

# BAYFIELD NARES ISLANDERS' ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday July 28, 2019 @ 10:00 AM

Pointe au Baril Community Centre

1. Call to order (10:11am) Rob Reed
  - Directors In attendance: Sara Carter, Andy Fabens, Doug Ferguson, Kathleen Kidd, John Lavis, Alice Lurie, Mike Major, Nichola Martin, John McMullen, Molly Mulloy, Mary Perdue, Peter Perdue, Frank Pointner, Rob Reed, Ted Simmonds, Leeanne Smart, Anne Stewart (17 directors)
  - Guests: Councillor Peter Frost, Reeve Bert Liverance, Councillor Scott Sheard
  - About 60 people in total, including directors
  
2. President's Remarks Rob Reed
  - Rob spoke about our tradition of land stewardship
  
3. First Nation Land Acknowledgement Nichola Martin
  
4. Treasurer's Report Peter Perdue
  - The key to the financial success is that members pay their dues (193 full members plus associates)
  - **Approval of the financial report: moved by Ned Martin, seconded by Linda Rothnay, passed**
  - **Approval of the auditors: Miller, DeLaurier, Schumacher, moved by Tom Martin, seconded by Nichola Martin; approved**
  
5. Approve prior minutes
  - Minutes of July 28, 2018 were circulated by email & posted on the website.
  - **Motion to approve the minutes by Frank Pointner, seconded by Mary Martin, approved**
  
6. Membership & Communications Sara Carter
  - Sara highlighted our connection with the Bay, and our obligations & reminded people that the BNIA runs solely by the support of members
  - Membership includes: directory, outings, regatta, environmental initiatives, boating safety, representation by the GBA and new this year a burgee (thanks to Art Kilgour)
  
7. Fire Awareness & Education Leeanne Smart
  - There is no municipal fire protection; it is a fire-sensitive environment; we must be self-reliant
  - The new committee's mandate is to increase awareness, fire prevention & education. A 1-page article in the directory includes reminders and tips. You are responsible for your tenants
  - **There will be a place to indicate possession of fire pumps on the membership form.** George Solas offered to help on that coordination. First responders said would appreciate this info.
  - Communicating to campers is difficult. **The committee is looking at posting the by-laws (fireworks, fires, parking...) at Public dock, Thomson's, Boat Club, Nares Landing**

- Michael Pearly asked about **investigating extinguishers/pump options and sharing the information**
8. Guest address from the Reeve Reeve Bert Liverance
- Bert Liverance started with “All my life, Georgian Bay has been my spirit home”; explains that it is so important to be part of your cottage association, especially if you are American
  - He held up a poster showing the principles of the ToA & explained that Environment is the 1<sup>st</sup> principle which is very different from other municipalities
  - The Reeve stated that although they have shared values with other municipalities the ToA wants to be politically independent. If they are asked by the province to amalgamate, they would like to align with municipalities or parts of municipalities along the coast.
  - There was a question regarding composting. Reeve Liverance answers that he has asked council to look at it.
9. Guest address from the Ward 2 Township of the Archipelago Councillor Peter Frost
- Peter stated that it’s been a good experience having a new COA and new Councillors (new the Ward 3 Councillors, Scott Sheard and Earl Manners, and 2 female Councillors)
  - Councillor Frost informs the membership of the committees he is a member of
  - Lastly, Councillor Frost gives a big thanks to Reeve Peter Ketchum
10. GBA Report and Rep Update John McMullen
- John Lavis is the new rep to the GBA board (we have 2 reps); John Carson is the current President
  - John McM explains 3 reasons why membership in the GBA is so important:
    1. Advocacy for 19 member associations & their property owners
    2. Value of associations,
    3. Protecting the Bay by promoting the interests of our member associations
  - Current initiatives are: a review of municipal government amalgamation, the Parry Sound 33 fire (pressing for change in the MNR fire rating protocols), environmental protection, submissions to many agencies, an improved website, developed a website template, an improved eUPDATE...
  - Future initiatives include: amalgamation & protection of the Bay in the face of the Government’s severe cuts to environmental programs and regulations
11. Photo Contest Art Kilgour (working with Nichola Martin)
- **Contest details will be sent in an email and will be on Facebook**; deadline after Labour Day
12. Outings Molly Mulloy
- Announcements were made regarding upcoming dates and registration details.
13. Directory Kathleen, Nichola & Sara
- **Next year the directory will have a firm deadline. Renewal notices will be issued Jan 1<sup>st</sup> for the calendar year.**
14. Regatta Ted Simmonds
- The location has been changed, now Susan Day’s cottage (A801); **directions will be posted; docks & equipment will be there**; please bring pinecones

- **The regatta is hosted differently. Not one single family hosting, but rather it is run by a group of volunteers.** Rob is coordinating volunteers and we will assess after this year.

15. Boating speed, noise and wake Peter Frost

- Peter stated that boating safety is the #1 thing that cottagers care about (from Safe Quiet Lakes surveys); this can't be done via enforcement; we need to take responsibility (discuss with /inform other people)
- John McM clarifies that the former yellow laminated "GBA Cottager & Boater Code of Conduct" was updated & is now "Georgian Bay for Everyone" which has been circulated
- George Solas comments about the wake from large boats; it's not speed, but displacement
- Peter clarifies that we can:
  - file an incident report (with OPP) - include photos/ video, boat name, port, license, etc.
  - we can put up signage, as long as it doesn't look like government signage
  - Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation (VORR) regulations can be done; we have a few in the Township (6km/hr) but it is a lengthy process to get done.
  - there is a change in regulations for Stand-Up-Paddleboards (SUPs) with regards to mandatory safety equipment. Please see Small Vessel Regulations

16. Presidents Final Address Rob Reed

- Rob presented gifts for Kieran Stevenson & George Westacott for the work they did in 2018 removing Phragmites
- He welcomed Mike Majors & Leeanne Smart & commented that there were 5 new people joining the board during his term
- Rob thanked the retiring members: Mary Perdue, Andy Fabens & David Day

17. Update from nominations committee John McMullen

- John thanked the outgoing president & presented him a fun T-shirt designed by Art Kilgour
- He presented the new slate of Directors:

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| ○ Sara Carter    | ○ John McMullen |
| ○ Doug Ferguson  | ○ Molly Mulloy  |
| ○ Kathleen Kidd  | ○ Peter Perdue  |
| ○ John Lavis     | ○ Rob Reed      |
| ○ Alice Lurie    | ○ Ted Simmonds  |
| ○ Mike Major     | ○ Leeanne Smart |
| ○ Frank Pointner | ○ Anne Stewart  |
| ○ Nichola Martin |                 |

- **Motion to approve the slate of directors by Art Kilgour, seconded by Peter Ketchum; approved**

18. Other business/ Questions from the floor

- Trina Ord reminded everyone that if you call 911, give island number, your name and **give them permission to give your information to the First Responders**. She says First Responders do training together, are here early May to Thanksgiving and will show up and transport

– Tom Martin thanked the board and wishes good luck for the next year

19. Adjournment      **Motion to adjourn by Ned Martin; seconded by Mary Martin; approved**  
(11:54am)