

UNAPPROVED 2019 SSCA AGM MINUTES

THE 2019 AGM (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING) OF THE SANS SOUCI AND COPPERHEAD ASSOCIATION (SSCA)

Held at the Community Center, Frying Pan Island, July 27, 2019, at 10:00 am

Directors Present: Irene Chambers, Eric Armour, Carol Stratton, Gregg Scott, Jess Sloss, Isabel Treichel, Paul Treichel, Tom Denune, Jason Drysdale, Leslie Hayes, Jackie Koza, Katherine Denune, Holly Loell, Michael Ugarenko.

Special Guests: Chris Dahlberg (President Manitou), David Bywater (GBBR), Bill Lougheed (GBLT), Doug Heintzman and Heather Sargent (GB Forever), John Carson (President GBA), Rupert Kindersley (Executive Director GBA) and John Carson (GBA), Bert Liverance (Reeve, TOA), Rick Zanussi, and David Ashley (Councillors, TOA).

Eric Armour, SSCA Board President, chaired the meeting; Isabel Treichel was Secretary. 53 persons signed the attendance sheet. Quorums of members and Directors were confirmed by Isabel.

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEETING: The chair welcomed attendees to the 116th AGM of the SSCA. Official notice of the meeting was posted in the SSCA website's January 2019 Calendar and reminders of the meeting were sent to members on July 11th, 18th and 25th, 2019 via e-mail. The agenda for the meeting was introduced to attendees via a PowerPoint presentation created by the Chair and Board members. Powerpoint slides for the meeting will be posted in the SSCA website.

2018 AGM MINUTES: The minutes from the 2018 AGM were distributed to SSCA members by e-mail on July 11, 2019 and posted on the SSCA Website on July 24, 2019. **MOTION:** to approve the minutes of the 2018 AGM by Wally King, seconded by Sandy Phillips; the motion was carried with no one opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Al Stratton could not attend so Carol Stratton read Al's written report. Copies of the budgetary report were available to meeting attendees.

This was a good year with a net operating surplus of over \$10K. Income for the fiscal year included \$10K obtained from the renegotiated Bell lease. Current assets (as of Dec. 31, 2018) in the Operating Fund, the Community Center Fund, the Contingency Fund, and the Specific Reserve Fund totaled over \$174K. In addition, the Township holds donated funds totaling just under \$74K committed to building projects and \$ 3.5K for the sports court. Further information is available in the attached report. **MOTION:** to approve the Auditor's report from Kreston, GTA by Fred Schweitzer and seconded by Gregg Scott; the motion was carried with no one opposed.

TENNIS CLUB REPORT: Tom Blackett briefly described the San Souci Tennis Club (SSTA) and listed programs and activities including Socials, lessons and drills with

Tom Kern and his sons Ethan and Sean, round robins, and the club tournament. Lessons and round robins for juniors were well attended. Current SSTA memberships are full. There is an average turnover of two members per year.

SPORTS COURT: Eric Armour said that the sport court has been a great success with usage in pickleball, basketball, and spikeball. Because the funding was routed through the township, anyone can use this facility. The efforts by Irene Chambers and Norma Tangney that led to this addition to our facilities were acknowledged by a round of applause.

PROPERTY REPORT: Michael Ugarenko reported on the state of the SSCA property. There was much winter and spring damage due to the high water and the age of the property.

Michael listed problems and the actions taken by the Board to address them. Several trees were down and were removed. One tree damaged the exercise room deck which needs to be repaired. The north docks were repositioned, the anchor chains extended, and adjustments were made in the ramp. The south docks have reached the end of their life and are no longer safe. Acting on Michael's recommendations, the Board decided to scrap three of them; the fourth will be evaluated to see if it can be saved. Chandler Barging was hired for the removal and disposal. There were plumbing issues. The water purification system failed and drinking water is now provided by four water coolers which were purchased. The holding tank in the dockhouse was near to overflowing and had to be drained, flushed, and secured. The pump for holding tank for the schoolhouse's septic system was replaced. The electrical system in the dockhouse was under water and power to this building was cut off. There were major structural problems (major code issues) in the dockhouse, which had reached the end of its life. The Board decided to close the dockhouse and proceed with its demolition in the fall. The roof of the Brand cottage leaked. The Brand cottage and the workshop will get new metal roof in the next few weeks. Several problems inside the cottage will be dealt with at the same time.

Wally King cited the important work that Pete and Ann Conacher had done years ago to get the north docks installed; this drew an enthusiastic round of applause.

Responding to a question, Michael said that the demolition permit from the Township for the dockhouse would include a request to be allowed to build a new facility on the same footprint if we decide to take this option.

Specific Reserve Fund: Eric Armour found records from 1993 describing the formation of this fund. Use of these funds for projects requires a vote of not less than 2/3 of the Board of Directors and 2/3 of the members at a meeting. **MOTION:** that all of the funds in the Specific Reserve Fund will be used to fund the current backlog of property repairs as directed by the Chair and members of the Property Committee by Eric Armour. Seconded by Sue Herbold; The motion was approved by more than 2/3 of members present; the motion was carried with no one opposed.

