

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
PENINSULA LAKE ASSOCIATION
HIDDEN VALLEY SKI CLUB
AUGUST 1, 2016**

Welcoming Remarks – Robert Hurst

Welcome everybody. We have a lot to do today so we will try to get through the agenda items as efficiently as possible.

This is your meeting. It is your opportunity to hear from your board about the various activities that have occurred over the course of the past year, and your opportunity to ask questions and offer feedback.

We are pleased to have some of our elected officials here today, so that they can bring us up to date on matters with regards to The Town of Huntsville and the Township of Lake of Bays and how they impact the Pen Lake community, our lake and our association.

Call to Order and Constitution of Meeting:

Robert Hurst called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Arlene Potter to approve the agenda, seconded by Clark Court. All in favour; Carried.

Approval of the 2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Rick Boddy that the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting be accepted as written. Seconded by Sharon Henshaw. All in favour; Carried.

No errors or omissions noted.

Introduction of the Board of Directors:

The amount of volunteering we have in our association is excellent. This includes items such as the PLA, the eco workshop and the variety of activities that occur.

To introduce the board this year the president, Robert Hurst, asked that the board members introduce themselves.

- Nicola Biggs – Vice President, introduces herself.
- Paul Hutchison – Lake of Bays liaison, introduces himself.
- Nancy Kirkpatrick - 5 years on the board, 4 as the social director, introduces herself.
- Jane Anastas – introduces herself.
- Graeme Eastmure – Secretary, introduces himself.
- Vicky Koudstaal – Editor, Pen Notes, introduces herself, appeals for members to submit photos for upcoming copies of the newsletter.
- Dennis Maxwell – New Social Director taking over for Nancy Kirkpatrick, introduces himself. He commends the volunteer conveners and hosts that do a great job.
- Gord Moffat – Director of Membership, introduces himself.
- Ken Harper – Environment & Buoys, introduces himself.
- Cathy Oakden – Treasurer, introduces herself, comments on handling the bank deposits, mail, revenue collection etc.

Rob Hurst comments, “This group works for you, year round, volunteering their time to serve the Pen Lake Association. By and large, the board wants to stay on.

It is always healthy to have “new blood” come on to the board, so please think about volunteering for the board.

Note: Bruce Howell, Director is absent from this meeting.

Introduction of Guests:

Rob Hurst introduced the following guests:

Andrew Rusynyk - New General Manager of the Muskoka ski club. He attended our board meeting a few weeks ago.

Andrew Rusynyk speaks:

- He is the new GM of Muskoka Ski Club at Hidden Valley Highlands Ski Area.

- He is originally from Toronto.
- He has been in the ski and hospitality industry for 30 years.
- Hidden Valley is a fantastic hill with great terrain.
- Last year was a bit tough with El Nino having some effects, but this year will be great!
- Come out and ski!!

(Applause from the crowd)

Rob Hurst – Thank you to Andrew for providing us with this facility to host our meeting.

Introduction of Dr. Windekind Buteau-Duitschaeffer
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Dr. Windekind speaks:

Dr. Windekind explains how he is undertaking a study to examine how associations, such as the PLA manage access and issues regarding a common pool resource, such as Peninsula Lake and the surrounding environment.

The Study on Lake Association Functioning & Success Factors is being done out of the University of Waterloo.

A copy of more details about the study is available. He hopes to interview a variety of Pen Lakers to gather information for the study. Persons interviewed would be anonymous unless they specifically request otherwise. He invites anyone who is interested to see him after the meeting.

Robert Hurst comments: This would be a welcome study for the PLA and the information learned from it could be most useful.

Robert Hurst makes additional introductions:

- Bob Young, Mayor, The Township of The Lake of Bays
- Nancy Tapley, Councillor, The Township of The Lake of Bays
- Shane Baker, Councillor, The Township of The Lake of Bays
- Mike Peppard – New Councillor, The Township of The Lake of Bays, Sinclair Township. Mike has worked closely with us in the past (Love your Lake program / Muskoka Watershed)

Note: Jonathan Wiebe and Scott Aitchison were invited but do not appear to be present at this time.

