



**G.O.R.A. – A.R.G.O.
Greater Otter Lake Residents Association
Association des Résidents du Grand Otter Lake**

22nd Annual General Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2018
Otter Lake Recreation Association Hall
Otter Lake, QC

1.0 Opening of Meeting

2.0 Verification of Quorum
Quorum established.

3.0 Adoption of Agenda
Motion made by Diana Bones from Hughes Lake to adopt the Agenda as presented seconded by Carlen Lafleur from Farm Lake and unanimously accepted.

4.0 GORA Board Introduction

5.0 Approval of Minutes from 2017 AGM
Motion made by Bert Langman from Farm Lake to adopt the Minutes from the 2017 AGM as presented, seconded by Doug Kirkpatrick from Hughes Lake and unanimously accepted.

6.0 Reports of Officers

6.1 Presidents Report

The President announced the retirement of two long-term Past Presidents, John Robillard and Dave Watts, and acknowledged their loyalty and hard work during their years of service. The results were given for the 2017 RSVL tests for lake water clarity. The support from the Municipality of Otter Lake to set up a boat-washing station in May 2018 was also acknowledged. It was noted that work would continue on ways to enforce boat-washing. The GORA Board will also be replacing the current GORA signs with new signs and a new logo. A website was launched in 2018 and the efforts of the webmaster, Rob Kanasy, were acknowledged. Members of GORA were encouraged to help increase membership by talking to their neighbors about the importance of GORA.

6.2 Treasure's Report

Motion made by Doug Johnston from Hughes Lake to adopt the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Bob Cummings from Farm Lake and unanimously accepted.

7.0 Mayor/Town Council Update and Member Question and Answer

Pro-Mayor Ivan LeBlanc was present along with councillors; Robin Zacharias, Carlen Lafleur and Desire Tremblay. Ivan LeBlanc updated everyone on some of the council's activities over the past year. The boat washing station is operational at 15 Palmer St. by the Fire Hall this initiative was undertaken with GORA. The New Building Inspector is Gabby Morin he started June 18th. There are two large waste depot weekends planned at the dump this year one in June and the other September 8th and 9th. The Municipality has hired two students to assist with children's events at the RA and to work at the Municipal Hall. The Library is open from 12:15 to 2:15 daily. The Neighborhood watch has started they are asking for people to call the police if they see anything suspicious. The Municipality is working with the MRC on Phase two for WiFi for Otter Lake. The MRC is working on WiFi rebates for less advantaged people. In 2020, there will be a new law to provide a compost waste station and individuals are encouraged to recycle. The Ministry of Transport has added an additional \$73,000 to the budget to maintain our roads. A walking trail is being installed around the RA property with five benches for the public to enjoy. Ivan also invited people to join the 50+ organization to play cards and darts; everyone is welcome. If landowners are having issues with beavers, they are to call the Municipality and speak to the building inspector on Monday, Tuesday or Fridays as they have a person hired to deal with this problem. Councillor Robin Zacharias noted that Otter Lake has a Facebook site for people to keep informed. He also listed several different activities that people can take part in while in Otter Lake; all listed on the Facebook page.

8.0 Elections

The following people were nominated to the board for the 2018 – 2020 term Stewart Wilson, Dorothy Langman, Nick Cushman and Terry Lafleur. Motion made by Joe Bones from Hughes Lake to accept the nominations as presented; seconded by Jennifer Quaile from Farm Lake and unanimously accepted. Motion made by Joe Bones from Hughes Lake to accept the GORA Board as presented; seconded by Rob Kanasy from Farm Lake and unanimously accepted.

9.0 Members Question and Answer/New Business

Members discussed the issue of boat speeds on lakes.

10.0 Adjournment

Motion made by Dorothy Langman from Farm Lake to close the 2017 AGM meeting at 12:00PM seconded by Patricia Lindsay from Hughes Lake and unanimously accepted.

11.0 BBQ