



## **2017 AGM Minutes**

**DATE:**        **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**TIME:**        **Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cash bar**

**MEETING:** **7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**PLACE:** Library

Centre Wakefield La Pêche,  
38 Valley Drive Wakefield, Quebec J0X 3G0

### **AGENDA**

#### Opening:

President Gaye Moffett introduced the Executive: Steve Kulba, Francine Fillion, Steve Hoogenraad, Sue Timmins, Melissa Saunders, Gavin Schnobb, and Jean-Charles Hudon. Gaye also thanked Bruno Lobrichon for his translation and Paul Hays our webmaster.

#### **1. Memorial Announcements (Gaye Moffett)**

Gaye announced that Mr. Kenneth Balharrie passed away.  
Eunice Dawson is turning 100 on 17 November.

#### **2. Municipal Elections -5 min political pitches by candidates for La Pêche Municipal Council.**

Running for Mayor:

Guillaume Lamoureux

He is an Environmental Engineer at the MRC Vallée-de-la-Gatineau who works in the Hygiene Department. He has attended many Environmental group meetings. Guillaume wants to have the municipality present at the table with environmental organizations. He is aware of the budget allocation problem with roads in our ward. He hopes that everyone will come out and vote on Sunday.

Mayor Robert Bussière

He wants to hopefully increase the grants to cottagers associations. He feels that he has done much to help lake health by supporting the testing of septic systems and working with lake associations like ours on a variety of issues. He brought up a new by-law that allows the majority of owners on a road to choose to have the municipality maintain private roads in winter and summer. This requires a petition. The municipality can now also take over ownership of a road if it is first brought up to municipal standards.

Running for Councilor:

Marc Desrochers

He has been a ward 5, resident since 1999. Worked as a tool and die maker and with union groups. He then became a farmer on the side. He has lots of union experience. He is now retired and has the time to work for our ward. He believes in inclusiveness and transparency in municipal politics.

Ian McClatchey

Ian lives in Rupert and went to school here. He has a farm on Shouldice Road and a young family. He's concerned about the resource distribution between wards. He wants people to vote and to register to vote.

Pam Ross

Pam is a lifelong resident of La Pêche. She works in federal politics. She has three kids. She has a great deal of experience working in political situations. Pam Emphasized the importance of municipal politics because it impacts people daily. She is a member and director on a lake association. For her, transparency and time sensitive communication are priorities. She also emphasized the importance of voting.

There were some questions from our members:

Lawrence McClelland, asked about the resource split by number of voters in each ward. Mayor Bussière answered that provincial law regulates how ward boundaries are set. People can register a year before an election and have to do so in person at the municipal offices. Once you're registered, you remain on the list.

Gaye thanked all the candidates for coming.

Don Butler proposed a motion to accept the minutes of our Spring meeting. Melissa Saunders seconded. Acceptance of our Spring Meeting minutes passed.

Reports:

**3. Treasurer (Gavin Schnobb & Melissa Saunders):**

Melissa introduced herself as helping Gavin with the financial statements for the Association.

There were several Key points:

The Clubhouse Fund was used up in 2016 by the renovations done. \$7000 in repairs and maintenance. The Income and Operating Expenses remained consistent year over year.

The Environment fund experienced an increase in Donations of \$4000.

The Security Fund, includes net assets of \$500.

The Association has enjoyed a modest increase in cash due to memberships and donations this year.

A tax reassessment for 2019 to hunt camp status for the association properties will reduce our taxes into the future.

There were two questions about the value of the Clubhouse and about the amount of expense. An answer was postponed until the Clubhouse report.

A motion to approve the report of the 2015-2016 Financial Statements was proposed by Gavin Schnobb and seconded by Steve Kulba. One member voted against, one member abstained and the motion passed.

A motion was proposed by Gaye Moffett That the year end of the Association be changed from Sept 30<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. This will result in the 2017 year financial Statements will capture a 15-month period and will make it easier for the treasurer to compile financial statements. Jackie Fitzpatrick seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

#### **4. Environment (JC Hudon):**

Jean-Charles Hudon has been involved lately with putting in yellow buoys to discourage people from driving boats through heavy milfoil areas on the lake.

He told members about a proposed Political Action Lobbying Campaign he wishes to join due to the province rejecting the use of sand to hold down burlap in the lake combat Eurasian Milfoil. The province wants us to use rocks to hold down the burlap so they can be removed in 5 years. ABVdes7 has been advising that lake associations be allowed to use sand which is more cost effective for our private sector partners to use to hold down the material.

Jean-Charles arranged for Giorgio Vecco, the director of ABVdes7, to speak to us at the meeting. Giorgio believes in collaboration from all political levels: municipal, Ministry of Fauna, Ministry of Environment, universities, etc on a large scale. He believes that compromise is needed from all stakeholders. The sand issue is based on an old law meant to keep people from building beaches on lakes and destroying habitat. Giorgio pointed out that the Milfoil has already destroyed habitat as invasive species and that adding sand to hold down burlap will help restore, not destroy habitat. The ultimate goal is to manage milfoil which we will always now have to some extent.

Jean-Charles wants to start a campaign to pressure politicians on this issue and asks the Association members for their approval. Jean-Charles Hudon proposed a motion to write letters to pressure politicians on the milfoil issue. The motion was seconded by Jake Blair. There was one against, one abstention, and the motion passed.