Mayor Bob Young speaks:

- Thank you to your association.
- We have done lots of work over the past 2 years to create the official plan.
- It was passed at the district level.
- The Lake of Bays Association does not like it, they are taking it to the OMB.
- The plan will last for 5 to 10 years.
- We have worked on some infrastructure rebuilding:
 - -works garage replaced.
 - -the 40 year old garage could not house the equipment.
 - -the office structure is to be expanded – they have very small cubicles.
 - -rebuild base of garage.
 - -by 2018 the infrastructure will be up to date.
 - -most work done through reserves.
- There are no major current issues although the OPP costing issue is still there.
- At the district level towns have 12 votes, townships have 11.
- We are trying to orchestrate through the ministry to equalize the voting:
 - -three approvals so far, but they were from the townships.
 - -Bracebridge and Gravenhurst won't even put issue on agenda.
- We have a solid township, with good support from our Lake associations.
- Never forget, we are here for you.
- We have great staff, so call on us.

Questions

Q. Tony Moffat

I would like to thank our elected officials for coming. It gives me a chance to rant. We are all here for the beauty of our shores etc. Tony is concerned about ongoing development.

Will we be equal to Peterborough, Kawarthas?

A. (Bob Young) I only speak for LOB. We are not building new sewer/water so there will be no significant development. No condos. They tried to use fractional ownership to get around the condo, but they are not selling. Some larger cottages are being built. Huntsville has a right to develop.

I will jump to the Quarry – we have not heard a word from them.
There is really nothing that we can do if we don't hear from them.

Q. Gord Moffat

Has the LOB position on the quarry changed?

A. No, but we need to adhere to the Aggregate act, and the planning Act.

President's Report – Robert Hurst:

Jane Anastas (Director) and Robert Hurst attended the FOCA meeting.
-Safe quiet lakes is an important component – see 'boaters codes' in your Pen Notes

-Quarry – we learned the property was sold to the Schlotzhauer family of Pen Lake – sold by Chris House. Father Ted and son Matt were asked for a briefing. They were meeting with town officials, with contractors and an engineering firm hired from Barrie, ON. It may be the same firm used during the previous quarry application.

That previous decision shut the quarry down.

Note – The quarry had been opened with no approvals.

Chris House went to the OMB.

The LOB township folded, could not hire lawyers. The PLA led the fight at the OMB – and won. The ruling essentially concluded that a quarry near the lake was "bad planning". Eight years later we are presented with the same challenge.

What's different? A quarry is a quarry isn't it – or is it? We need to respect the Schlotzhauer's right to address the concerns, hydrological, cleanliness of streams waters, dust noise etc. The Schlotzhauer's were invited to come to-day and present. They are not, but they did provide this response.

Reading of response from Schlotzhauer:

Hi Robert,

Thank you for your invitation to present at the AGM.

Since the January meeting with the PLA board and my subsequent letter in May to all PLA members, I have not received any new information to share.

The sub consultant studies are continuing to be conducted throughout the summer and fall. Once I receive their reports I will have more information to make a decision on whether to proceed with this project or not.

Therefore, I will have to respectfully decline your invitation.

Also, please be advised, my father no longer owns this property and is not involved with this feasibility study.

Thanks and have a great summer!

*Regards,
Matt*

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*Matt Schlotzhauer
Algonquin Granite Ltd.
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The meeting in January was attended by several board members. The meeting was a bit chilly, but the Schlotzhauer's said they'd address each of the concerns. Since then they have gone silent. We considered a tour of the property, possibly retaining council, considering new technologies.

We are expecting an application. It is a large valuable property of granite. All studies need to be peer reviewed. We will probably hear more in next six months, such as a:

- Application to town for rezoning.
- Application to Provincial government for a Quarry.

Any questions or thoughts?

Q. Joe Doyle

Studies need to be done. When do we go to lawyers, and who would we go to?

A. Nicola Biggs

We are not sure of who the law firm would be, but we are speaking with those who handled this last time. We won't spend any money until we have further information about the direction this is going.

Q. Lang Moffat

The basis last time was that it did not meet the official plan. Does the new plan change this?

A. Bob Young

No. The Provincial Policy document is designed as a one-size-fits-all, made to work for the GTA.

Rob Hurst comments: the values of what we enjoy at the LOB have not changed.

