

**Acton Island Association
Annual General Meeting
July 22, 2017**

Call to Order and Welcome to the 2017 AIA AGM

Presentation From OPP Marine Constable:

Important Points to Remember

Safety First on the Water.

Life Jackets for all passengers.

Safety Kits. (Includes charged batteries for all flashlights in this kit).

Boats with permanent (Built in) fuel tanks must have fire extinguishers.

Potential fine \$240.00 per missing safety item on board.

Attach a whistle to each life jacket.

Have your operator's card with you at all times ~ a photo copy of okay.

For a paddle Board ~ a life jacket + whistle will suffice.

Complaints? Contact OPP Marine Unit ~ a detailed description of the boat is key with ON #

Request for policy changes (noise, airplane docks) ~ write to Local Politicians and Council Members, the Local Marine Unit Detachment (Inspector Therian)

Non Emergency Contact # for problems on the water ~ 888 310 1122

Noisy Boats ~ should be 30 metres away from shore. Enforcement???

Boating tickets (ie for not having proper safety equipment on board do not affect your driver's abstract (re points).

Zero tolerance for alcohol .

Alcohol infractions on the water align directly to your driver's lic. with standard suspensions and fines et al.

Introduction of the Directors

Hugh Kerr, President (Absent)

Stephen Randall, Treasurer (Chair of our AGM this year)

Brian Atkinson, Secretary

Malcolm Foulkes, Past President (Absent)

Nancy Kerr, Director at Large

Mike Lewis, Director at Large (Absent)

Rayla Myhal, Director at Large [and Membership]

Philip Randall, Director at Large

Sandra Godard, Director at Large

Stephen verified that the required notice of the AGM was duly sent to all members of the AIA

Verification of Quorum

Brian Atkinson acknowledged that we had a quorum.

The minutes of the 2016 AGM have been posted to our website since last summer.

Request a Motion to approve the minutes of last year's AGM

Motion Rayla Myhal

Seconded Sandra Taube ~ Goddard

Any comments? NONE

All in favour/opposed

Carried

Treasurer's Report/Review of the Financial Statements - Stephen Randall

Stephen Randall presented the financial statements to the assembled members.

The financial statements will be attached to the 2017 AGM minutes.

Motion to accept: Tom Di Giacomo

Seconded: John Hanaker

All in favour/opposed

Carried

Report on the Activities of the Directors

Dockside Delivery

Stephen reported that for the third year in a row, we reached out to the group **that delivers the Dockside** to all cottagers on the Island and included an invitation to the meet and greet, a copy of the newsletter and an application. He hoped that it got the attention of more folks. We are always interested in raising awareness and membership numbers of the AIA.

Stephen reported that the Directors continue to review the mission statement for the Association. We're continuing to look at ways to supplement the new **community outreach concept** in addition to our advocacy efforts. Our second Kid's Activity Time at this meeting aligns to this community outreach. We'd love to hear from you to. What things can the Association do to make our time here more enjoyable? We don't want to duplicate what other associations like MLA do but we could do more to increase the sense of community.

Roster

Stephen reported that the roster for 2016 has been made available at today's meeting. It's been refreshed this year on our normal **two year cycle**. Stephen advised that as we hear more about new members such as those we've received today, we'll send out an insert by

e-mail. That way we all keep up to date this year and next even for those who join today at the AGM. 2018 will be the next Roster Year.

AIA Website

Stephen reported that the website continues to be a very useful way to communicate with fellow Association members. Again we saw a good deal of use for the "**Lost and Found**" this year as result of the "annual flood". We also use it to post items of interest from the surrounding area. Philip continues to host the Photo Contest for the site.

Stephen advised that if you have a need to communicate via the website send a notice to 'contact AIA' and we'll do our best to post it on a timely basis.

As always, we thank **Steve Messenger** for volunteering his time and doing a terrific job in maintaining the website.

E TRANS for Membership Dues.

Stephen advised that the directors continue to develop this payment option for annual membership dues.

Meet and Greet

Stephen thanked Nancy and Errol for hosting this year's event at their beautiful cottage. It's always a great opportunity to meet fellow Association members and put a name to a face you might see while walking the roads or in town.

As always, Stephen mentioned that we are looking for **a new venue** for next year. If you have any interest in hosting, please let us know. The directors do the lion's share of the set up and tear down. Moreover, we provide all of the tables, cutlery, plates etc.

Election of Directors

The directors serve for two year terms. Stephen Randall, Brian Atkinson, Hugh Kerr, Nancy Kerr, Rayla Myhal, Sandra Goddard, Philip Randall and Malcolm Foulkes are up for re election for another two year term.

Mike Lewis is entering his second year of his two year stint.

Motion to re-elect Hugh Kerr, Nancy Kerr, Brian Atkinson Malcom Foulkes, Stephen Randal, Rayla Myhal, Sandra ~ Taube Goddard and Philip Randal for an additional two year term.

Moved Jennifer Stephens.

Seconded Larry Rozak.

All in favour/opposed

Carried

Next year's AGM and Meet & Greet

This will be announced in the annual notice.

Announcements and Any Other Business

1/ Stephen announced the Passing of Larry Scott (June 2, 2017) He spoke about Larry's life with his family on Acton Island and his many professional and community based interests and accomplishments.

2/ Speed Limits: Stephen asked that we all follow posted speed limits to safeguard those who enjoy walking, jogging and cycling on our Island Roads.

3/ Acton Island History: Rayla is keen to connect with those wishing to share stories, area history, anecdotes and images of the island. Individuals would contact Rayla directly by phone, letter or email.

4/ Stephen shared that George Mayhal has been nominated to the Order of Canada.

5/ Muskadasa Island: There is a private Tennis Court on this island and there are a couple of vacancies for membership. Contact the club for inquiries. NOTE: with apologies, I (Brian) did not get the name of the woman who spoke about this topic. Does anyone remember her name?

6/ Tom Luks: Tom spoke about the right of ways on your property and advised everyone to check with the township concerning what you own. Secondly, Tom advised that by-law changes are coming and we should check with our insurance companies to understand liabilities with waters toys we enjoy on the water.

7/ Sally Hastings: Sally moved that AIA should invite Muskadasa Island Residents to become members of the AIA.
Stephen responded that the board would look at this.

8/ Aerodrome Issue: Kevan Kristiansan shared issues concerning aerodromes (docks for airplanes) in the area and there potentially increasing numbers. He explained that the installation of such facilities proceeds unencumbered due to unclear enforcement practices between the Ministry of Transport and all levels of government. Uses beyond plane docking (recreation, extra boat docking, infringement on set back rules) are some examples of what can occur when cottage owners install aerodromes.

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Moved Jennifer Hastings.

Seconded Kevan Kristiansan

All in favour/opposed

Carried

Two Guest Speakers

In an effort to encourage people to share Acton Island Area History two island cottagers spoke. The group enjoyed anecdotes from Peter MacMillan (Guy's Road) and Leslie McCann (formerly) of Innisfree Road.

Triva Game For Attendees:

A great thank you to Rayla who put together a fun trivia game for everyone to enjoy at the conclusion of our time together. Thank for this initiative and sourcing neat prizes Rayla.