## **5. Membership (Steve Kulba & Francine Filion)**

Steve reported that last year we had around 247-8 members. Now we are at 255 including pledges. Steve thinks that it is entirely possible that we can get up to 270.

Of our membership fees, around \$20 goes to core services, so with the new membership rate we went from allocating \$15 to Environment (or Security) up to \$30. Now with the arrangement with the municipality, in terms of matching funds, we are actually getting \$60 for a \$50 membership.

Francine and Steve have created a survey to check the pulse of the membership on the lake. It will be distributed online in the future.

## **6. Security (Rick Soderstrom)**

Rick reported that there have been few, if any, break ins going on at the lake. He pointed out that we are a private lake with no public access points. There are six private access areas that were being used by non-owners. They were gated a few years ago. One came open again this year and Rick negotiated with stakeholders to have it closed and fixed successfully. It has most recently been repaired by a stakeholder who owns a backhoe.

## **7. Regatta/Community Day (Carrie & Chris Ault)**

Carrie reported that we had another successful regatta this year. The profits were \$1100. She estimated that attendance was down 30% due to the weather. She's happy to report that her team is ready to run the regatta again in 2018.

Carrie also recommends that the Association's trophies should be stored in a location where they are viewable for more than just the day of the Regatta. One idea is to install a case at the clubhouse to display them. A secure case. She also wondered if there were any capable woodworkers around to build a new base for the Ella Cawthray trophy.

## **8. Clubhouse (Gaye Moffett)**

Gaye reported that weather was an issue this year for attendance but still averaged 25-30 people at the bingos and casino night this year.

Update on Right of Way issue

Gaye and Rick talked the issue of the Clubhouse Right of Way over one of the Clubhouse neighbours. The Association is of the opinion that one neighbour has encroached on our right of way which makes it so that the Association cannot enjoy our legal right of access to the lake to put in a dock for members on the North Shore to access Clubhouse events. Don Butler went with Gaye and Rick and got a legal opinion from the Association's lawyer. We could seek judicial judgment on this. A Letter was written to the neighbour. Rick delivered it November 1. If there isn't resolution to this issue, the Association will pursue legal action as this issue devalues Association property and makes it impossible to enjoy or dispose of our property.

## **9. History Committee (Gaye Moffett)**

Not much to report. Gaye encourages anyone with stories of the lake to contact her.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Nominations Report (Gaye Moffett)**

Executive continuing to stand for another year. Gaye proposed a motion to accept the executive that was seconded by Don Butler. The motion passed.

### **2. Use of Fireworks by Association members**

The Association will find out what the bylaws are for La Peche concerning this issue. Gaye promised to include an update in the spring President's Letter and on our website.

### **3. Voting information**

There was a request from members that the Association post information on voting and how to get on the electoral list for the next municipal election.

### **4. Beavers**

There was some discussion about the holistic management of our lake's beaver population as it affects us all. There was also commentary about the Association's ability to control water levels. The Association does not have the right to manipulate water levels of the lake, nor does any individual.

### **5. Meeting place...**

There was discussion about the high cost of holding our Spring Meeting at the RA Centre in Ottawa vs moving it to the Wakefield Community Centre. There are significant savings in doing this as RA Centre was costing us over \$800.

Jackie Fitzpatrick proposed a motion to hold our Spring Meeting in Wakefield. This was seconded by Joann Price. The motion passed.

### **6. Portapotty issues**

The Association owns three portapotties. We can't find anyone to empty them. We ask that if any members know a company that services them, to please contact us with the information.

## **Adjournment 9:30pm**



## **AVIS D'ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE 2017**

**DATE : Mercredi 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 2017**

**LIEU :** Bibliothèque  
Centre Wakefield La Pêche  
38, chemin Valley, Wakefield (Québec) JoX 3Go

**ACTIVITÉ SOCIALE : de 18 h à 19 h. Bar payant**

**RÉUNION : De 19 h à 21 h**

### **ORDRE DU JOUR**

#### Ouverture :

Présentation de l'Exécutif par Gaye Moffett, présidente

1. Avis de décès (Gaye Moffett)
2. Rapports :
3. Trésorier (Gavin Schnobb & Melissa Saunders) :
  - Approbation des états financiers pour la fin de l'exercice 2016 et mise à jour des états financiers pour la fin de l'exercice 2017
4. Environnement (J.C. Hudon) :
  - Campagne d'action politique
5. Adhésions (Steve Kulba & Francine Filion)
6. Sécurité (Rick Soderstrom)
7. Régate/Journée communautaire (Carrie Ault)
8. Clubhouse (Gaye Moffett)
  - Mise à jour sur la question du droit de passage
9. Comité de l'histoire (Gaye Moffett)
10. Mises à jour du site Web (Paul Hays)

#### Affaires nouvelles :

1. Rapport sur les mises en candidature (Gaye Moffett)
2. Utilisation de feux d'artifice par les membres de l'Association
3. Castors
4. Lieu de réunion - Centre RA ou Centre communautaire de Wakefield?

Avis de motion : Que la fin de l'exercice de l'Association passe du 30 septembre au 31 décembre de chaque année. Il en résultera que les états financiers de l'année 2017 couvriront 15 mois.

#### Levée de la séance

Kiosques : Marchandises et renouvellement des adhésions durant la réunion.