Q. Ann Kennard

What is the location?

A. Gord Moffat/ Rob Hurst

South side off Hwy 60 – between Wolf Bay and Highway 60.

Joe Doyle comments – A critical aspect for the NO quarry fight was the location. This has not changed. We do not take a soft approach on sea-doo's, we should not take a soft approach on the quarry. The site plan has not changed. The sounds will be the same.

Pat Doyle comments – Peer reviews are very costly. The applicants had top quarry people on their side. The appeal went on for weeks. The representative from The District of Muskoka and our lawyer drove home the point it was not right for Pen Lake, or the Lake Plan.

Jean Fraser comments – The Lake Plan, values of the township, community lifestyle, noise concerns, etc. are all important, but the official plan is the

most important part. Work with TLOB and get them to support our position. A soft approach will not work.

(Applause)

David Walker comments – I want to add to what Jean said. Regarding the OMB, the lake plan and the official plan of LOB are important, but it was also and because the quarry was running illegally and people came forward to explain how it impacted them. People came forward and testified to the actual effects they experienced. These people will need to come forward again.

Rob Hurst comments - At the January 23 meeting Schlotzhauer said they won't proceed if the lake community is not in agreement with it. We still need to respect Schlotzhauer's right to investigate and present a plan. The board will be closely watching this and will work for you.

Q. Don Henshaw

Is there a plan to resist the quarry?

A. Rob Hurst

No.

Tony Moffat comments – I agree with aggressive opposing the quarry, but be careful with fundraising. People might quit the PLA.

Q. Deb Court

I recall Ted Schlotzhauer saying they won't proceed if the community is against it. Have we sent a letter?

A. Rob Hurst

No, we don't know what is in the application. There could be new technology. If there is an application supported by studies, then the town and PLA will respond then.

Eric Koudstaal comments – I am not sure of the anticipated cost, but donations will be needed and should be allocated for the quarry fight.

Heather Moffat comments – we need to get ready, but wait to see the scale of the operation.

Q. Dibble Appleton

Should we have a vote to say we are against it?

A. Rob Hurst

I believe the best approach is to keep informed, and then make a decision.

RESORTS – ROB HURST

DEERHURST

Rob Hurst and Jane Anastas met with Chris Lund. The following was noted:

- The original farmhouse was demolished in December
- The new lakeside lodge is being built. Excavation was done and they are now pouring foundations.
- 2 year project
- It is a large building.
- Skyline says after 2-3 years they may look at developing the village.
- Skyline has taken Deerhurst off the market.
- A new major industry investor is involved – Alex Shnaider. He has 21 per cent of Skyline. He is a substantial developer in Toronto, and was involved in the building of the The Trump Hotel.
- Alex Shnaider is now fighting Trump to get Trump out of his hotel operation in Toronto.

POW WOW

Doug and Dee Howell made application to split the property into 5 lots. The PLA supported this, and believes it is a great outcome.

TALLY HO

The West family sold Tally Ho to the Dryden family.

HIDDEN VALLEY RESORT

Who is renting Sea-doo's? It is not Deerhurst.

The board met with Hidden Valley – after they had planned “Watercross” snowmobile races. The PLA successfully blocked that event. While the PLA did “ruin” a revenue opportunity, it was not in keeping with our common principles, such as a quiet lake – lets work with them on this.

Any Questions on Resorts?

Q. Lang Moffat

Will Tally Ho continue as resort?

A. Rob Hurst

We are not sure, but we would like to meet with the new owners. We believe they want to continue as a resort.

Financial Report - Cathy Oakden

Finances are down a bit, but are in relatively good shape. Please see the Treasurers Report provided for this meeting.

We have had a generous donation from one of our members.

Please see the balance sheet.

The membership fee is still \$50.00, the same amount as last 15 years. Tax receipts will be sent out.

An e-mail request was sent out for those unpaid fees. So far seventy (70) members have not paid yet this year. Payments can be made at end of the meeting.

Q. Lang Moffat- Membership funds are down?

A. Cathy Oakden – We are e-mailing invoices instead of mailing by Canada Post- perhaps this transition has had an effect.

