



ASSOCIATION PERKINS-SUR-LE-LAC

APRROVED MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2002 LAC BATAILLE BEACH

Officers Presiding:

- President: Gail Bradshaw, President
- David Hodgkin, Treasurer
- Tim Naumetz, Secretary

Registration 10:00 am to 10:25 am.
Meeting convened at 10:25 am.
Attendance sheet shows 138 members present.

1.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted as presented.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – MEETING OF JULY 21, 2001

Proposed by: Constance Hudak
Seconded by: Paul Strigner

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3.0 PRESIDENT'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT

3.1 President's Report

Gail Bradshaw gave her president's report, reminding members of the Association's goals of environmental protection and fire safety and saying there would be no more asphalt on Chemin Blackburn this year. Gail mentioned increased problems with mess around garbage bins. France Joncas noted that pickup in the past was door-to-door, and asked if there was a way the Association could ask the municipality to make it carte blanche door to door in all areas. Laurent Roy commented that was not possible because the Association cannot assume responsibility for damage to roads or vehicles. Laurent said cottage owners along individual roads must give authority for road access to garbage trucks.

Gail Bradshaw then introduced the other members of the Executive Committee who were present at the meeting. She then explained the five Association regulations for the ownership and management of the roads it acquired from developer Guy Audet. There was discussion among members about the Association's liability for the roads and the limits of its responsibility for damage on them.

Dan Bédard asked if property owners could write the Association to authorize garbage pickup on individual roads. Laurent Roy replied yes. During further discussion, Laurent Roy pointed out that property owners are responsible to maintain the roads in their neighbourhoods and must order the gravel, or grading, and pay for the work, as has always been the case.

Judy Laws asked about an unsightly garbage situation on Chemin Blackburn. Laurent Roy pointed out individual complaints must be made with the municipality. During further discussion, it was suggested that members could also inform the Association of complaints they have made to the municipality.

Gail Bradshaw informed the meeting about plans to hold the August 3 garage sale and the Association's 40th anniversary celebrations at the Beach.

3.2 Treasurer's Report

David Hodgkin delivered the treasurer's report, noting that the rock fence at the Bataille Beach cost \$2,200. Members applauded the decision to install rocks instead of a wood fence. The Treasurer also pointed out the executive decision to set aside \$1,000 for a future water quality study and reduce the cost of fish stocking by the same amount. David predicted a surplus of \$1,600 if membership continues at the same record levels.

John Smith asked how long fish stocking has been taking place. David Hodgkin replied at least ten years, while other members said it has been going on longer. John Smith asked if any study has ever been done to determine the effect of fish stocking on the ecology of the lake. There have apparently been none.

Discussion ensued about how many of the property owners on the lakes are members of the Association. David Hodgkin explains he obtained his list of owners from the municipality but does not feel it is right to put the list on the Association web site out of privacy concerns. Gail Bradshaw suggests forming a committee later to inquire into getting a list of all property owners from the municipality.

David Hodgkin raised the Executive Committee's earlier decision to ask the members to approve a \$5 increase in the \$35 annual membership fee. He said it would bring in \$1000 in further revenue.

Proposed By: *Cindy Burke*
Seconded By: *Barb Gamble*

THAT the Association's membership fee be increased by \$5.00, for a total of \$40.00 per year.

**CARRIED,
With two votes against**

Proposed by: *Roland Bertrand*
Seconded by: *France Joncas*

THAT the PSSL Treasurer's report be adopted.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

4.0 MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS' REPORT

Gail Bradshaw informed the meeting that representatives from the municipality the Executive had invited to attend the meeting could not come.

5.0 FOLLOW-UP OF THE WATER QUALITY OF OUR LAKES

Gail Bradshaw turned the discussion over to David Kerluke, who gave a lengthy brief on discussions he had with Eco-Guide, a company that specializes in gathering scientific data from lakes to determine their level of nutrients and environmental state.