Future Plans: Eric Armour summarized preliminary discussions at a recent Board meeting about planning for the future of the property. Basically, the discussion addressed three things: WHY? (the current situation), WHAT? (needs to be addressed), and HOW? (fund raising). A number of options are on the table. The Building Committee will be in charge to develop plans for the property and oversee carrying the plans forward. The SSCA membership will be able to provide input throughout the planning process and will make the final decisions on any actions. **MOTION:** Wally King suggested that the membership should vote to approve demolition of the dockhouse. This was taken as a motion which Fred Schweitzer seconded; the motion was carried with no one opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environment Committee: Katherine Denune summarized the activities of the Committee during the year which included phragmites removal, shoreline cleanup, water testing, a Wreck Island nature walk, and programs associated with Kids in the Biosphere.

Fire and Safety Committee: Fred Schweitzer introduced Jason Drysdale as the new chair of the Committee. He then listed committee actions: retaining Northern 911 for fire response, working with GBA to broaden the area of coverage, and the purchase of a trauma kit for the SSCA Community Center. This and other first aid equipment will be in the schoolhouse for the time being. The subject of first aid training was brought up and a show of hands indicated that there would be significant interest in a program if it was made available.

Membership Committee: Committee chair Gregg Scott summarized membership information. There are 411 members (vs. 418 in 2018) including 10 associate members. An additional forty members remain unpaid. Gregg listed some benefits of membership. He encouraged members to sign up their children as associate members.

Communications Committee: Naomi Campbell could not attend so Eric Armour gave the presentation. Communication with members can occur via the website (ssca.info), the Newsletter, or Facebook. The web site is newly designed and contains much information including a membership directory, and the events calendar (updated weekly during the summer season and monthly the rest of the year). Members can pay dues through the website. The cost of the website is defrayed by including advertising. The Newsletter, describing upcoming events is distributed to members biweekly by e-mail during the summer. Its success is apparent from the fact that it is being accessed by 70% of the readers. Naomi has set up a Facebook page (SSCA Georgian Bay) for those who might be interested.

The Board decided to discontinue publishing the Yearbook this year because of the cost and the work involved. The website contains the information previously supplied in the Yearbook. For this year, a phonebook (13 pages) is being made up and will be available in the next week or so.

Several issues of dues payment were raised. Jamie Westaway asked why the SSCA adds a charge to the bill for use of PayPal when this is the preferred means of payment. Another member questioned why direct payment was not an option (it complicates record keeping.) The Board will look further at these issues.

Programs Committee: Holly Loell and Jess Sloss briefly described ongoing programs: Day Camp, yoga, Sailing Camp, Book Club, Painting with Bert, Socials (potlucks), and the Regatta. Volunteers are needed, especially for the potlucks and the Regatta. A special thanks was offered acknowledging the sponsors of the Regatta.

Nominations Committee: Eric Armour reviewed the changes in the Board of Directors during the year. Four Directors retired (Laura Hay, Dave Henderson, Fred Schweitzer, and Paul Treichel) and 5 new Directors were selected (Tom Denune, Jason Drysdale, Leslie Hayes, Jackie Koza, and Michael Ugarenko). One position remains open. There were no further nominations from the floor. **MOTION:** by Wally King, seconded by Jess Sloss, to approve the slate of Directors for 2019-2020. The discussion was interrupted for an amendment, to include Isabel as a Board member. The amended motion was carried with no objections.

The report concluded with a slide listing the Board members and their committee assignments.

We need to find one more person to represent the SSCA in the GBA.

TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO: Bert Liverance discussed the importance of the SSCA and its shared interests with the Township. Both groups have a goal of protecting and preserving the Georgian Bay environment. The SSCA gives us the opportunity to make our interests known to the Township. Bert went on to discuss activities and interests to the SSCA and Township such as waste disposal and the removal of invasive species, illustrating how SSCA interests align with the Township. Amalgamating of governmental units is an issue currently under consideration in the province. The Township strongly opposes amalgamation.

GEORGIAN BAY REPORTS

Georgian Bay Land Trust: Species extinction is a looming issue and tied to the destruction of natural habitats. Bill Lougheed summarized the ongoing efforts of GBLT to preserve the natural habitat of the Bay. The nature reserves include 59 sites with 7200 acres. The GBLT recently received a federal grant from the Canadian Nature Fund (one of 20 requests funded). Donations to GBLT will be matched by the federal government.

Georgian Bay Forever: GBF's mission is research and education on issues of importance to the Bay. Heather Sargent summarized current interests and activities of the organization: microfibers in the environment (especially from washing machines), phragmites removal (she acknowledged Katherine Denune's efforts),

water quality monitoring (A newly acquired autonomous underwater vehicle is available for use for these studies), and a project called “Families for Change.”

Georgian Bay Association: John Carson added comments on the issue of amalgamation. The GBA has put out a position paper that raises an alternative of creating a bigger coastal municipality. No position has been taken by the GBA on this and input from various associations is being sought. Rupert Kindersley continued the discussion, elaborating on GBA’s history and the role that GBA plays.

CONCLUDING ITEMS: MOTION: By Fred Schweitzer, seconded by David Herbold, approving actions taken by the Board of Directors during the past year; motion carried.

Eric Armour thanked the many volunteers who put in time and efforts to make our programs a success. Wally King paid special tribute to Eric Armour for his leadership. A motion for adjournment passed.