

UNAPPROVED 2021 SSCA AGM MINUTES

THE 2021 (ANNUAN GENERAL MEETING) OF THE SANS SOUCI AND COPPERHEAD ASSOCIATION (SSCA)

Held via Zoom Webinar from Toronto, Ontario, Saturday, October 16th, 2021, at 10:00 am EST

Directors Present: Eric Armour, Glen Campbell, Katherine Denune, Tom Denune, Jason Drysdale, Jackie Green, Jackie Koza, Holly Loell, Walter Sloan, Jess Sloss, Alan Stratton, Michael Ugarenko

Directors Not Present: Naomi Campbell, Irene Chambers, Leslie Hayes

Advisory Group Present: Nancy Christie, Bill McNeal, Fred Schweitzer

Special Guests: Rupert Kindersley (Executive Director, Georgian Bay Association), Bert Liverance (Reeve, Township of the Archipelago), Alice Barton and David Ashley (Councilors, Township of the Archipelago)

Eric Armour, SSCA Board President chaired the meeting. Tom Denune was secretary.

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEETING: Eric Armour, SSCA Board President, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the 118th AGM of the SSCA. Eric explained zoom protocol regarding motions and seconding, voting on motions and how questions and answers will be addressed. He announced that voting will be by poll.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING: Tom Denune, Secretary

Tom confirmed that the required Quorum of both SSCA members (being 30) and the required Quorum of SSCA Directors (being 6) has been met for this meeting. At the start of the meeting 30 members were in attendance and later that number increased to 37.

A notice of our 2021 AGM was posted on the SSCA Website Calendar in February 2021. Formal notice of the AGM was emailed to members on September 24, 2021, and a Reminder Notice was emailed to members on October 15, 2021.

2020 AGM MINUTES: Tom Denune, Secretary

The unapproved minutes of last year's AGM were posted on the SSCA website on August 19, 2021 and emailed to all members on September 24, 2021. **MOTION:** to approve minutes by Alice Barton, Seconded by David Ashley. Passed 100%

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Eric Armour, Board President

Eric related that that this summer season had again been difficult due to COVID-19, starting with an Ontario COVID-19 lockdown that gradually eased over the summer. Our activities made the best of the situation, while taking the required public health precautions. The Canadian border opened August 9th and many American cottagers were able to return. Eric stated that we have much to look forward to in the summer of 2022 and that our board has been very active both this year and with plans for next year.

RECOGNITION: Eric Armour, Board President

Eric acknowledged that the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Anishnawbe peoples and is now the home of many diverse First Nations and Metis peoples.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alan Stratton. Treasurer

Alan reviewed the highlights of the 12/31/2020 SSCA Financial Position as follows:

Financial Position: Strong Liquidity position with \$149,109.00 in cash and term deposits.

Fund Positions:

Operating (unrestricted):	\$37,760.00
Community Centre Fund (restricted):	\$71,919.00
Contingency Fund (restricted):	\$33,816.00

Off-Balance Sheet Funds held by the Township of the Archipelago:

New Building Fund (restricted):	\$72,254.00
Sport court Fund (restricted):	\$2,863.00

Operating Highlights year-ended December 31,2020:

Total Revenue declined 20% to \$106,676.00 from \$132,603.00 in 2019.

Variance largely attributable to cancellation of day camp and sail camp.

Membership revenue was resilient despite COVID-19.

Expenses declined by \$107,838.00 to \$82,578.00.

Property expenses declined by \$76,329.00 due to non-recurring costs in 2019 to demolish the dock house and infrastructure refurbishment.

Cancellation of day camp, sail camp and regatta resulted in \$31,947.00 savings compared to 2019.

Net surplus of \$23,998,00 included \$11,815.00 of donations and interest income Specific to the Community Centre Fund and Contingency Fund.

