

# MINUTES of the 2021 PaBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

September 21, 2021

The AGM was held via a Zoom Webinar organized by Communications Director Hilde Clark with the assistance of GBA Communications Coordinator Shannon Farquharson. There were 65 participants attending so quorum was established.

**Opening** - Marilyn Capreol, Elder, Shawanaga First Nation

## **President's Remarks** Erica Allen

Erica welcomed the participants to the second AGM not held in-person at the Ojibway Club. She thanked all who continued to serve in their volunteer capacities during the past year with the Covid-related challenges. There were reviews of our insurance coverages, fire-fighting equipment, environmental concerns such as septic health, gypsy moths and abandoned docks. New social media efforts have started and there has been improved Pointe au Baril village liaison. Ten new "test" markers were purchased and will be in place by Thanksgiving. Cairns were replaced or rebuilt and painted. We, along with the Ojibway Club, participated in hosting the "Welcome Home" event at the Club for our US members.

Erica thanked the Township Wards 1 and 3 Councillors for their participation in our meetings and communication through their newsletters.

We continued our efforts to improve our cross-cultural understanding through our involvement with the Shawanaga Island IPCA as well as participating in the Canada Day event at the Ojibway on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the GBB Oshkinigig (birch bark canoe) presentation and the Talking Circle sponsored by OHPS. We have, as our By-Laws allow, introduced a new portfolio, Indigenous Affairs and Liaison.

## **Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes** Nancy Rogers

The Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting were circulated by e-newsletter in December 2020 and again by a link in the Notice of the 2021 AGM.

**Motion:** to adopt the Minutes of the 2020 AGM. Nancy Rogers, Dave Sharpe. Carried.

## **Secretary-Treasurer's Reports** Nancy Rogers

The *In Memoriam* list of the names of PaBIA and community members whose deaths had been reported to us since the 2020 AGM was read:

Jackie Baillie	William 'Bill' Kennedy	James 'Jim' Rambeau
Martin Bosveld	LaRea Moody	Bill Rhodes
William 'Bill' Donovan	Joyce Morden	Elizabeth 'Libby' Ridgely
Carman Emery	Ada Morris	Diana Michener Schatz
Norm Goodwin	John Orviss	Sheldon 'Pete' Towson
Herbert Jenkins	Edward 'Ted' Overton	W.G. Galen Weston
Margaret 'Peggy' Joyce	Emery 'Driz' Prior	Alexandra 'Alix' Whalen

## **2020 Financial Statement**

The 2020 Financial Statement was included in the 2021 Yearbook and circulated in e-newsletters. It was approved by the Board.

**Motion:** to approve the 2020 Financial Statement. Nancy Rogers, Michael Phippen. Carried.

## **2021 Revenues and Expenses**

Sales of advertising and extra books paid for both the printing of the Yearbook and all mailing costs. Membership has increased from 759 to 796. Many of our members make generous donations to our Marine Patrol and Reserve Fund. The GBLT provides \$6,000

annually for the Marine Patrol's monitoring of their properties and gathering environmental statistics.

Marine Patrol costs were reduced by \$6,000 this year due to a reduced work week and shorter season with no assistant supervisor needed with the two experienced patrollers. The 10 new "test" markers were paid for in 2020 but anchors, chains and installation will be a 2021 expense. Regatta trophies were ordered but due to cancellation of the events were not used creating a saving for 2022.

### **Election of Directors Dave Sharpe**

The proposed slate of nominees for positions as PaBIA Directors was read.

Erica Allen  
Mike Berton  
Helen Bryce  
Hilde Clark  
Mark Gwozdecky  
Tom Lundy

Michael Phippen  
Cam Richardson  
Nancy Rogers  
Dave Sharpe  
Virginia Skuce  
Mary Thomson

Motion: to approve the slate of nominees for appointment as PaBIA Directors for 2021 – 2022. Dave Sharpe, Mike Berton. Carried.

