

**Acton Island Association  
Annual General Meeting  
July 20, 2019**

Call to Order and Welcome to the 2019 AIA AGM

Information/Handouts

**Introduction of the Directors**

Hugh Kerr, President

Stephen Randall, Treasurer

Brian Atkinson, Secretary

[Howard Day, Director at Large](#)

Malcolm Foulkes, Past President

Nancy Kerr, Director at Large

Mike Lewis, Director at Large

Rayla Myhal, Director at Large (Absent)

Philip Randall, Vice President -& Membership Director

Sandra Godard, Director at Large

I would like to verify that the required notice of the AGM was duly sent to all members of the AIA

**Verification of Quorum - Brian Atkinson**

The minutes of the 2018 AGM have been posted to our website since last summer.

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

Motion Jim Jewel

Seconded Steve Messenger

Any comments? None

All in favour/opposed

Carried

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

Stephen shared highlights of the financial statements and advised that the Financial

Statements would -be attached to the AGM Minutes posted to the website

Motion to accept: Paul Mills

Seconded: Mike Lewis

All in favour/opposed

Carried

## **Report on the Activities of the Directors**

### **Update on the Wireless Offerings on the Island (Howard Day spoke on this topic)**

Bell option on west side. More towers from Bell are proposed to be in place for the fall of 2019.

Xplornet on the east. Service is improved. Approximate cost \$79.00/month and service is quite fast.

[Brian, Howard can likely provide additional notes on this topic!](#)

### **Spring Clean Up (Hugh Kerr spoke on this topic)**

As you know we deferred this year's Spring Clean Up due to the flooding. The advent of spring foliage and the arrival of the mosquitos calls for a deferral until next year so look for an e-mail in the Spring confirming the timing of the event. Last year we collected ten+ garbage bags of garbage and recycling!

### **Roster (Hugh Kerr spoke on this topic)**

The roster for 2018 was distributed last year via e-mail and for those who requested it in print. This year, we've made copies available at the meeting. Much thanks to Phil Randall for his efforts in producing the Roster. It'll include the information on new members such as those we've received today.

Note: Hugh apologized for members ~~who's~~ whose names were mistakenly omitted from the roster. This shall be rectified by the membership director.

Note: 2020 will be our next roster year.

### **AIA Website (Hugh Kerr spoke on this topic)**

The website continues to be a very useful way to communicate with fellow Association members. We again saw a good deal of use of the "**Lost and Found**" as a result of this year's flooding and we'll continue to use it to post items of interest from the surrounding area and from our Facebook site. In that regard, I hope that you have looked at the Facebook site.

If you have a need to communicate via the website send an email 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-Transfer/Online/Electronic Payment Capabilities (Hugh Kerr spoke on this topic)**

Steve Messenger and Stephen Randall have implemented our new e-transfer capability for membership dues and updates to membership information. A really fantastic step that makes life easier for members and for those who have to make deposits and update the membership information. Thank you Steve and Stephen!

| **Meet and Greet (Hugh Kerr spoke on this topic)**

I would like to thank **Eleanor and Jim Lewis**, original AIA members, for hosting this year's event at their lovely 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, 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.

| Note: **Jennifer and David Stevenson of 1247 Innisfree Road**— kindly offered to host the 2020 AGM and Meet and Greet.

I (Hugh Kerr) would like to **open the floor to any questions or discussion items** that people want to raise.

| **Presentation from Const. DeVos and Const. VanNorman of the Ontario Provincial Police:**

To minimize break ins:

- 1/ Avoid making attractive targets; lock doors and shut window treatments.
- 2/ Ensure track marks are visible around your property to suggest people have been or are around checking on the property and the buildings.
- 3/ Place markings on your property in odd places so that if your stolen items are recovered the marking will indicate that it is yours.
- 4/ Update your registration / ownership on boats and other watercraft.
- 5/ Arrange to gather up blue boxes from the road. Do not leave them out on the road for days and weeks on end.
- 6/ Use the 1 888 310 1122 number to report a problem. This # is available 24/7/365 and is answered by a live person. NOTE: This is the NON emergency number. When this number is used it will generate a file with a pin number (AN INCIDENT REPORT). An officer will be assigned this file and you can use the pin number when speaking with the officer for potential updates.

7/ Reporting to this number and creating a file helps the police to track break in and other unlawful incidents. Police personnel ~~and use~~ computers ~~can create~~ to watch for patterns and trends for regions, time of the year and time of day.

8/ Many cottages have Home security systems. They are a useful deterrent but, given the limited police resources and the long travel distances, there can be a delay in OPP response time to the alarms. The officers also commented on the number of false 'alarms'. -are everywhere yet it takes the OPP a lot of time to respond.

9/ Cameras located inside the house pointing to driveways and entrance ways are very helpful. Often individuals, vehicle types and even licences can be captured by cameras.

### **Eleanor Lewis: The New / Proposed Cultural Centre in Gravenhurst at the Current Muskoka Steamship and Discovery Centre.**

Recent private and public funding commitments are fueling a new addition to the centre (The Stanley Meek Steamship Era ~ Boathouse for the Wanda 111) and a refresh of the core mandate of the centre to include an Indigenous component. Programs and display spaces are proposed to include the Indigenous voice and experience in this region dating back to the early 1800's.

Eleanor wanted to share this as a matter of creating awareness as to the new directions for the centre in Gravenhurst.

### **Sally Hastings: Docks Used for Airplane Dockage (Aerodromes)**

Sally advised that her direct neighbour to the north of her property built a dock structure that is not in compliance with setback rules. No action was taken by the district to date. The dock structure is now a parking spot for a seaplane and the dock structure is now referred to as a Aerodrome. Dock construction and compliance is a Municipal responsibility. Aerodromes are under federal jurisdiction. The Hastings are now caught in a tug of war between two levels of government with no resolution to the initial infraction(s).

Jim Lewis advised that he would assist the Hasting Family in this matter. Jim pointed out that The AIA was formed in first place to help residents with matters that impact their lived experience in the immediate region on Acton Island and Acton Island Road.

### **Election of Directors (Hugh Kerr spoke on this topic)**

The directors serve for two year terms and Mike Lewis is in the second year of his two year terms. Stephen Randall, Brian Atkinson, Hugh Kerr, Nancy Kerr, Rayla Myhal, Sandra Godard, Philip Randall and Malcolm Foulkes are up for re-election.

Note: Sandra Godard ~~D~~declined serving for another two year term on the board.

Do we have any nominations from the floor?

Alexandra Giffin, the AIA's Social Media Officer, was proposed as a Director.

Motion to close the nominations and elect the nominees. [Alexandra]

Moved: Malcolm Foulkes  
Seconded: Judy Messenger  
All in favour/opposed  
Carried

Motion to re-elect Stephen Randall, Brian Atkinson, Hugh Kerr, Nancy Kerr, Rayla Myhal, Philip Randall and Malcolm Foulkes for an additional two year term and for Alexandra Giffin be welcomed to a two year term on the board.

Moved: Larry Rozak  
Seconded: Sally Hastings.  
All in favour/opposed  
Carried

The date of next year's AGM and Meet & Greet will be announced in the annual notice.  
Any other business?

Motion to adjourn the meeting  
Moved: Malcolm Foulkes  
Seconded: Brian Atkinson  
All in favour/opposed  
Carried