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

Held at the Community Center, Frying Pan Island, July 28, 2018, at 10:00 am

Directors Present: Irene Chambers, Eric Armour, Katherine Denune, Carol Stratton, Gregg Scott, Jess Sloss, Fred Schweitzer, Sue Herbold, Naomi Campbell, Isabel Treichel, Paul Treichel

Special Guests: Tom Pinkham (President Manitou), Sandy Boyd, David Bywater (GBBR), Bill Loughed (GBLT), Rupert Kindersley (GBA) Peter Ketchum (Retiring Reeve, TOA), Bert Liverance (Councillor, TOA), Rick Zanussi (Councillor, TOA), David Ashley (Councillor, TOA).

Eric Armour, SSCA Board President, chaired the meeting; Isabel Treichel acted as Secretary. Fifty-eight persons signed the attendance sheet. A quorum of members and directors was confirmed by Isabel .

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEETING: The chair welcomed attendees to the 115th AGM of the SSCA. Notice for the meeting had been posted on the SSCA website on April 30th, 2018 and was published in the 2017 Yearbook distributed in May 2018, and a reminder of the meeting was sent to members on July 20th and 23rd, 2018 via e-mail prior to the meeting. The agenda items for the meeting were featured in a PowerPoint presentation created by the Chair and Board members. The slides accompanying the agenda will be posted in the SSCA website.

2017 AGM MINUTES: The minutes from the 2017 AGM were distributed to the Association members by e-mail prior to the meeting. (The 2017 yearbook listed all the motions from the 2017 AGM.) **MOTION:** to approve the minutes of the 2017 AGM by Fred Schweitzer, seconded by Sue Herbold, motion carried with no one opposed.

SANS SOUCI TENNIS CLUB REPORT: Tom Blackett, President of the SSTC presented an update. SSTC has 110 Memberships held by 105 different families. Typically, there is a natural attrition, this season we add 4 new families to the SSCA and the SSTC. Multiple events were held throughout the year. Resurfaced in 2018 of the lower two courts that should give a 20-year lifespan to the courts. We continue to have a good relationship with the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Al Stratton was unable to attend the meeting, and in his absence, Carol Stratton provided a summary of the 2017 financial report. The full report is filed with the minutes of this meeting. Question from Wally King, "Why did we change the accounting the expenses and income for the Sailing Camp?" Carol explained that it has not historically been listed on our books. Al felt that any monies going through the SSCA Sailing camp should be accounted for. **MOTION:** To approve the Treasurer's report AND to approve the Auditor's report from Kreston, GTA, for 2017, by Bruce Erickson, seconded by John Pepperell, motion carried with no one opposed.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: In Stuart Hatcher's absence, Eric Armour provided a report on Property. Updates were presented on Staff, SSCA Grounds, and Dockhouse. The Board would like to say thanks for the work done by them. This was confirmed with applause by meeting attendees. Eric went on to say that Ted and Cathy Southey were in the Brand cottage for July. They took on tasks around the property including water supply fixes, installing the Dishwasher in the Dockhouse, Security and several other projects. They have offered to return next year. Stephen and Allan accomplished several projects including re-roofing of small utility shelf, fixing floor joists in the fitness pavilion, and overcoming septic problems in the dockhouse. Stuart has been working with Jeff Clarke and Michael Ugarenko to produce an updated inspection of the Dockhouse (originally done in 2014). As expected, the building continues to deteriorate, with fatal flaws to foundation, structure, and mechanics. It has been confirmed that the dockhouse probably has a very limited life-up to 3 years- unless significant investments are made. Due to the above-mentioned problems, this is not the best path forward. The report will be available on the SSCA website. A plan for the future of the Dockhouse is being developed.

Eric Armour announced that Stuart Hatcher had submitted his resignation to the board. Eric read out a note from Stuart [in AGM presentation]. Eric thanked Stuart for his 10+ years on the Property Committee. Stuart worked very hard with what he had, did the best considering the property situation. On behalf of the Board, Eric gave thanks to Stuart for his great efforts. This was followed by strong applause from the members. Eric advised that Stuart has committed to staying on as an advisor to the incoming property chair and the committee.