Q. Dave – how much spent on lobbying?

A. Cathy Oakden – there is no lobbying, so zero funds are spent on this. Previous funds were allocated to the DWG (Deerhurst Working Group)

Q. John Brenciaglia – What is the PLNFR?

A. Cathy Oakden- Pen Lake Farms Nature Reserve

Q. Eric Koudstaal comments- thank you Cathy for your accuracy in the financial reports.

Applause

Motion – Erik Koudstaal moves that the Treasurers Reports be accepted, seconded by Susan Brenciaglia, Approved.

Q. Perk Craik - Can we just get email copies of Pen Notes to save on paper.

A. Cathy Oakden – The board has reviewed this, but found that people like a paper copy. They want it for their coffee table, or fridge. We can revisit this.

Cathy Hurst comments – we tried this, but it did not go well.

Report on Environment – Ken Harper

Buoy Management: A new buoy was installed in front of Hill's Island off of the peninsula.

Early Lake Level information was provided for those not around in spring. I hope it is helpful.

Floating platforms – If you have one, it would be helpful to put your name on it, so we can return it.

Loon platforms were put out. The one at grassy island had a nest with four eggs but they were not sat on.

Eco Workshop

We had a great speaker from the MNRF who spoke about water level management.

Jim Marshall, a biologist gave a report on the water. This information may be added to website.

We learned about Muskoka Conservancy in a presentation by Scott Young.

We hope for more members turn out next year.

Benthic monitoring is on August 6 at McCready's creek. Bring kids and bug enthusiasts.

Other Lake issues – wakeboards – please stay out in the middle of the lake – wakes are huge and cause erosion.

Wendy Somerville comments – Attendance is dropping – perhaps a different date would help?

Ken Harper responds – we will look at other dates.

Tony Moffat comments – he enjoyed the Eco-Workshop – the MNR said they can't do anything about surges. He is unconvinced that they can't better control the water levels.

Ken Harper responds – It could be a manpower issue at the Ministry. Perhaps we could assist, but we would need special training.

Bob Young comments – they operate on a 40 year old model. The rains are different now. The Muskoka Lakes Association (MLA) is pushing to re-write the model.

Member comment - about the MNR sign with a telephone number – Regarding nets in water.

Ken Harper responds -

The MNR was doing a study on 1000 fish. If anyone takes a tagged fish, please let the MNR know. Then they can take out the tag from circulation.

Gord Moffat comments – Perhaps a letter to the town should be sent encouraging the MNR model is updated.

Ken Harper responds – we will.

Governance Motion – Rob Hurst, Jane Anastas, Nicola Biggs

The proposed motion is discussed.

This matter has been reviewed by your board over past 2 years. Other lake associations are doing the same thing. One body (PLA) is slowed and cumbersome, and burdened by its' charitable status. By creating a new Not-For-Profit sister organization that will have a community of interest we can better serve the members.

We propose that you give the board the authority to create this new organization, the charity will be more effective and community interests will be better served.

Jane Anastas comments – The dual structure will give us a better position to serve the membership.

Rob Hurst comments – this will take some time to complete.

Q. Lang Moffat comments – This is an opportunity for new blood on the boards. Will there be duplicate AGM's?

A. Jane Anastas – Yes – the new entity will be created, with new board members assigned. There will be a period of transition, and board members will have different responsibilities, but with some overlap. Hopefully the AGM's can be done at the same time. A member of PLCA will be member of PLA.

Q. Tony Moffat – how will this impact donations?

A. Jane Anastas – this strengthens the model. E.g. With the quarry, studies relevant to the development could be funded.

Carol Sisson comments – her biggest concern the charity is reporting where money is being spent. There is a 15% leeway in expenditures. Keeping one organization could keep a stronger entity.

Rob Hurst responds - Two Not-For-Profit tax lawyers were consulted, and both explained that it would be more effective to have the Charity and the separate Not-For-Profit organizations – this will be far better.

Q. Tony Moffat

Why?

A. Rob Hurst

A charity must spend 100 % on its' charitable objectives. (Tony Moffat argues only 85%.)

Nicola Biggs comments – The board got legal advice on this.

Erik Koudstaal comments– this was a 2 year review – the board should explain this and what is correct with the CRA. Thank you to the board.

