

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 9, 2016

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was called to order by Treasurer Glenn Gibson at 10.53 a.m.

A motion was put forward by Glenn to accept last year's minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Bill Wahrer. The motion passed.

President's Report

Although Linda Wahrer, president, was unable to attend this year's meeting, her remarks were read by Secretary Linda Parsley. Glenn officially thanked Linda for her work this past year and said that all the work she has done was much appreciated. The president's remarks will be posted on the website.

Financial Report

Our Financial Reviewer Ross Bell was satisfied with this year's treasurer's report. All government documents have been filed, insurance renewed and taxes filed. The report shows that we end with \$18,000. in the bank before all expenses. We are setting a goal to set aside a \$10,000. surplus for this year and are well on the way with some \$5,000. already in reserve.

Last year we had 84 paying members, although the goal was to reach 90. The Field Day surplus was used to make up for some of this shortfall.

More trees were planted, we purchased signs, established a Post Office box, had mailing costs. The playground came in under budget and was built all to code. Glenn thanked Sarah Allen for her work on this project.

The new shed is in place and also came in under budget. This has freed up money for next year's expenditure on updating the electrical issues, including replacing the old poles and lights on the oval. The hydro hook up will once again be provided by the Coyne and Glenn thanked them. He also thanked Linda Parsley for her work in having the shed completed and coming in under budget.

The key goals were: complete the shed, replace and upgrade the electrical system in the park and the tree program.

Glenn proposed a motion to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report. It was seconded by Ann Fiddes. The motion carried.

Regarding the budget for the coming year, the target once again is to get 90 memberships. When asked about non-paying residents Glenn explained that part of the reason is turnovers and cottagers who do not own waterfront and feel they get no benefit. DPPO has no legal means to collect and force payment of dues but is constantly working on gaining new memberships. If it is more desirable for new members, the DPPO has made provision in the new By Laws to accept payment installments under special circumstances.

The dues will remain the same for 2016.

This coming year's operating costs are approximately \$3000 and no other major projects are being contemplated at this time, other than the ongoing tree replacement and treatment program. This year we expect to have a cash reserve of \$7,000 with the target of \$10,000. The Board could then address any issues with regards to trees and uninsured damages on an emergency basis. (The pros and cons of the expenditure re tree treatment are described in the Maintenance section below).

The Board is also considering obtaining an official survey of our right of ways and the large park. We are still looking into the costs of that project at this time.

Glenn proposed a motion that this year's budget be accepted as presented. It was seconded by Mike Nowak. The motion carried with two opposed.

Appointment of Financial Reviewer for 2016|17

Glenn proposed that once again we appoint Ross Bell as our financial reviewer at the same remuneration (\$ 0.00). The motion was seconded by John Wright. The motion was carried.

Maintenance

Linda Parsley read a report by Linda Wahrer about the ash tree program. (This report will be attached to the minutes). Glenn reported that we are looking at saving 16 ash trees at a cost of approximately \$4780. The cost per tree is \$150 to \$400, depending on size. To fell a diseased ash tree is approximately \$500 to 1,000 each, plus stump removal. There was some discussion about 'holding back the flood gates' and spending a lot of money to save them; as it might be better to take them all down. There are no guarantees that the program to inoculate the ash trees will be successful.

However, if we take them down the cost is just as prohibitive and we would be left with giant gaps around the park. New tree cost would also have to be factored in. In all there are 30 to 40 ash trees around the park. The majority are on road allowance but will not be saved by the township, whose program only includes felling trees and replacing them with saplings.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the gamble to take a chance on trying to save the trees was worth the risk. The healthy ash trees have been designated for treatment. It was agreed that after a year's observation we will reassess. If it is found that the treatment program is not working, it will be reviewed and potentially stopped. It was also agreed that from a sense of aesthetics and community it was the right way to go. Approximately \$130 of dues next year will be allotted to the tree program. The Board is currently testing the township with a request to fell one tree. We will be monitoring the response time.

The tree program also includes purchasing six new trees to fill in gaps along the west side of the park and around the playground.

By Laws

The proposed updated By Laws were prepared by The Hon. Len Ricchetti, Duclos Point resident. He has prepared similar documents for other non-profit organizations and associations.

There were multiple specific questions on the new By Laws (which are posted on our website).

Here is a summary of concerns: The size of a quorum required to vote on DPPO issues which could possibly drop to only 7 members. Mr. Ricchetti explained that the By Laws contained many safeguards and that this situation could only occur after the calling of a second, third meeting to establish a quorum. One of the safeguards is sending in a proxy for voting.

The power of future boards to sign documents/deeds and propose developments not in conjunction with the wishes of residents. Mr. Ricchetti said that residents' deeds will always take priority over the DPPO By Laws, so there was no reason to be concerned about that kind of circumstance.

The board's ability to ask for a special assessment? Mr. Ricchetti clarified that this would require 75 per cent agreement by all members and that there is no legal binding contract to do so even if there is a special assessment.

Board members have to be residents of Duclos Point (not relatives of residents), over 18 and must give email notification of intent to serve on the board. There was much discussion over this issue and it will be taken for review this year. An amendment to this section in the By Laws may be presented at next year's AGM. The concern was for aging residents or those unable to serve on the board. They should be able to appoint direct family members only (sons/daughters) who would then be eligible for a board position.

Glenn pointed out that there are several updated sections in the new by laws that protect the members. These include requiring that all government filings be current, a budget be presented and approved, two signatures required on all contracts/cheques; a new proxy form; members able to access all books/records upon reasonable notice; email notification rather than regular mail; insurance be required and kept up to date, new privacy rules, website maintenance etc.

Keith Wright proposed that the By Laws be accepted as presented. It was seconded by Ann Fiddes. (Any amendments can be brought to next year's AGM and will require a 75 per cent vote) The motion was carried with 3 opposed.

Upcoming Events

Field Day is scheduled for July 30 with a rain date of July 31. Linda Parsley will coordinate this effort once again. Everyone was asked to help with donations and their time where possible.

Corn Roast is usually on the Labour Day Weekend. Looking for volunteers at this time and any news will be posted on the web.

Appointment of Directors

Sarah Allen is retiring from the Board and two members are standing for re-election, Alex McPherson and Glenn Gibson.

Glenn thanked Sarah for her enthusiasm, researching and completing the Playground project.

Glenn proposed that we re-elect Alex and himself and appoint a new member, Flo Shortt. Ms. Shortt submitted her application to serve on the board in writing. She brings several years of business experience to the Board, having participated in the running a 160-year old family business in the marketing and sales area.

Keith Wright proposed a motion to accept the 2 returning board members for re-election and the appointment of new member Flo Shortt. This was seconded by Len Ricchetti. The motion was passed.

Other Business

Resident Kelly Pronyk suggested a clean-up initiative towards the end of the summer instead of the usual spring date. Would be interested in working on this project and asked for interested residents to consider volunteering.

Adjournment

Bill Wahrer presented a motion to adjourn the 2016 AGM at 12.24 p.m. It was seconded by Ann Fiddes. The motion carried.