

**Lac Notre-Dame and Usher Lake Association
FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Community Centre, Rupert, Quebec – July 2, 2005**

Presiding: Jacqueline Lambert-Madore; John Naccarato and Joy Richardson

The registration started at 11:00.

Note: The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. It was conducted in English. Jacqueline translated when necessary.

1. Introduction

John called the meeting to order and explained the agenda, procedure and protocol.

1.1 Quorum. Quorum for the AGM was established with 18 of 71 members present, [moved – Jim Thompson; seconded – Robert Boucher].

1.2 Chair and note taker. John and Jacqueline were selected as co-chairs, and Nick was selected as note taker [moved – Anne Gilbert; seconded – Doreen Henley].

1.3 Minutes of last meeting. Minutes of last year's AGM were ratified [moved – Debbie Broad; seconded – Tonio Sadik].

2. Reports

2.1 Reports on Past Activities. Jacqueline reported on past activities including certification of the Association (see Attachment 1).

2.2 Report on Newsletters. Jacqueline reported that two informational newsletters about the milfoil had been created and distributed outlining since the last AGM.

2.3 Report on Harvesting. Jacqueline reported that a trial harvesting operation was conducted last weekend. Experience gained from that operation will lead to more efficient harvesting operations in the near future. She also indicated that, in addition to volunteers and additional funds (\$4000), the team needed more equipment including platforms, trailers, boats, motors and garbage bins.

2.4 Treasurer's Report. Joy outlined the current financial status of the Association (see Attachment 2).

3. Constitution

3.1 Constitution. John explained the Constitution and the need for it. He requested and received endorsement for it from the general assembly by majority vote.

4. Board of Directors

4.1 Interim Board. John requested and received endorsement for the acts of the Interim Board over the past year [moved – Rod Hutcheson; seconded – Doreen Henley]. Following this, each member of the Interim Board tendered his/her resignation in preparation for elections of members of the new Board.

4.2 New Board. The following people volunteered to be considered as members of the New Board: Carole Doré, Randy Irwin, Claude Foubert, Jacqueline Lambert-Madore, Joy Richardson, Brian Castledine and Nick Strachan. This slate of candidates was officially nominated by majority vote [moved – Lynn Campbell; seconded – Lois Newell]. This slate of candidates was then elected by majority vote [moved – Harvey Cocks; seconded – Anne Sorokan].

BREAK – There was a short break to allow the new Board to convene to appoint Executive Officers and Committees, and to ratify the Bylaws.

John reconvened the AGM after ten minutes.

4.3 New Executive. Jacqueline announced the new Executive Officers as follows: President – Jacqueline Lambert-Madore; Vice President – Brian Castledine; Treasurer – Joy Richardson; Secretary – Nick Strachan.

4.4 Committees. Jacqueline announced two new Committees as follows: Water Testing Committee – Carole Doré, and Milfoil Harvesting Committee – Randy Irwin.

5. Fundraising

Jacqueline explained the urgent need for in-kind and cash contributions, and she circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteer to assist with the harvesting process. About \$4,000 is urgently needed to purchase a second cutter and parts, and to cover a portion of the operating and administrative costs to harvest the milfoil.

6. Imperatives of the New Board

6.1 Bylaws. John announced that the new Board had ratified the Bylaws. He then asked for and received endorsement from the membership by majority vote [moved – Debbie Broad; seconded – Lynn Campbell].

6.2 Membership Fee. John announced that the new Board had decided to maintain the membership fee at \$20 for the upcoming year.

6.3 Plans. Jacqueline explained plans for the upcoming year, including

- 2005 Campaign – the 2005 campaign will have four (4) main components: Ongoing Awareness Campaign; Water Testing (until late autumn with the assistance of the Museum of Nature); Harvesting (explained procedure and protocol), and Lobbying.
- Website – a new website located at www.lacnotredame.org will be online shortly. It will be used extensively for communicating with members in order to minimize the costs of mailing newsletters, etc. Its contents will include water testing results, harvesting schedules, etc.
- Harvesting – Jacqueline announced that biologist Paul Hamilton will do a tour of the lake immediately after the meeting to determine how/ where best to proceed with the harvesting given our current resources.

7. Information Session

Biologist Paul Hamilton led an information session complete with a question-and-answer period. The session was video-taped by Scott Duncan (friend of Joy Richardson) and will be edited for assess by members upon request.

Adjournment: John adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. [moved – Tonio Sadik; seconded – Carole Doré].