

MPHA Annual General Meeting Agenda

June 24, 2023, 10:30 AM

Minutes

In attendance

- Executive: Adam King, Kate Collins, Jerry Arenovich, Craig Wicks, Marc Pallard, Al MacMillan, Al Duchesne
- Members: Diane Sheehan, Bill Collins, Lori Collins, Maureen Pallard, Donna Duchesne, Clayton Richard, Linda Rankin, Carolyn Harry, Richard Harry, Janice Mitchell, John Morehouse, Nicole Billiald, Zach Billiald

1. Call to order (10:33, Moved by Adam and seconded by Kate)

1.1.Introductions

1.2.Additions to agenda

- One item was added (5.4, Community Mailbox)

1.3.Approval of agenda

- Motion to approve: J. Arenovich seconded by M. Pallard

2. President's report (A. King)

- Report is submitted with these minutes. Members noted that the culvert at Sunset Lane has been problematic for many years, and is the last of the metal culverts. No other discussion.

3. Treasurer's report (A. Duchesne)

3.1.Financials 2022-23

- Al reviewed the P&L Budget vs Actual for 2022-23 and Balance Sheet for FY 2022-23. Al noted that the bank account is where they expect it to be.
- Discussion: John Morehouse asked about upcoming expenses such as the bridge or the shed, that would deplete the reserve funds in the account. Al, Adam and Jerry clarified that the roads, labour, climate change and the shed are the main motivators for keeping the reserve fund topped up. Members were satisfied with the Executive's approach.
- Al motioned for approval of the 2022-23 financials, Craig seconded. No further discussion. All were in favour, none opposed.

3.2.Budget 2023-24

- Al reviewed the Profit and Loss Overview for 2023-24. Notable changes this year are the diversion of donations from the New Ross firehall to fuel gift cards for John and Bernie for their roadwork; this was supported by members. No other discussion.
- Al moved to accept, Adam seconded, all in favour, none opposed.

4. Minutes from June 18, 2022 AGM

4.1.Review of minutes

4.2.Approval

- Jerry motioned approval, Diane seconded.

4.3.Review of action item(s)

- Adam reviewed action items and provided updates; all have been actioned.
- Craig discussed the work that has been done on the garbage shed over the past year (paint, etc.), and plans to fix up the existing shed this summer (clapboard, floor joists). There was discussion on placement of sheds to make parking safer. He also proposed acquisition of one NSCC student-built shed for next summer (\$1,700, 3-4 months wait) that would be an additional shed. There would be some cost (~\$1,000) to prepare the site for a new shed and for delivery. Members were in favour of this approach.
- Action: Craig to pursue repairing the existing shed for summer 2023, and to look into when we would have to order in order to have shed delivered late next Spring/early summer (fund-dependent). Due date: fall 2023.
- Gravel on the road was discussed including early laying of gravel and our requirement for Class A gravel (not sharp).
- Action (Kate): Schedule two hours for the next AGM.

5. New business

5.1. Lake ecology (J. Arenovich)

- Jerry, a retired chemical ecologist, provided an overview of blue-green algae and how it applies to MPHA members and Lake Lewis. His document is submitted with these minutes. He noted that he measures nutrients every year at his property, and nutrients (limiting factor for blue-green algae) have been consistently below detection levels. He will update members if this changes. Bill Collins also noted that he is participating again in the “Living Lakes” water quality monitoring program, and he will share info about this program on the FB page.

5.2. Evacuation routes (A. King)

- Adam reviewed roads that exit the Parklands other than the main road; members can keep these in mind in the event of an evacuation (Red Shirt Road, back roads through Cliff Road Forest Reserve).
- Adam proposed a motion to leave the Red Shirt Road gate unlocked during fire seasons for emergency purposes; Bill will check it periodically to ensure it stays unlocked. Bill seconded the motion. It was put to a vote: all in favour, none opposed.
- Action (Adam): do an assessment of the road and some light brush clearing on the access road to Red Shirt Rd. Due mid-July.
- Action (who ??): post an evacuation map on the member-protected area of the MPHA website.

5.3. Security (C. Wicks)

- Craig reminded members, from his recent experience, to keep your personal security cameras working, and to review your insurance policies.
- Craig discussed the existing gate security camera and how it is a deterrent to thieves but any imagery captured is not effective in terms of providing evidence in the event of a theft. Still, it is recommended as better than nothing and we will maintain.
- Action (Craig): Maintain the batteries in the existing security camera. Due date: ongoing.

5.4. Community Mailbox (J. Mitchell)

- Members were interested in the installation of a community mailbox at Red Shirt Road. Janice Mitchell will pursue this opportunity and keep the Executive.

5.5. Forestry Land Update (A. King)

- Adam provided an update on forestry activities on the Cliff Road Forest Reserve.

6. Summer barbeque

- There is continued interest and the Executive will plan this event and communicate it to members via FB and email (summer newsletter).

7. Election of officers (Secretary and Directors)

- President: Adam King
- Vice President: Craig Wicks
- Incoming Secretary: Nicole Billiald
- Treasurer: Al Duchesne
- Incoming Directors at Large: Zach Billiald
- Past president: Jerry Arenovich

The 2023-24 Executive was elected by acclamation.

8. Garbage shed cleaning duty, July-September

- July 8
- July 22 - Arenovich
- August 5 - Harrys
- August 19 - Collins
- September 2
- September 16

- Action (Kate): post schedule to FB and email in summer newsletter. Due July 8.

9. Adjournment

- Moved by Bill Collins, seconded by Kate Collins. Meeting adjourned at 12:26.
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