

**ACTON ISLAND ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2004.**

Call to order at 1:15 p.m.

Executive Present: Jim Lewis, Jim Claydon, Bob Anderson, Gord Richards and Gwen Jocelyn.

1. Introduction of the Board by Jim Lewis

2. The secretary gave verification that a quorum was present and that The Notice of the Calling of the Annual Meeting was sent out in time.
3. **The minutes from last year's annual meeting** was reviewed by Jim Lewis. Motion to approve minutes – Larry Weston and Second by Bruce Patterson.

4. Business arising from minutes:

- 4.1 Mr. Larry Weston says that wakeboarding off Muskadasa Island is still a problem. The MLA Marine Patrol was notified to monitor that area.
- 4.2 Mr. Greg McFadden would like to see a speed limit on Acton Island Roads. Jim Claydon will speak to this in his report.

5.0 President's Report - Jim Lewis:

- 5.1 Update on the Calacci issue: All the Island is zoned WR1. There is only one small commercial parcel of land on the Island but currently it isn't being used for any purpose. All applications by Mr. Calacci to the Township, has been turned down. To our knowledge, there has been no building on his part. As per Townships instructions, his sign has been moved back off Township property. Mr. Calacci continues to have two church gatherings a year, in May and Sept. with about two bus loads of people attending.
- 5.2 The executive continues to monitor all rezoning and severance applications that would have a wide impact on the residents of Acton Island.
- 5.3 Our association interacts with other organizations such as MLA, FOCA, WRAFT etc. We helped sponsor the Marine Patrol by donating \$500 last year to MLA. I recommend that our association support the newly formed organization called WRAFT – Waterfront Residents After Fair Taxation. This is a province wide effort to change the way taxation is done.
- 5.4 South memorial Hospital has announced the projected closure of its emergency room as of Sept. 8th. To protest this closure, all our AIA members are urged to write letters to the Health Minister George Smitherman and your MPP.
- 5.5 There have been a number of bear sighting on Acton Island. They are attracted by garbage not contained properly. If you do not have a steel garbage bin, consider taking your garbage home.
- 5.6 Jim Lewis is stepping down as President and taking the position of Past President. Gord Richards will be the new President.

6.0 Treasurer/ Membership – Gord Richards:

- 6.1 As of June 30, 2004, there is \$7717.84 in the bank account.
- 6.2 Motion put forward by Gord Richards to donate \$500 again to MLA to support the MLA Marine Patrol. Seconded by Catherine Anderson. Carried.
- 6.3 Motion put forward by Gord Richards to donate \$500 to WRAFT. Seconded by Bev Panikker. Carried.
- 6.4 As of June 30th, AIA has 180 members, which is 65% of our residences.
- 6.5 Motion to approve the financial statement. Seconded by Sally Hastings. Carried.

7.0 Director of Operations – Bob Anderson:

- 7.1 There are two by-law changes to be voted on.
- 7.2 One change is to allow for “honourary members”. The following sentences to be added to item 21. “The Board may, from time to time, elect a person as an honorary member. Such person would have a continuing interest in the objectives of The Acton Island Association and would be able to provide particular help or expertise to the Association. Honourary members are subject to the regular membership dues, are reelected annually and should not exceed 10 in number at any one time.” Seconded by John McMechan. Motion put forward by Eleanor Lewis to amend the above proposal so honorary members are not subject to annual dues. Seconded by Larry Weston. Carried. The word “not” is to be added to the 4th position of the last sentence. The vote to add the honorary category, as it now reads, to our by-laws – carried.
- 7.3 The second by-law change to be considered and voted on is to change the date of our Annual Meeting to the end of June and changing our year end to the end of April. This would allow the new Board of Directors the time during the summer to work together on the needs of our Association. Seconded by John McFadden. Carried.

8.0 Director of Communications – Jim Claydon:

- 8.1 Tomorrow, August 30, the Township is voting to change the speed limit on Acton island Road and Innisfree Road to 50 kms.
- 8.2 There are 257 assessed properties on Acton Island with total assessed values at \$185.2 million. Taxes paid are approximately \$2 million.
- 8.3 Our AIA web site has been revised to include the following links:
 - Township of Muskoka Lakes
 - Muskoka Lakes Association
 - Muskoka Lakes Ratepayers Association
 - Federation Of Ontario Cottagers Association
 - Transport Canada Buoy Regulations
 - Shadow River Apparell
- 8.4 Timely and relevant information from members can be passed on quickly to our members by e-mail – re: the bear information by Mr. Weissman.
- 8.5 We are actively considering a page on our website called “I Have – I Need”. It would permit members to post items or services they require.

- 8.6 Question by Steve Messenger as to whether our recycling could be placed in our garbage container until pick up day. Suggestion was given to wash out the recycling material well. Jim Claydon will inquire with the Municipal Office whether the recycling company will take our blue boxes out of our trash bins.
- 8.7 More residences on the Island owe either Rubbermaid or wooden garbage bins. Jim encouraged residents to review the condition of their trash bins and consider upgrading to metal to discourage the bears.
- 8.8 Steve Messenger was thanked for all his extra work on our AIA website.

9.0 Ratification of all actions of the Executive: Jim Claydon:

- 9.1 I hereby move that all actions, motions, expenditures, presentations, and public positions taken by the Board of Directors of the Acton Island Association during the past year are hereby accepted and ratified as actions carried out with the approval of the General membership for the well being of the Island and the Acton Island Association. Seconded by Pat Sinclair. Carried.

10.0 Nomination of Members For Election to the Board: Jim Lewis:

- 10.1 The following members have agreed to spend another term on the Board – Jim Lewis, Bob Anderson, Jim Claydon, Gord Richards and Gwen Jocelyn. Pat Sinclair and Barb Davies have resigned.
- 10.2 Four places were open on the Board. The Nominating Committee, which this year was all of the Board, since we did not have a Past president to head the committee, have selected four members to fill the four positions. They have agreed to stand for election. They are Bruce Patterson, Bill Tannahill, Sally Hastings and Lesley McCann.
- 10.3 Nominations open to the floor – none given
- 10.4 Motion to close nominations – Gord Richards. Seconded by Catherine Anderson. Carried.

11.0 Presentation from Rob Allen of Northway Gardeners:

12.0 New Business:

- 12.1 Question from Mary Patterson about the Auto Detailing sign at a cottage near the bridge being commercial. Jim Lewis to talk to the owners.
- 12.2 Question from Larry Weston re: placing a sign at the bridge warning residence about bears on the island. Bears live on our island all year. It is the garbage that attracts them to our homes. The solution is to not place garbage out early for pick up.

13.0 Motion by Jim Lewis to Adjournment at 2:50. Seconded by Gord Richards. Carried.