

**Sturgeon Point Association Annual General Meeting
September 2nd, 2012 10:00 am
Sturgeon Point Union Church**

Minutes

The meeting was brought to order and chaired by Victor Isbrucker, President, Madge Barr, Secretary.

Motions

The Following Motions were brought to order and carried:

1) Minutes of the AGM dated Sept 4th, 2011 were circulated prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dan Haggerty, seconded by Mrs. Trevor Roberts and carried by majority on a show of hands.

2) Current financial statements were circulated prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the Financial Statements was made by Mrs. Trevor Roberts, seconded by Dave Kennedy and carried by majority on a show of hands.

3) The following slate of 11 Directors was presented to the meeting by Madge Barr. Returning – Lisa Vehrs, Patricia Aspinwall, Jeremy Hall, Paula McMurtry, Chris van Lierop, Madge Barr. New – Maria Marlin, David Webster, Jim Milford, Bob LeCraw, Judy Haverkort. A motion to approve the slate was made by Carol Gray, seconded by Peter Breyfogle and carried by majority on a show of hands.

Minutes

Victor Isbrucker convened the meeting and introduced the first speaker.

Community Reports

a. Water Irrigation System – Dave Kennedy

Dave reported that the water pumps that needed to be repaired have been. Victor asked about the usage of the water system. There is a meter to monitor usage and currently 7691 cubic meters have been used, so far, this season. The meter also keeps track of hours that the pump is working. Dave noted that if any resident wants to join the system, they may speak to him. The bank account for the water system is in good shape, currently approximately \$14,000, and he is waiting for repair bills to come in. The goal is to keep a contingency amount because of the potential need for new pumps. Dave noted that the layout of the system is not known perfectly, so care has to be taken when work is done on the system. The agreement with the City of Kawartha Lakes is that if there is a need to do significant work, SPA will contact the city first before moving ahead.

b. History Project-Liane Kennedy

Liane gave thanks to all of the SPA members who supported the History project this past season. She described the different displays that the history project created and displayed around the village. There was a display at the Canada Day event in the Park showing the history of the Sturgeon Point on the water, and at Civic Holiday there was a display about the residents and history of 2nd Street. The History Project is going to focus on the history of 1st Street and the Civic Holiday regatta next summer that will be the 175th anniversary of a regatta held at Sturgeon Point. Liane reported that we hosted a very successful speaker series and she is working on the line up for next year. The Doll cottage was a fundraiser undertaken by the history project and she reported that the dollhouse did very well. The winner of the raffle was Susan Benson! The History Project committee is made up of Liane Kennedy, Maureen McKellar and Jo Breyfogle. They are looking for volunteers to join the committee!

c. Environment Report-Chris Appleton

Chris reported that we had a better year, this year, given that there was much less green algae this summer. He thanked the city for supporting the environmental project; the conservation authority is finding and recommending solutions for sources of pollution. The biggest source of water pollution is the waste treatment plant, but it is performing to the requirements and taking out 97 or 98% of phosphorus. Chris is also following the landfill site and he reported that it is stable, there has been no measureable effect on the Scugog River and is being managed well. There is probably some leakage, but all members are working towards the same end. Carol Gray asked that when the report is done will there be the will to make changes? Chris noted that there are some easier changes to make, such as a no mow zone but manure management is tougher and more expensive.

d. Trustee Report- Jeanne DesBrisay

Jeanne gave a background of the creation of the Sturgeon Point Association and noted who the Trustees are. They are: Biz Agnew, Tom Anders, Jeanne DesBrisay, Phil Roberson, Leslie Thomas. Following amalgamation into the City of the Kawartha Lakes, the Village created a Trust agreement and assigned trustees. The lands that are included in the Trust are maintained by SPA and this arrangement has worked well.

