

**MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI LAKES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

Generations Market and Kitchen
717 Lake Park Road, Carleton Place, ON
16 July 2022

Call to Order and Introductions

1. AGM 2022 was held as a hybrid meeting with emphasis on in-person attendance, but with the ability to participate via Zoom software if desired. The Board took into consideration the reduced threat from Covid-19, but decided to continue providing an e-attendance option to give members greater flexibility and comfort level.
2. A total of twenty-four Members including seven Directors, and two guests attended in person (total 26), and three other Members attended via Zoom software. A further twelve Members submitted Proxies, for a total of 39 voting Members and therefore a quorum. Total attendance was 41.
3. The Chairman, MLA President Rob Bell, called the meeting to order at 0904 hrs. He declared a quorum and thanked everyone for attending this important event. He thanked Generations Market and Kitchen for their cooperation and extra effort to host the MLA, in view of the damage they experienced when a wind storm caused significant damage to the premises in May just prior to the originally scheduled date of the AGM on 28 May. He also announced that the MLA Board wished to acknowledge that the AGM proceedings are taking place in Lanark County, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe First Nations.
4. The President next highlighted the contribution of the many volunteers that helped the MLA undertake its objectives, including a combined tally of just over 3,000 hours of dedication in the past year. He congratulated all supporters for their interest in the MLA and encouraged all to continue helping the Board deliver valuable services to the lake community.

President's Report

5. The President highlighted the accomplishments of the MLA over the past year, noting that a significant amount of work was done despite continuing restrictions caused by the COVID pandemic. He indicated that Part II of the AGM, after the break, consisted of detailed reports on activities in the past year and future intentions from our various Teams.

Approval of Minutes of the 2021 AGM

6. The Secretary provided an overview of the Minutes of the 2021 AGM, noting the following highlights:
- a. the AGM was conducted as a hybrid meeting using Zoom software;
 - b. as well as Ordinary Business, the following Special Business was conducted:
 - (1) amendments to the MLA Articles to better express the objectives of the Association; and
 - (2) amendments to the MLA By-law to improve our ability to conduct meetings and vote electronically when conditions preclude in-person attendance (such as caused by Covid);
 - c. Lake Plan 2015 was amended and presented as Lake Plan 2021;
 - d. Team reports were not included in the meeting but were made available on the MLA website; and
 - e. the guest speaker was Sally McIntyre, MVCA General Manager.
7. A **Motion** by Shannon Hall, seconded by Anne Gourlay-Langlois, to accept the 2021 AGM Minutes was carried unanimously.

Election of Directors

8. Graham Whitelaw, Chair of the Director Selection Committee, presented the current status of the Board including which Directors were completing their term of service. He indicated that a total of seven Director spots were available to be filled for the 2022-2024 term. The Selection Committee presented a slate of three individuals for election at the AGM, including two for re-election and one new candidates (see slide #9). Short biographies of the three individuals were presented to the AGM (slide #10). He asked whether there were additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received from the floor.
9. A **Motion** by Lynn Bell, seconded by Dori deJong, to elect the slate of nominees to the Board of Directors, as per slide #11, was carried unanimously.
10. The Board of Directors for the period 2022-2023 is as follows:

Rob Bell	term expires 2023
André Langlois	term expires 2023
Anne Gourlay-Langlois	re-elected 2022
Doreen Donald	term expires 2023

Chris Winter	re-elected 2022
Graham Whitelaw	term expires 2023
Brian Smith	term expires 2023
Steve Hall	elected 2022

Financial Report

11. Anne Gourlay-Langlois presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending on 30 Apr 22, consisting of the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) at year-end, and the Statement of Operations for the period 1 May 2021-30 Apr 2022. The Association's fixed assets, consisting of the boat and motor, and the drone and ancillary equipment, were listed on slide #14. The Treasurer indicated that actual revenue was about \$800 short of the budgeted level, but actual expenses were ~\$4,500 lower than intended. This resulted in a deficit of only \$588 compared to the planned deficit of \$4,275.

FY 22/23 Budget

12. The proposed budget for the period 1 May 22-30 Apr 23 was presented (slide #18), with a planned \$2,590 deficit. It assumed a membership fee of \$10 and allowed a 10% maximum variance in the programmed activities. The following expenses for FY 23/24, which will occur prior to the next AGM, were also presented for approval: (a) \$250 for AGM 2023; and (b) \$2,200 for insurance. Apart from the budget, the Board requested approval for a maximum \$2,000 contingency expenditure to repair or replace critical equipment to permit the MLA to continue operating.

13. A **Motion** by Henk de Jong, seconded by Steve Hall, to approve the 2022/2023 budget and 2023/2024 expenses as per slides #18 and 20 of the AGM presentation was carried unanimously.

14. A **Motion** by Shannon Hall, seconded by Henk de Jong, to approve a contingency expenditure to a maximum of \$2,000 as per slides #19 and 20 of the AGM presentation was carried unanimously.

Capital Budget and Plan

15. The Board introduced a multi-year Capital Plan to address long-term planning for the replacement of major equipments such as the boat, motor, drone, and possible additional items not yet fully investigated. The total requirement of \$33,000 will be met by annual transfers of surplus funds from the Operational Fund to the Reserve Fund. In view of the current financial status of the MLA, the

Board has approved a transfer of \$3,000 for this FY, bringing the Reserve Fund balance to \$6,500.

16. The Capital Plan contains no specific dates for future replacement activity. Instead, the Board will transfer funds on a regular (annual) basis to permit acquisitions or replacements on an opportunity basis when timings and prices are most advantageous to the MLA.

17. A **Motion** by Steve Hall, seconded by Janice Hastings, to approve the expenditure of Reserve Funds on an opportunity basis and as funds become available, as per slides #21 and 22, was carried unanimously.

Break and Door Prize #1

18. Jim Tye was the recipient of the first door prize.

Team Updates

19. The Team leaders in turn presented a summary of accomplishments over the past year and expected activity in the coming year. See slides #24-44.

The Future of the MLA

20. The Board took the opportunity to remind members that the MLA has greatly expanded its scope and activities over the last five years, but our ability to continue delivering at this level very much depends on two critical resources: (a) funding; and (b) support from volunteers and individuals willing to serve as Directors. While the Board has been actively working at ensuring adequate funds are available, the MLA's future depends primarily on active participation from Members. Without that, the MLA cannot grow, and might not survive.

Door Prize #2

21. Lynn bell was the recipient of the second door prize.

Adjournment

22. The meeting was adjourned at 1158 hrs.