Approval of December 31, 2020, Financial Statements:

Posted on the SSCA website: August 19, 2021

Emailed to all members: September 24, 2021

MOTION: to approve the December 31, 2020, Financial Statement and report by Glen Campbell and seconded by Michael Ugarenko. Motion approved.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT: Michael Ugarenko, Chair

Michael reported that the Fitness Centre and the Brand Cottage wintered well. The Boat House foundation however was damaged by high water beyond reasonable repair. The building is no longer safe and will be demolished. The new steel roof on the Boat House will be reused. Contractors have been hired to repair the pathway in front of the tennis courts and the La Salle monument that needs stabilization will be repaired this fall. The School House now has new water saving toilets installed in the bathrooms and the failed northern finger of our dock system

has had a new 30-foot section replaced. The remodeled Brand Cottage is available for rent on a weekly basis. Coordination Meetings were initiated with tennis to manage common areas and respective responsibilities,

New Community Centre Update: a committee of 13 SSCA members have been meeting over the year. Their main focus is to provide an affordable and attainable new community centre. Ray Murakami is presently employed to provide design plans. Concept drawings will be presented to the board.

Question: Replacement plans for South Docks? Existing rock cribs will be inspected and construction expense for new docks will be evaluated.

FIRE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Jason Drysdale, Chair

A tragic fire caused by lightning occurred on Isaac Island on July 20th. Rapid response by local contractors coordinated by the Le Blancs prevented fire spread to the forest but did not save the cottage. MNR and OPP were contacted. MNR response took over two hours. Their role is forest fighting and not cottage fires. We have contracted with Northern 911 to inform our community of fires. This system was tested in 2021 showing some failures which have now been corrected. Northern 911 now has over 300 mobile numbers from the Sans Souci to reach in the event of a fire. Northern 911 will also directly contact local contractors. Our best defense for managing local fires lies with the response of our residents with available fire pumps.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: Katherine Denune, Chair

Phragmites Update: We are doing so much better at controlling invasive phragmites compared to five years ago. We removed phragmites from four sites this past summer. Most of the large patches recorded in the past are now gone. Some large patches do still exist, and it is important for us to keep monitoring them and removing any new growth by the late summer.

Dock Foam Update: Large amounts of dock foam and debris were found this Spring along our shorelines. Many individual efforts were taken to clean up shorelines with numerous boat loads of collected dock foam taken to Transfer Sites. Shoreline clean ups will continue into the future to keep this harmful plastic from our drinking water and environment.

The Unencapsulated Polystyrene Foam Bill 228 passed Ontario Parliament this year. This bill is about preventing unencapsulated foam in future dock constructions.

Important to remember is that acquiring a new dock also requires proper disposal of the old dock to designated Transfer Sites.

Katherine also informed members of important upcoming events including:

“Extreme Water Level Impacts and Strategies” by Georgian Bay Association and Georgian Bay Forever - Oct. 23rd, Nov. 13th and Dec. 4th

“Wildfire in the Georgian Bay Biosphere” Nov. 3rd – Georgian Bay Biosphere

“The Thirteen Moons” Dec. 7th – Georgian Bay Biosphere

“BayScapes Virtual Auction” October 23-30 – Georgian Bay Land Trust

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Eric Armour, Chair

Our membership increased in 2021 from 412 members to 427. Eric welcomed 41 new members to SSCA.

Eric stressed the importance of growing membership in the under 30-year-old (Associate Members) category. Membership in SSCA is by individual. It does not include children. Adding adult children to our membership will give them access to all communications and facilities.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: Eric Armour for Naomi Campbell, Chair

SSCA Communications has been keeping members informed and connected during this unusual year. Currently we have 247 followers on Facebook and 374 followers on Instagram.

Our website (ssca.info) had from 700 to 2360 views per month and our Newsletter reaches 756 recipients with up-to-date announcements on events, COVID protocols for our property, Township updates and important regional and local news and much more.

Our website also provides an on-line *Membership Directory* and a Calendar of SSCA and SSTC events. The SSCA Virtual Art Show of our talented members is also on view.