### **Ratepayer Report Cam Richardson**

The proposed changes to the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law (CZBL), for the Pointe au Baril Island area (Ward 3), excluding Skerryvore, were presented. The changes have been recommended by the CZBL Committee, chaired by Cam Richardson, with the goal of protecting the environment. Public consultations are planned with opportunities for review and input.

### **Member Safety Report Tom Lundy**

Marine Patrol (MP) Tom Wunderlich and Chris Lusty returned as Patrollers. Randy Johnson continued in his role as trainer. Bill Culp was able to work with the team in person after not being able to be at Pointe au Baril for two years due to Covid-19.

Maps & Markers The S-turn light appeared to be working intermittently. The Canadian Coast Guard, Parry Sound Base, has offered to assist us with updated equipment that is surplus to their needs, at no charge. By Thanksgiving, all ten of the new test markers will have been installed. Some of the rock cairns and barrels were destroyed or moved by extreme high water in 2020. MP painted 15 cairns. More work to rebuild and repaint will be done in 2022. We received a donation of four white plastic barrels through Tom Cavers. These were used to replace one cairn and three barrels. There are concerns about the use of barrels which will be discussed. Volunteers for the repair, painting and replacement of cairns will be needed. Jim Rogers and Tom Cavers were thanked for their service.

Fire Pumps Randy Johnson recommended the continued use of the existing pumps. One pump required repairs. To address the potential problems starting the pumps, large print instructions were laminated and placed in each Fire Box as well as being included in a mid-July e-blast. MP along with Randy Johnson produced a Training Video which will be uploaded to the PaBIA website.

Insurance Bill Culp and Sandy McLaren reviewed the liability insurance coverage as it related to Marine Patrol, Fire Pumps and Markers and the other areas of PaBIA work. The Board is satisfied that we have adequate coverage in all areas.

Boating Safety Wakes and speed continue to be concerns, especially in narrow and high traffic areas. Helen Bryce (Education Portfolio) provided articles for the summer e-blasts. Tom is a member of the TOA Water Safety Committee. Additional safety marker buoys have been placed in the Village Channel. More educational ideas are being developed.

**Guest Speakers: Rolfe Jones, GBA President & Rupert Kindersley, GBA Executive Director**

Rolfe and Rupert's presentation "Your Voice on the Bay" reviewed the multiple concerns and issues being addressed by the GBA including water levels, invasive species, environmental and coastal protection and boating safety. PaBIA members receive by mail three issues of the GBA Update annually. The GBA website is the best source of articles as it is updated frequently. The GBA has expanded member benefits and products with services to member Associations and to individual members.

**Township of the Archipelago Ward 3 Councillors** Scott Sheard and Earl Manners

On-going improved internet connectivity plans were described, for both reliability and affordability in our underserved community. (This was timely, as Earl's connection to the meeting from his cottage, failed.)

The Township focus is on sustainability and protecting the environment in our certified Biosphere Reserve. Concern for the environment comes first in the CZBL. There have been increasing numbers of reported by-law infractions related, for example, to site alterations, garbage, fire, septic systems and noise along with difficulties in enforcement. It is acknowledged that the Official Plan is out of date. Input is needed and invited.

**Presentation of Honorary Life Membership** Erica Allen

Erica noted that an Honorary Life Membership has been awarded to only 15 PaBIA members to date. She gave the history of Tom Scoon's volunteer service to both GBLT (Chair of both the Stewardship and the Land Protection Committees, Vice-President, President and continuing service as advisor and member of Land Protection) and PaBIA (Land Use Chair, Director of Ratepayers & Regulatory Affairs, Chair of the OP and CZBL review, Vice-President and President 2017 - 2020). Tom has continued to be a mentor to Erica and advisor to others on the Board.

MOTION: to award an Honorary Life Membership to Tom Scoon. Erica Allen, Michael Phippen. Carried

Tom thanked the Board and described his life-long connections to Georgian Bay.

**Closing - Marilyn Capreol**, Elder, Shawanaga First Nation

Motion of adjournment: Erica Allen, Mike Berton. Carried

Nancy Rogers  
Recording Secretary