



Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse Preservation Society
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

Directors present: Spencer Dennis, Dave Sharp, John Warner, Norman Bastin, Michael Nicholson, David Brummell

Other guests: There were approximately 25 members present, 3 non members plus John Campbell, reporter for Brighton Independent.

Chair of the AGM: Spencer Dennis

Minutes recorded by: John Warner

Opening comments and welcome from Chairperson, Spencer Dennis:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and Chair Spencer established that a quorum was present by a show of hands. He reminded attendees that only paid members may vote and only 1 vote per family or corporate membership.
- The Board of Directors were introduced by Spencer.
- A motion to accept the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting was moved by Spencer Dennis and seconded by Dave Sharp. Carried.
- Chair Spencer reviewed the activities of the Board of Directors over the last year including membership drives, public awareness campaign, history weekend, the fund raising Gala, the Presqu'ile Lighthouse Festival, Applefest weekend, and the PPLPS entry in the Dragon boat races in Gosport.
- Chair Spencer also reported on the lighthouse restoration recommendations presentation from the PPLPS to Rob Cunningham, Superintendent Presqu'ile Provincial Park.

Dave Sharp, Marketing and acting Membership Director:

- Dave Sharp reported on the sale of lighthouse clothing, and the arrangement with the Red Stone Clothing Co. in Brighton to provide a donation to the PPLPS for items sold.
- Dave reported that KOPPLA now has 178 members, 55 of which are new members in 2015. Our membership "billing" date starts annually, 1 year after your 2015 membership date or renewal date.

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- Dave reviewed the sponsorship policy developed by the Society to recognize sponsors for their support and specified who the sponsors are.

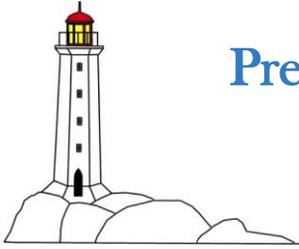
Michael Nicholson, Financial Report:

- Michael presented the annual financial report for the periods ending March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015. Moved by Michael Nicholson and seconded by Ernie Sharp that the financial report and report from Sautner Austin, Chartered Professional Accountants be accepted. Carried.
- Michael then showed the income and expense statements for the 2015 fundraising Gala; the Presqu'ile Lighthouse Festival, July 2015; and Applefest weekend, 2015. He reported that the Society balance is now at approximately \$40,000.00.
- Owen Gibb and Jim MacKenzie presented a cheque for \$500.00 from the Lion's club, proceeds from the Lion's Presqu'ile Lighthouse Festival Bingo.

Dave Sharp, Engineering Update:

- Dave reviewed the progress made to date:
 - The 2014 engineering study reported on the condition of the lighthouse.
 - In the autumn of 2014, a second engineering firm was hired to review the report and provide comments and recommendations.
 - In April 2015, the lighthouse restoration recommendations from the PPLPS were presented to Rob Cunningham, Superintendent Presqu'ile Provincial Park, and also to MP Rick Norlock, MPP Lou Rinaldi and to the Municipality of Brighton.
 - In Sept. 2015, our recommendations were supported by the Ontario Parks engineer who reviewed the reports.
- In the near future, KOPPLA will meet with Rob Cunningham to discuss methods of raising funds for the restoration project. We anticipate at least 4 partners: PPLPS, the federal government, the province of Ontario and the Municipality of Brighton.
- We hope to proceed with the clean out of the lighthouse basement in 2016.
- The next steps will involve:
 - Work with Ontario Parks to prepare tender ready documents for the lighthouse repair.
 - Negotiate with the 3 levels of government to obtain funding.
 - Major fundraising.

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Election of Board of Directors, Pat Boyce

- Pat presented the names of officers standing for election for 2015-2016.
- Pat asked for nominations from the floor and none were forthcoming.
- Moved by Marc Seguin and seconded by Peter Gilbert that the slate of officers as presented be elected. Carried.
- The officers elected for 2015-2016 were:

Chairperson	Spencer Dennis
Vice Chair	Dave Sharp
Secretary	John Warner
Treasurer	Michael Nicholson
Director and past Chair	Norman Bastin
Director	Lynda Van Dusen
Director	David Brummell
Director	Dan Buchanan
Director	Ernie Sharp

Guest Speaker, Marc Seguin

- Chair Spencer Dennis introduced Marc Seguin, author of his new book "For Want of a Lighthouse", member of PPLPS and member of Save our Lighthouses organization.
- Marc spoke about the history of water transportation, shipping and lighthouses in our area. More than 49 lighthouses and light towers were built in the 19th and early part of 20th centuries along the Canadian shore of eastern Lake Ontario. Today there are 9 lighthouses still standing. Marc reported on the status of each of the remaining 9 lighthouses.
- Chair Spencer thanked Marc for the presentation and presented him with a mini lighthouse sculpture.

Closing

- Chair Spencer recognized John Campbell, reporter for the Brighton Independent and thanked him for his help in promoting the lighthouse in the newspaper.
- Chair Spencer concluded the formal part of the meeting and opened the floor to questions. None were forthcoming.
- Chair Spencer closed the meeting at 8:15 pm.

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