, a survey will be sent out one more time with the membership forms. The Executive will then make a final decision.

4. Nominations for New Executive members. The by-laws state that the Directors be made up of 8 members. Four new members are required for the 2010-2011 term.

Barry Wheeler nominated Gervis Black, seconded by Deni Reed. Gervis Black accepted nomination.

Gervis Black nominated Eliana Wheeler, seconded by Pat Blundy. Eliana Wheeler accepted nomination.

Isabelle Kopec nominated Grace Kopec. Grace Kopec accepted nomination.

Patti Ambrossa nominated John McAllister. John McAllister accepted nomination.

Gerivs Black, Eliana Wheeler, Grace Kopec and John McAllister were welcomed on the Executive of the 2010-2011 SCA.

Terry Zanussi volunteered to be the hospitality chair for the next AGM 2011. Thank you Terry.

Other Business From the membership:

Patti Ambrossia commented about the Devils Elbow Dump.

Patti Ambrossia's cottage is closest to the Devils Elbow Dump, since the new fence went up there has been problems at the dump. Although we have a wonderful young man looking after the site during published hours, some cottagers are leaving their garbage on the dock when the dump is not supervised although the gate is not locked at this time. Patti's concern is that not only can bears get onto the dock, but that the Ministry of Natural Resources could use this abuse as a reason to close the dump entirely.

- Rick Zanussi agreed that this type of abuse of the dump site would give the Ministry 'just cause' to close the dump.
- Ted Christie suggested that if cottagers see this happen, they should write down the boat license number and possibly the offenders name and report this to the Archipelago.
- Liane Black suggested that if this becomes a serious problem that maybe cottagers should make a roster and police the Devils Elbow site during off hours for a month.
- Bill Prout offered to donate a solar panel for a camera to be installed at the Devils Elbow site.
- Other suggestion – that a sign stating the cost to the taxpayer be posted if garbage is not sorted properly.

5. Time to hear from the candidates standing for election for the Township of the Archipelago this fall.

Lisa McCron – new candidate, along with present councillors Ted Christie, John Seagram and Ric Zanussi each had 10 minutes to talk about themselves and answer questions from the floor. All candidates are Past Presidents of their local Cottage Association and each bring personal interest and passion regarding current issues as cottagers. Thank you to the candidates for attending our AGM. **GET OUT AN VOTE!**

Meeting closed at 12:00 noon followed by draws and lunch.

Total receipts from the draws = \$500.00

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