SPORT COURTS UPDATE: Irene Chambers and Norma Tangney thanked all cottagers who have so generously donated to making this amazing facility a reality. Every donation from \$100 to \$15,000 helped to meet the goal of a second pickleball court. Irene presented the various configurations available for the courts. Total cost of the two courts will be \$192,000. This amount covers the courts, storage box, perhaps benches and other equipment. To date, 110 cottagers have contributed \$171,000. She explained that the committee is short approx. \$20,000. She stressed how it financially makes sense to do the second court now rather than later.

MOTION: The SSCA Board moved that the SSCA will fund up to \$20,000, if necessary, to complete the construction of the Sport Courts from general operating funds, the community centre fund, or any combination of the two AND any unused portion of this \$20,000 funding by the SSCA, will be returned to the SSCA fund(s), if funds are subsequently raised for the completion of the Sport Courts. After the Motion was read, several donations were publicly made during the discussion including an offer from Derek and Nancy Bowen to increase their donation along with a commitment from John Pepperell to bridge loan any gap in funding until the fundraising goal was met. This was met with much applause. With the donations and bridging offer from John Pepperell, the motion was withdrawn.

Wally King asked about the Dockhouse / Community Centre project. Eric Armour announced that David Henderson had agreed to Chair of the Property Committee. He is beginning the work of plans for the Dockhouse replacement and will report to the members at a later date.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Katherine Denune reported on the Kids in the Biosphere program created and run through the GBBR and funded by the TOA. She updated the members on the collaboration activities happening with other Associations including the South Channel Association. She then went on to present an update on the Phragmites Working Group with participation with Wood's Bay Island Association, GBF, Friends of the Massassauga, SSCA and the South Channel Association. She reminded the members of the mapping exercise that she has undertaken to map all the Phragmites sites in the area and created a report. As a result of her report, the Massassauga Park has this year hired two full time seasonal park workers to focus on the Phragmites issue. Members applauded Katherine's efforts and report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Gregg Scott reported that membership stayed the same as last year at 420 members (411 Full time and 9 Associate Under 30 members) vs 421 last year. He encouraged members to talk to their children, get them onboard. Gregg also talked about dues payment. He reminded members that the new fiscal year starts Jan 1st, and dues are payable upon receipt. It would make the volunteer board's time more efficient if members paid on time. The members thanked Gregg for his report with applause.

FIRE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: Ahead of Fred's report, Eric Armour presented an image of the current Henvey Inlet fire and talked about the extent of the fire. Eric reminded members to be on the watch. Questions were asked about Park guests. Bert Liverance reported that Park guests are under the same fire warnings/bans. Fred Schweitzer commented that some recent fires have been started by lightening.

Fred went on to talk about Fire Pump availability. He asked members to ensure they report [when responding to the Dues notice] that they have portable fire pumps. It was suggested that Fire pumps should be marked on a member map. Bert Liverance and Eric Armour talked about the Woods Bay approach to fire safety that included an instruction sheet and signage. Eric & Fred will send out information on these two reference materials.

Fred also talked about working with the Joe Villeneuve on the Emergency Response Service software that is in beta testing. The members thanked Fred for his report with applause.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Eric Armour congratulated Naomi Campbell on this year's Yearbook. This was seconded with great applause from all the members present.

E-blasts continue to be an effective communication tool. Eric also reported that SSCA's Instagram and Facebook accounts need more advocates. Eric indicated that the SSCA was looking at a new website leveraging the GBA's Association platform. Advertising will be added to the site to offset website costs.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT: Eric Armour presented on behalf of Holly Loell on program successes this year. These included the very successful Day Camp, Book Club, Yoga, Bridge Club, Sailing Club, Yoga and Dock House Lending Library. Eric also reported that the Regatta will be led again by Daniel Reszczynski. This year's Regatta will be held August 4th. We are always looking for Volunteers to help. Jess Sloss said that the two potlucks held so far this year went very well. The July cottage social had over 140 people in attendance. The new deck was a great help towards making the events so successful. The final potluck is planned for August 18th. Special thanks to Sue Herbold, and to the Eaves and Stratton families for their efforts.