A hard copy of our Member Directory was also mailed to all paid members.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Jess Sloss, Chair

2021 was a great summer. COVID-19 protocols were carefully followed and SSCA members enjoyed many amazing events as follows:

Three Beginner Sea Kayak Trips: circling Sans Souci Island, The Copperhead Islands and Wahsouné Island

Three Outer Island Sea Kayak Trips: The Umbrellas, The North Channel and one more.

Multisport Practices for kids 8 – 13: Mondays and Thursdays

Yoga with Trish: 13 sessions, 51 participants

Sailing Regattas July 10th and 24th, with rigging clinics and a tactics clinic by Fred Eaton.

Kids Sailing Camp, Aug. 9-13 and Aug. 16-20 (Sold Out!)

Remote Control Boating Event: August 1st – 45 attendees, thanks to Eric Armour and Jamie Christie for bringing and sharing their boats.

SSCA Informal Walk with Lisa LePage, August 4th on Traditional Medicinal Plants

Outer Island Adventure Race – over 30 racers, August 21st. Kayakers, stand up paddle boards, surf skiers, and canoeists. \$1400 in prizes awarded. Charlie MacDonald was race administrator.

Day Camp – 24 different campers, ran for two weeks. \$40 per day charge was well received.

SSCA Book Club was hosted multiple times via zoom by Cathie Singer and organized by Libby Stratton.

Flashlight Readers: encouraging young readers

Virtual Art Show, organized by Katherine Denune on the SSCA website with over 20 Participants showcasing photography, painting and crafts.

Program Ideas for 2022:

We're hoping to repeat all of our 2021 events listed above and bring back the Regatta and three Cottage Socials and a Watercolour Class.

A big thanks to Suzie Heintzman for volunteering and to Eric Armour and Naomi Campbell for their help with posting events and newsletter announcements.

NOMINATIONS: Eric Armour for Irene Chambers, Chair

Our director term is for 3 years. Directors can renew for another 3 years. Currently looking for one new director for Naomi Campbell's Communications position (after her 9-year term). Carol Stratton also retired (after a 3-year term) and Jacquie Green has agreed to take her place on Membership. We would appreciate board member suggestions from our membership to fill Naomi Campbell's position as Communication Chair.

Our Georgian Bay Association representatives are now Katherine Denune and Alan Stratton (who is replacing Eric Armour's position).

Our current SSCA Board Directors are as follows: Eric Armour, Glen Campbell, Irene Chambers, Katherine Denune, Tom Denune, Jason Drysdale, Jacquie Green, Leslie Hayes, Jackie Koza, Holly Loell, Walter Sloan, Jess Sloss, Alan Stratton and Michael Ugarenko. We have one position absent.

MOTION: to approve the current slate of SSCA Board of Directors for 2021/2022 by Elizabeth King and seconded by Holly Loell. Approved by 97%. Passed.

SANS SOUCI TENNIS CLUB UPDATE: Graeme Scott, president

SSTC had a successful 2021 season with Round Robbins, Pro Weeks and a Tournament. Membership opened to add ten new members.

At the SSTC AGM members voted to raise dues to support future capital needs: court Resurfacing, pavilion repairs and potential new tennis courts.

SSTC is retaining legal and financial counsel to address incorporating and potential HST liability.

SSTC is in the process of revising their relationship with SSCA and negotiating a long-term relationship for the future.

IRON CITY FISHING CLUB: Walter Sloan, liaison

ICFC welcomed Americans back after August 9th. The dining hall remained closed. 101 members were there over Labour Day weekend, and many stayed into September. They are looking forward to having all opened in 2022 with vaccination and COVID-19 protocols in

place. Many families are 6th generation. 2022 will be ICFC's 142nd year! The Club's annual meeting will be held in November in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO: Reeve Bert Liverance

Reeve Liverance shared the Vision and Mission Statement of the ToA and their Strategic Priorities and Goals.