David stated he had obtained advice that it is unlikely zebra mussels could establish themselves in the PSSL areas because of the geology. Kerluke explained the results of a series of tests for coliform bacteria the Executive conducted earlier in the summer, with results being excellent with low counts of between two and six organisms per one hundred millilitres. However, the samples were taken after a period of no precipitation, and might have been higher if taken after a rainfall.

Kerluke discussed the high number of algal blooms in Bataille and Rhéaume this summer. Paul Strigner reported there are no algal blooms in Lac Barnes. He noted that algae growth can be directly related to high nutrient levels in lakes.

David explained the proposal he had developed to hire a consultant, Eco-Guide, to analyze the lakes to assess their nutrient levels and likely sources of nutrients. For three lakes, Rhéaume, Bataille and Barnes, the cost would be \$3,600, plus taxes, for a total of \$4,150 for summer and winter samplings.

Kerluke suggested going ahead with a PSSL study, while continuing to work with the property owners initiative that has begun with lake associations at and around St. Pierre-de-Wakefield. Several members expressed support for Kerluke's proposal.

Proposed by: *Dan Russo*
Seconded by: *Dan Bédard*

THAT any water study conducted this year should include Lac Barnes.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Discussion began about whether money for the testing could be diverted from the annual fish stocking budget. It was also pointed out that the fish stocking could be affecting the ecology, if the fingerling trout are feeding the bass population, which preys on smaller species that normally eat algal growth on small plants in the water. France Joncas challenged the suggestion, saying that rainbow trout stocked in the lakes do not cause problems. It was pointed out that Lac Barnes, which was stocked for the first time in many years in 2001, does not have algal problems.

Blayne Chapman opposed suggestions to halt fish stocking for one year and asked for a separate motion on the issue, away from any motion on the water study.

Proposed by: *Shirley Westeinde*
Seconded by: *Donna Bond*

THAT a one-year moratorium be placed on fish stocking.

**CARRIED,
With 12 votes against**

Proposed by: *Constance Hudak*
Seconded by: *Hélène Lemieux*

THAT the Association go ahead with a water quality study and that it is not to exceed \$3,600 and the applicable taxes.

CARRIED

The motion passed overwhelmingly, with members applauding the decision afterward.

6.0 SPIRIT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Gail Bradshaw and Laurent Roy noted that the Association members could contact councillor Margaret Carey to urge more police surveillance.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY TO THE EXECUTIVE

No recommendations were forthcoming.

8.0 REPORTS FROM LAKE REPRESENTATIVES

Paul Strigner gave a lake report from Barnes, thanking the Association members for including Barnes in the water study and supporting the Barnes lake committee in other ways.

9.0 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Gail Bradshaw handed over the chair to Odette Surch, who convened the election of new lake representatives. Irma Bigras was re-elected as a representative for Lac Bataille. Serge Tremblay was elected as another representative for Bataille. The third representative for the lake is incumbent David Kerluke.

Proposed by: *Simon Veilleux*
Seconded by: *Lauren Roy*

THAT Gil Boyce be nominated for re-election as a representative for Lac Rhéaume.

CARRIED

Proposed by: *Lauren Roy*
Seconded by: *Serge Tremblay*

THAT Simon Veilleux be nominated for re-election as a representative for Lac Rhéaume.

CARRIED

Proposed by: *Roland Bertrand*
Seconded by: *Serge Tremblay*

THAT Paul Strigner be nominated for re-election as a representative for Lac Barnes.

CARRIED

Jane Askins announced she will not run for re-election as the representative for Lac Chevreuil. Odette Surch said the rules allow the Executive to nominate someone for the position at a later date.

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Gail Bradshaw resumed the chair and awarded gifts to Odette Surch and Lawrence Surch to recognize their long-time volunteer work for the Association.

Proposed by: *Serge Tremblay*
Seconded by: *Lawrence Surch*

THAT the Annual General Meeting be adjourned at 1:00 pm.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Naumetz
Secretary