Q. Cathy Oakden

Where does the money go for PLA?

A. Jane Anastas

The money must stay with charity. The new entity will need to raise money as the member activities fall under that. Lobbying would be done through the new entity.

Q. Carol Sissons

Will funds flow from the Charity to the NFP.

A. Jane Anastas –

No, they are separate. No funds flow – the monies in the PLA must be allocated to charitable objectives – water quality, environmental studies etc.

Joe Doyle comments – The charity status came about with the quarry fight. A number of members worked very hard to make that happen. Follow donations closely with CRA requirements. The PLA is two things – social / lake monitoring, corn roasts, public safety, environment. There could be trouble allocating funds for a quarry.

MOTION BY JANE ANASTAS, SECONDED BY NICOLA BIGGS; All in favour, Those opposed. PASSED.

“The Board of Directors shall create a new not-for-profit organization to conduct all lake association activities on behalf of its members and the Peninsula Lake community.”

Social Report – Dennis Maxwell

The calendar was done back in February – it was a surprise to see that we have 18 events from Canada Day through to the Corn roast!

The Eco Workshop was great.

The Ladies Luncheon, Sailing Races, Golf Tournaments, The Regatta – great attendance at all, and many thanks to those involved.

There is one month left – lots of events still – the golf scramble – benthic monitoring, sailing races, star gazing, and pure day.

Review of items on calendar -

The Corn Roast at meadow – we are looking for new volunteer for next year. (Janet Walker and David Walker offer)

(Applause)

Check your PLA notes –

Recognize the conveners and event volunteers . It is amazing how great a job these people do.

(Applause)

Historical Committee - Eva-Marie Moffat

Presentation.

Stewardship Award – Alex Armstrong.

Barb Armstrong cannot attend.

This year, the recipient collected tires, road pylons and other debris from the canal. He helps with water quality, bat houses, loon platforms – both successfully used. He continues to work on this and the floating nests. He also works on the board and handles the buoys. The award is presented to Ken Harper.

Ken Harper comments - Thank you very much. This is my lake as well as everyone else's. I will continue to do what I can to enhance the lake and its eco-system.

Early Bird Draw – Gord Moffat

Rob Hurst selects the name. DON EASTMURE is the winner.

Retiring Board – Robert Hurst

Robert Hurst is retiring as President. He will fill the role of Past President and assist Jane Anastas who has been asked to fill the role. He notes Jane spent 5 years as director on the PLA board, 4 years as social director, and it has been a real pleasure to work with her.

Nancy Kirkpatrick –

Nancy is presented with a paddle by Cathy Oakden.

(Applause)

Cathy Oakden comments how she handed off duties on to Nancy who took it all on.

Nancy Kirkpatrick comments – they have really enjoyed building the community. It was a crash course in learning about lake history, the Moffat and Eastmure families, and they have really enjoyed -as owners of Portage Inn- building community, which is now keeping us very busy.

Cathy Oakden recognizes Robert Hurst for his work as the PLA President, the way he speaks, and meets with the people has been a great asset to the PLA. We are glad he is staying as past president, but we got him a little thank you for his work thus far.

A beautiful Wood Turned bowl is presented to Robert Hurst.

(Applause)

Rob Hurst comments – Thank you so much!

Nominations & Election to the Board
Nominating Committee – Chair, Robert Hurst

Slate

Returning Directors:

Jane Anastas - President and Treasurer
Nicola Biggs - Vice President
Graeme Eastmure - Secretary
Robert Hurst - Past President
Ken Harper - Director (Buoys)
Cathy Oakden - Director
Paul Hutchinson - Director
Gord Moffat - Director (Membership)
Bruce Howell - Director
Dennis Maxwell - Director (Social)
Vicky Koudstaal - Director (Pen Notes)

New directors:

Wendy Somerville - Director (Environment)
David Walker - Director

Any nominations from floor?

None

MOTION: Bill Charlton moved that the Directors be appointed as noted, seconded by Craig Henshaw. All in favour; Carried.

Officers of the Board of Directors:

President, Jane Anastas – chartered accountant Sudbury
Vice President, Nicola Biggs - lawyer
Secretary, Graeme Eastmure – security firm
Past President, Robert Hurst

MOTION: Una Shields moved that the Officers be appointed as noted, seconded by Joe Doyle. All in favour; Carried.

