

Acton Island Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

June 25,2006

Call To Order and Welcome  
President Gord Richards

Verification of Notice of calling of the Annual General Meeting:  
Confirmed by President Gord Richards.

Verification Of Quorum  
Confirmed by Membership Director Leslie McCann.

Motion to approve the Minutes of last years Annual General Meetings as listed on [www.actonisland.comweb](http://www.actonisland.comweb) site.

Proposed by Bob Anderson  
Seconded by Don Mann  
Carried

Bruce Patterson presented the financial statements to April 30<sup>th</sup>. A hand out was available for those wishing to review this material.

Motion to approve the financial statements:

Proposed by Jim Claydon  
Carried by Gwen Jocelyn

Motion to approve all actions of the directors.

Proposed by Gord Richards  
Seconded by Larry Weston  
Carried

Motion to approve the Contribution of \$500.00 each to 2 Associations:

WRAFT – Waterfront Residents after Fair Taxation

MLA Marine Patrol

Proposed by Eleanor Lewis

Seconded by Bob Anderson.

Carried

Nomination of Members for Election/Re election to the Board of Directors.

Sally Hastings is stepping down as a Director.

Directors entering the second year of their two year term (re election not required):

Gord Richards – President

Jim Lewis – Past President

John McMechan – Director at large

Malcolm Foulkes Director at large

Directors up for Re election;

Leslie McCann - Director of Membership

Bruce - Patterson Treasurer

Bill Tannahill - Director at Large

New Nominations for Directors:

Larry Scott - Director at Large

Brian Atkinson - Secretary

Motion to Close the Nominations

Proposed by Jim Claydon

Seconded by Larry Weston

Carried.

Election of the Directors

Carried

## Report On The Activities of The Directors

### Acton Island Maps

This project was spear headed by Jim Claydon. After a great deal of time and effort on Jim's part maps of our island are available to our members. The maps are available to members present at the meeting to take with them. All other members who did not receive theirs will receive them by mail or hand delivery to their island area residence.

### AIA Roster

Thanks to the tireless effort and time of Leslie McCann, the Association provides a membership roster to it's members. All members present at today's meeting may take them. Those members not in attendance will have their rosters mailed or hand delivered to their island area residence.

### AIA Newsletter

President Gord Richards provides a news letter to the members twice a year.

### AIA Web Site

Many thanks to Steve Messenger for all his help in managing the web site for the membership.

### AIA Financial Support Of WRAFT – Waterfront Residents After Fair Taxation

In October, the Ontario Ombudsman, responding to complaints from thousands of property owners, announced an investigation of MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation). WRAFT provided evidence for this investigation. The ombudsman issued a scathing report on MPAC and so as a result, the government responded by freezing assessment at the 2006 level for 2 years (until after the next provincial elections).

### Advertising Signage on Roadside

This is an ongoing project. President Gord Richards has contacted the township to ask that the signs be removed and the ones by the highway have now been removed. The difficulty appears to be that offending parties simply affix their signs higher in the trees to make it more difficult for removal. Two new signs were spotted after the township removed the existing offending signs.

### Innisfree Road Landing Status Report

- Historically this small public access point has been used by the cottagers on Cove Island.
- Over last couple of years it has been used increasingly by contractors to load/unload barges, steel on road, scrap materials deposited and left there, trucks parked overnight, sewage transfers.
- Listed in Township 2006 Information and Recreation Guide as a public dock, not for parking or as a ramp
- Contractors built a ramp.
- John Hurlburt started to complain as did other local cottagers. He sent numerous letters. He asked us to get involved and John McMechan took this on.
- As a result, the township put boulders in the water to block access to the ramp but the contractors moved these.
- As a result of this, last fall council passed a motion directing their staff to erect a permanent barrier.
- Not done in the fall due to weather. In Mid May John met with the mayor and the barrier was installed the next day.
- Contractors are removing it, using the illegal ramp and then replacing it.
- We met with our 3 Township and District Reps and they agree that this site shouldn't be used as a ramp.
- As a result of all this, this issue was put on the Township's agenda for the June 13 Mgmt Committee Meeting where John Hurlburt and Gord Richards and a representative of the Contractors made presentations.

- The Committee asked for a full report prior to next council meeting July 4 where some kind of decision will be made.
- We hope that council re reaffirm its previous decision to not allow this location to be used as a ramp for commercial purposes.
- Have the support of the MLA and the TMLRA
- John Hurlburt has pictures if you would like to see them at the coffee break

Please consider attending the July 4 meeting and show your support – No presentations.

### **Presentation to Former Directors**

Gord asked the following individuals to come to the front. Pat Sinclair, Gwen Jocelyn, Bob Anderson, Sally Hastings Jim Claydon.

All of these people have served on the Board of the AIA. They have given unselfishly of their time and worked hard to make sure that AIA remains a great place to live and cottage. Therefore, as a token of our appreciation Gord presented each of them with a AIA Sweat shirt.

Adjournment of The Annual General Meeting

Proposed by Gord Richards

Seconded by Gwen Jocelyn

Carried

Coffee Break

Speaker; Mayor Susan Pryke – Mayor, Township of Muskoka Lakes

Questions From The Floor

Thank You To The Mayor – Jim Lewis

End of Meeting.