2021 Accomplishments:

- Land Supply Study
- Dock Foam Bill 228 with Norm Miller
- Washing Machine and Microplastics Bill 227
- Phragmites on Roadway Survey – MTO, GBLT, GBF
- Affordable Internet efforts

ToA as member of Great Lakes and St Lawrence Cities Initiative accomplished broadened support of Dock Foam Bill and Washing Machine and Microplastics Bill.

Current Projects:

- Zoning By-Law Review – no major changes proposed
- Site Alteration By-Law – under review how to handle
- Short Term Rental By-Law – will consider reviewing action on this

Question regarding Gypsy Moths – Reeve Liverance explained that the challenge with spraying is that it kills all caterpillars at the same time. A decision in 2021 was not to initiate spraying and it is doubtful spraying would be done in 2022.

Concern was raised about fireworks and the harm to local nature as well as forest fires. Reeve Liverance explained that fireworks are only allowed on certain holidays and otherwise is against the law. He advised notifying the ToA By-Law officer with time date and photo if possible.

GEORGIAN BAY ASSOCIATION: Rupert Kindersley, Executive Director

Water Levels:

Rupert reported water levels are down 18” over 2020 and expected to drop more. The GBA/GBF Water Symposium of Fall 2020 added significant beneficial knowledge. GBA has a 12-point action plan for their Water Level's Advocacy Strategy. The Water Impact and Strategies Webinar Series will be held October 23rd, November 13th and December 4th. Information on this series can be found at: <https://georgianbay.ca/h20-2021/>

Gypsy Moths: see Georgian Bay Biosphere <https://www.gbbr.ca/conservation-guides/>

COVID-19 Pandemic:

GBA advocated for US and International member access to cottages and got the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association to do a joint letter to governments.

Ontario Government is Reducing Environmental Protections:

GBA is working with CELA and Environmental Defense and others to oppose gutting conservation authorities, relaxing environmental protections and enforcement, using Minister's Zoning Orders to permit wetland destruction.

Coastal Protection:

Planning & development issues are focus areas – many are now in the Township of Georgian Bay where development pressures are frontline. GBA is reviewing the Official Plan and Planning Bylaws of the coastal municipalities to establish best practices, encouraging improved septic maintenance & inspections, and will be taking action on the floating cottages threat. The coastal municipalities are now represented on the GBA Coastal Protection Advisory Committee.

Water Quality:

GBA continues their involvement with the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, attending meetings, sitting on advisory committees, and working with CELA on Chemicals of Mutual Concern. GBA is also revitalizing participation in the Lake Partner Program, helped get the Dock Foam Bill to ban destructive foam passed, is working on the Washing Machine Filter Bill, and attended the IAGLR Conference.

What Three Words App:

Rupert recommended all to download this app as it is very helpful in providing one's exact location in case of an emergency in a remote area.

The GBA website hosts up-to-date information on their efforts in all the above-mentioned areas and others, see here: <https://georgianbay.ca> . Information can be found there on Aquaculture and Blue Green Algae threats, Fisheries, Lands and Forests, a comprehensive Cottage Insurance Guide, and much more.

APPROVAL OF BOARD ACTIONS – Eric Armour

MOTION: to approve Board Actions from October 29, 2020, to October 16, 2021, by Alice Barton and seconded by Rupert Kindersley. 100% in favour. Passed.

CLOSING REMARKS – Eric Armour

What's ahead in 2022:

We are looking forward to a time of post COVID-19, a new community centre campaign, the Champlain Monument rededication that will include a plaque in French and Huron-Wendat and a Zoning Bylaw review. Municipal elections will be in November 2022.

Thanks to Volunteers and Directors:

Special thanks to retiring directors, Naomi Campbell and Carol Stratton and a hearty thanks to our current directors for accomplishing so much in spite of COVID-19 restrictions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: to adjourn the AGM by Martha King and seconded by Rupert Kindersley.
100% approved. Passed

Meeting adjourned: 12:23 pm

Minutes prepared by Tom Denune, SSCA Secretary