Open Forum, Q & A

Q. Craig Henshaw

My wife and I would like to ask about the regatta - where was it? There is no info on website.

A. Rob Hurst

The regatta was at Springsyde. The organizers did a great job – for its' 116th year! There were a couple hundred people there.

Dennis Maxwell comments – we will be doing a better job to get that information out next year.

Steve Moffat comments – on Springsyde dock – a large corner is missing cribbing and we are looking to repair the dock. We appreciate Rob Hurst and Jane Anastas coming to Springsyde meeting, we need the PLA to talk together about assisting with the repair.

Tony Moffat comments – he is up all summer. He swims everyday – but notes he has to watch out for motor boats. Can we do something about this – the boats that come too close?

Rob Hurst comments – we looked at sea doo rentals – it is a boat operation in Dwight - we learned that you can rent a boat without a boat operators license. Only the rental agency needs the license. The boat rental agency is then responsible to “brief” the renter of the regulations.

Transport Canada has a safe boating committee – we want this reviewed.

Springsyde Dock needs repair. The PLA treasures the site, it is historic. But the PLA might be questioned about spending money by its members that don't use it. Perhaps we should have a dock dinner there.

Steve Moffat comments - The Springsyde dock is the regatta dock more than a Springsyde dock.

Sheila Morse comments about the regatta – where are we going to park? We can't park at the Springsyde dock. It's expensive to fix the dock for a one day event.

Sheila Morse also comments - The sea-doos buzz on the weekend at Hidden Valley – they sound like mosquitos. Our grandchildren swim out to the trampoline. The sea-doos come in so close.

Sheila Morse also comments – fisherman come along close to their boat-house – a line was cast right in under the door. We know we don't own the lake, but people need to be respectful.

Rob Hurst comments – there is a 30 meter from shore rule for speed boats, but not fisherman.

Regarding the Regatta and boat congestion – a boat parking person has been there to assist in boats landing and to anchor them.

Ken Harper comments – Regarding the Springsyde dock. Is there any thought of making the dock accessible to public? The PLA gives \$650 per year. Where does that money go? Maintenance? Will the dock be welcome to Pen Lakers. People have been told to get off the dock.

Tony Moffat comments – He has never heard story about people being asked to leave. The Springsyde association has discussed its use. About \$1200.00 is spent for insurance. The Library is used. These issues are being discussed.

Julie Maxwell – the Eastmure dock is also used for the regatta – a section broke. Should money be given to them?

Lang Moffat comments – there were 21 boats in the war canoe – a pretty good participation. The docks were filled with people watching the races, tug-o-war etc.

Member comment - The PLA AGM information should be posted to the website in advance – it's a lot of information to absorb on arrival at the meeting when you are just meeting people.

Rob Hurst comments - Advance notice for the NFP is required and will be passed to new board.

Dibbie Appleton comments - Renovation to the Springsyde dock can be funded privately by members. A lost 4x6 floating dock is at her place. An article was previously published in the Huntsville Forrester – about a fisherman's lure that was caught in her dog's ear.

Q. Erik Koudstaal

Jane Anastas is to be the President and Treasurer?

A. Jane Anastas comments- Cathy will help her in the transition year. Cathy Thank YOU!!!

Rob Hurst comments - Cathy will help Jane through the transition year.

(Applause)

Member comment - Buoys can be put out to delineate swimming areas.

John Stuart comment - he asked a fishing boat to leave its course. It finally left.

Cathy Oakden comment to Tony Moffat - google swimming lake aids - in particular a red attachment you can get to your bathing suit.

Perk Craik - The Police Boat could be asked to come out to ticket sea-doods.

Member comment re - lost and found - a raft came in to the Winoka shore - name says "Flaming Three".

Carol Sissons comments - In the interest in commenting on getting information out for the Benthic monitoring. It is at Puttin Bay Road - come to Sissons cottage. Bring the young ones.

John Hay comments - there are still openings for the Golf Scramble tournament tomorrow.

Rob Hurst declares the meeting adjourned at 1134 am.