WARD 4 COMMITTEE: There are Municipal elections this year. The SSCA has assembled a committee with representation from Woods Bay, Manitou, South Channel and Sans Souci – Ward 4 Committee. More information will be reported in the coming months on the candidates and how to vote leading up to the elections in the fall. July 27th was the cut off for candidates. At 2 pm, July 27, Bert Liverance was acclaimed as Reeve. Alice Barton (present), Dave Ashley (present) and Michael Ugarenko (absent) and Rick Zanussi (present) were announced as the candidates for Ward 4.

Eric made special mention that Peter Ketchum has been a Reeve since 2000. This was followed by great applause from the attendees.

BOARD CHANGES IN 2017 / 2018: Eric Armour reported that Sue Herbold, Patrick O'Kell and Stuart Hatcher retired as Directors. There was applause from members for their efforts. Two new Directors were elected to the Board – Jess Sloss and Laura Hay. Suzanne Henderson Brown has been appointed as a GBA representative.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Eric Armour reviewed the 2018/2019 SSCA Board of Directors. **MOTION:** To close the nominations by Eric Armour, seconded by Carol Stratton. Motion passed with no one opposed. It was noted by Rupert Kindersley that we currently have one board vacancy. Eric talked about activities this coming year would include looking at the By Laws and mandates of the Committees. **MOTION:** To approve the 2017/2018 Board of Directors, by Huntley Christie, seconded by Nancy Westaway. Motion passed with no one opposed.

TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO (TOA): Peter Ketchum gave thanks to the members for their support over the years. Peter reported that the TOA is in good shape. He went on to report that the TOA financial state was strong. Peter thanked Sans Souci for supplying several quality councilors over the years including Ted Christie, John Pepperell, David Ashley, and Bert Liverance. He also recognized Rick Zanussi for serving over 24 years as a Councillor. There was applause from

members. Finally, he thanked Sans Souci for its support during his years as Reeve. He has always been impressed with the Presidents of the SSCA by their love of the Bay and their efforts to preserve what we have today. Involvement of the seasonal residents is critical to keeping our community what it is today. Peter said "Thank you again"! There was great applause from members.

David Ashley spoke about communication. He looks to the members to help with the communication out to the rest of Ward 4 (i.e. Fire Bans). He reminded members that the fire status is reported on the TOA website (<http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca>). He also reminded members that there are bans on Fireworks during the May Long weekend, and on Jul 1st and July 4th. If there are incidents, you can call the by-law officer, Gary Joice to report problems at 705-774-3630. David pointed out that taxes did not go up this year. TOA also supports the Library in Parry Sound. It is available for all Ward 4 property owners. The Parry Sound Hospital is supported by the TOA and SSAC members are encouraged to donate. Lastly, used batteries can be dropped off at Transfer stations. Any questions can be answered by the TOA staff.

Gregg Scott asked David Ashley about the difference between the park and the township fire ratings. David explained that the TOA is working with the Park to make sure they are aligned.

GEORGIAN BAY LAND TRUST (GBLT): Bill Lougheed began his update by saying that the GBLT natural area stretches from Waubaushene in the south to Blind River in the north – 575,000 hectares for which the GBLT has a conservation plan in place. He reminded members that Canada's canopy has a significant impact on climate change. GBLT has grown to the third largest land trust in Canada. They are holding 55 protected reserves of which 880 acres are for community use. They are protecting six provincially significant wetlands, with two more in the works this year. Six areas of natural interest are also under the GBLT's management. Bill talked about the GBLT's Motus program – Preserving Avian Biodiversity project looking at breeding, migrating and wintering locations for every Canadian Bird Species by 2030. Finally, Bill reminded members that Canada's new Nature Fund will match every dollar people donate to a land trust's qualifying project. The GBLT's efforts were well thanked by attendees with a round of applause.

