

**2020 MARITIME PARKLANDS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
JULY 22, 2020, 7:00 P.M. (BY VIDEOCONFERENCE)  
MINUTES**

**Present** (lot numbers in parentheses): Jerry Arenovich & Lynda Rankin (18), Bill & Lori Collins (21, 22), Al & Donna Duchesne (39), Adam Goudey & Devin Young (23), Richard & Carolyn Harry (H, 28), Marc & Maureen Pallard (49), Dianne Sheehan (26), Theresa Tomilson (29, 48), Janice Mitchell (43), Rebecca Babcock (36), Jeanne Douglas (F), Lori Wood & Geoff Porter (16, 17), Andrea Lantz Powers (31), Al McMillan (27), Luc Vachon (44)

1. **Agenda** – Amended to move Financial Report ahead of the President’s report. Approved as amended. Moved by G. Porter, seconded D. Young. Carried
2. **Acceptance of Minutes of 2019 AGM** - Moved by B. Collins, seconded by A. Duchesne. Carried.
3. **Financial Report** - Thanks to a mild winter, we finished the year with a small surplus of \$2594.31. Other expenses were on track. Acceptance moved by A. Duchesne, seconded by J. Arenovich. Carried.
4. **Proposed budget** – As usual, the largest expense is for road maintenance; some amounts can be reallocated as needed. The \$200.00 donation to the New Ross Volunteer Fire Department was questioned on behalf of H. McLeod, but members expressed a wish to continue the practice, especially given that during the COVID-19 pandemic, the fire department has not been able to fund raise. It was pointed out that other departments charge \$150.00 for room rental, whereas we have never been charged. Acceptance moved by A. Duchesne, seconded by B. Collins. Carried.
5. **President’s report** - In summary, it was a good year overall. The main issues with the road for the coming year are to improve timeliness of spring and winter maintenance. Members who have given freely of their time to help with road maintenance were thanked.
6. **Entry Committee** - This Committee has completed its mandate, having installed signage and video surveillance, and initiated repairs to the garbage shed. The shed has a new roof and fascia boards, and will have a new door as soon as plywood becomes available. There is still garbage being incorrectly sorted and bagged.  
  
**ACTION:** (L. Collins) - Resend the garbage links on the MPHA and Chester websites. *Due : This summer*
7. **Winter Road Maintenance Ad Hoc Committee report** - This committee was created to establish a tendering process to select a contractor for winter maintenance. It was suggested that the contractor would decide when to plough and sand, and come automatically without being called. C. Harry pointed out that conditions can vary even from the village of New

Ross but J. Arenovich replied that we would retain the prerogative to call for more maintenance if needed. B. Collins spoke to the greater traffic on the road, due to more lots being regularly used. We would prefer not to have a tiered approach whereby year round residents would pay more in fees, but we may have to spend more on overall maintenance. It may be useful to learn how other cottage associations handle this issue. In the context of road maintenance, it was mentioned that there are still vehicles that drive too fast on the road, particularly big trucks.

**ACTION :** (L. Collins) - Remind members to ask their contractors to observe posted speed limits. *Due: ASAP*

**ACTION:** (J. Arenovich) - Talk to Colin Hughes about what he knows about how other cottage associations handle permanent vs. seasonal owners. *Due : September*

8. **Review of 2019 minutes**- All action items were completed. Glenn Swan hosted the summer barbeque.

#### 9. **New Business**

9.1. **Death in the Parklands community** - It was agreed that the policy when someone close to the MPHA community passes away will be to make a financial gesture (flowers, donation, etc.) from the Association only in the case of a current MPHA member's death. This arose when a well-loved contractor died this winter, and there was discussion about whether the Association should make a donation, or it should be left up to individuals to recognize his passing as they saw fit.

9.2. **Property taxes, services from Chester municipality** - The executive will follow up on whether our taxes could be reduced because we do not get full services such as driveway garbage pickup. L. Vachon noted that some municipalities are eliminating big garbage containers in favour of driveway pickup : <https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/provincial/valley-waste-to-eliminate-cottage-bin-depots-begin-roadside-collection-475722/>.

9.3. **Lake water quality** - J. Arenovich has been testing the lake water every five or six years. Blue green algae testing is costly and not necessary if other parasites and nutrients are not excessive, even with warm water conditions. Thus, blue green algae should not be an issue in our lake. It was noted that our covenants also protect our water quality, by ensuring a curtain of grass and vegetation along the lake shore, reducing run-off.

10. **Additional items** - Cliff Rd Forest Reserve - J. Mitchell expressed concern that the owner may try to subdivide. J. Arenovich stated that the only issue at present is between the Forest Reserve owner and the former and current owners of Lot 31, where the owner of the Forest Reserve had installed a driveway without a culvert. J. Arenovich stated that such issues must be settled between owners, and that the Association has no mandate or jurisdiction to intervene, unless the lack of a culvert causes water flow problems on the road.

11. **Garbage Shed Duty** – The shed should be cleaned shortly after a Thursday garbage pickup. Here is the duty roster:

July – Harrys

August – Arenoviches

September – Tomilsons

12. **Election of officers** – Current officers and directors expire next fiscal year, but an additional director is desirable. Al McMillan was elected by acclamation.

13. **Adjournment** – 8:50 p.m.