Directors' Reports

a. Review and Approval of Financial Statements –Chris van Lierop

The financial statements were distributed in the AGM package available online and at the door. Chris reviewed these statements as well as the balance sheet. He noted that the Association started using pay pal last year, 20% of members used paypal to pay for their membership. The Association posted a deficit last year, but Chris explained that this is not unusual. He has decided to allocate things more specifically so that it is easier to read the balance sheet, going forward. There has been an increase in donations, 60% over what we were at last year. At the time of the AGM, there were 230 members this year but some expenses have increased, insurance has gone up, we now have to pay for internet hosting in order to maintain the website and pay for members to be able to use paypal. When all the final numbers are in, Chris believes that the Association will break even. A motion to approve the Financial Statements was made by Babe Roberts, seconded by Dave Kennedy and carried by majority on a show of hands.

b. Social Report- Lisa Vehrs

Lisa reported that we had a great turnout at all events this season, including Easter, Canada day and the Civic Holiday BBQ and races. The events that are still to come are the Thanksgiving football game and Halloween. Lisa expressed thanks to the city for their grant, and to the parents and directors who took over to help run some of the events as she was focused on a healthy delivery. James Bellwood (owner of Highland Propane) has offered to donate propane for the BBQs in the future. The Frog jog seemed to be a success but feedback is welcome on this new event.

c. Communications Report –Patricia Aspinwall

Patricia reported that the Association continued with newsletters, email blasts, an updated website and has added a page on Facebook. All of these tools to communicate with members will be continued going forward.

d. Roads and Maintenance Report- Eric Jordan

Eric reported that SPA will continue to work with the COKL to complete the paving that needs to be done. There are new street signs up, painted by John Lyon, and where there are new sign posts needed the city will pay for those. This was arranged by Brian Junkin. Lisa Vehrs noted that the one way signage for cars could be improved.

e. President's Report-Victor Isbrucker

SPA President Victor Isbrucker described how, as his presidency was drawing to an end, he looked back at the original planning group for the Association and at the Letters Patent in order to focus on what it is that this Association is about and why we were created. Victor read out the Mission Statement to the assembled members so that we could all be reminded of the purpose of the Association.

Victor noted that we have added a social event to the calendar, the Frog Jog, and that the events now span most of the year. Victor described the work that has now been completed at the Upper Wharf. It was a community project, not driven by SPA. We did this project with community consensus and participation and no capital campaign. There is no major project on the horizon, so that the Association can build up reserves again. Main contributors who were instrumental in this project were Nelia Steward, Tony Spencer and Janet Clark. One of the big bonuses to our membership is the leaf dump. Victor noted the addition of new street signs and thanked Brian Junken for helping us work with the city and keep the vision of what SPA wanted for signage in the Village.

Victor noted the Directors who are retiring and thanked them very much for their efforts: Eric Jordan, Ramona Kozak, Liz Wallis, Victor Isbrucker.

Victor thanked all of those who he consulted and worked with and supported him through his years as President.

Election of New Directors

Madge Barr informed the members that a sub committee had been formed to present a slate of Directors for approval. Madge read the proposed slate of Directors. A call was made for nominations from the floor. There were none, a motion to accept the slate was made by Carol Gray, seconded by Peter Breyfogle.

Other Business

Message from Councillor Brian Junkin

Victor welcomed Brian Junkin to the meeting. Brian spoke briefly, and passed on greetings from Mayor McGee who could not attend the meeting. Brian introduced the special guest speaker, Lance Sherk.

Special Guest Speaker, Lance Sherk, Director of Economic Development, CoKL

Lance reported that the city has a new heritage master plan and they have been working with historical societies, museums etc. It can be difficult to find common ground and agreement when in discussion with the 41 different groups. The goal is to increase tourism to the area and take advantage of the heritage districts in Lindsay and Bobcaygeon. Lance also reported that the city is working on business retention and expansion in Fenelon Falls. There will be a cultural master plan as well. The secondary plan, that includes Fenelon Falls, is currently being worked on and Lance encouraged SPA members to get engaged in the planning process. The draft is out and the final draft is expected by the end of the year.

Victor thanked Lance for taking the time to attend this meeting. He also reminded the members of the Open Doors the following Sunday afternoon and thanked the church for hosting the AGM .

Dan Haggarty spoke briefly to thank Victor and all of the Board members for their efforts.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carol Gray, seconded by Norm Howard and the meeting was adjourned.