GEORGIAN BAY FOREVER (GBF): Katherine Denune announced that this is the GBF's 6th summer of helping Georgian Bay communities remove phragmites. This summer is already going to be the biggest summer ever of their efforts and community efforts. GBF hired 7 student workers to work on phragmites this year. Working with communities, as of this year, GBF has removed over 48,000 kilos of phragmites. She explained how they were now working with the park on Phragmites removal. Heather Sargent working with TOA has put together a guide on how to dispose of Phragmites. GBF trained the two new park workers on phragmite removal and disposal. There are several volunteer days that will be announced through the SSCA website and e-updates. She reminded members that although it seems daunting, the phragmites work is making a big difference. Katherine also

talked about the upcoming H2O event. The members thanked Katherine with a big round of applause.

GEORGIAN BAY BIOSPHERE RESERVE (GBBR): David Bywater talked about the history of the GBBR and its mandate. He talked about the recently published State of the Bay report in 2018. Information is available at stateofthebay.ca. One of the 11 indicators of the state of the bay is phosphorus. Over the years phosphorus levels have dropped. What the GBBR found is that there is a near / offshore gradient. In the 1990s, Zebra mussels and Quagga muscles reduced the phosphorus levels over the years.

David also talked about the Lake Partner Program that's looking for volunteers to do water quality data collection. Volunteers can go to desc.ca for info. Lastly, David reported on information available on the GBBR website from awareness to ways to volunteer. The members thanked David with applause for his presentation and efforts.

GEORGIAN BAY ASSOCIATION (GBA): Rupert Kindersley shared with members some of the activities that the GBA has been doing on SSCA's behalf and why the GBA is even more relevant today than when it was founded 102 years ago. He explained how the GBA is first and foremost an advocacy group for 19 member associations and described the many issues that GBA continues to advocate on. Their voice is present in the halls of power and committee rooms. GBA collaborates with many other organizations, including the GB5. For the upcoming municipal elections, GBA created a series of questions for each of the area candidates. GBA plays an active role with associations on how planning regulations are structured and enforced in order to protect the Bay. GBA has put together special services for members, including a 15% discount on insurance via Rice Insurance and discounts on defibrillators from Action First Aid. GBA is only as strong as its member associations. To assist GBA associations on membership issues, they have brought together representatives from all the member associations to share information and discuss strategy. GBA has a new website to improve and simplify communications. One area of interest is the expanded Boating and Safety information sections on the new website. Finally, GBA has recognized that they are not alone in preserving the Bay for future generations. The First Nations around Sans Souci have a lot in common with GBA's mandate. In closing, Rupert reminded members that the GBA is an increasingly relevant safeguard for our continuous enjoyment of the Bay. Stay aware of the GBA activities and sign up for timely eUpdates. The members thanked Rupert and the GBA for all they do on behalf of SSCA.

BUSINESS: MOTION: To approve Board actions taken by the SSCA Board of Directors during the past year by Fred Schweitzer; seconded by John Hamilton. Motion passed with no opposition.

VOLUNTEER THANKS: Eric Armour thanked the Members of the Board for their great contribution to a strong Board and the moving forward of initiatives. Eric reminded members that the Association is always looking for new board members.

END OF THE MEETING DISCUSSION: John Pepperell clarified that his offer was to provide bridge finances to complete the project and not to fill the gap in fundraising. Eric Armour then suggested we return to consider the previously approved Sport Court motion. **MOTION:** The SSCA Board moves that the SSCA will fund up to \$20,000, if necessary, to complete the construction of the Sport Courts from general operating funds, the community centre fund, or any combination of the two AND any unused portion of this \$20,000 funding by the SSCA, will be returned to the SSCA if donation funds are subsequently raised for the completion of the Sport Courts. The motion was put forward by Irene Chambers, seconded by Jamie Westaway. Motion passed with no opposition.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: Mary Lee moved to adjourn, seconded by Sue Herbold. No one opposed. The meeting adjourned at Noon, attendees were invited to attend the members' lunch.