



AMIS du LAC
FRIENDS of the LAKE

**Annual General Meeting
July 9, 2017
Municipal Hall
Lac des Seize Iles**

The twelfth annual general meeting of Friends/Amis was called to order at 1:05 P.M. Bill Clelland, President, introduced the members of the Board: Penny Love, Mary Campbell, David Logan, Marie-Ève Bonneville, Geoff Cresswell, Jacques Causse, Chris Campbell (away for the first part of the meeting), Marie-Claire Lorange and Ian Swan (both arrived later), Louise Pharand (absent), Suzanne Causse (absent) and new member Annie Barbeau (absent). He also thanked long-standing (12 years) board members, Chris and Mary Campbell, Penny Love and resigning board member Pieter Folmer. He welcomed and thanked the Mayor, Yves Baillargeon, and councillors France Robillard, Lucie Robillard, Corina Lupu who were present as well as diver Jean-Louis Courteau who joined the meeting later. There were approximately 50 members in attendance.

Secretary: Cathy Mavriplis

1. The minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted as read. Proposed by Glen Magee and seconded by Diane Smithers; all in favour.

2. Committee Reports

Membership : Mary Campbell

Last year membership rose to 111 memberships, representing 192 members – the 2nd largest in the history of the association. Members were urged to remind their SILFC friends to consider joining. The association is now accepting e-transfers to pay membership dues by emailing amis16iles@yahoo.ca. Changes in address information may be entered in the box provided by e-transfers. Regular membership forms and cheques or cash are still accepted as well.

Financial: Jacques Causse

For 2016-2017: Income was \$7,943 due mainly to higher membership levels and calendar sales. Expenses were lower at \$3,717. Signage and a milfoil survey of the lake cost \$5,300. Anticipated expenses of \$6,000 for the burlap, buoys and signage for the milfoil control were postponed till the current year.

The cash balance was a healthy \$28,970 at the end of the year.

Acceptance of the financial report was moved by Bill Meldrum and seconded by Mary; all in favour.

Environment: Bill Clelland

Bill reported on the milfoil control project. Based on a successful milfoil control project in Gatineau where burlap was laid in 2012 preventing reappearance to date, 16 Island is going ahead with a burlap laying project in Hammonds' Bay. While the federal government did approve the project in March, we have been asked to put down concrete blocks to hold the burlap down. These are expensive and need to

be brought up every three years. The installation company is lobbying the government to get permission to substitute burlap bags of sand instead of the concrete blocks. It is hoped that this will get approved soon and that the burlap will be installed by late August. Coincidentally there was an article in LaPresse today on this process. The 13,000m² of burlap is expected to cost \$26,000. Amis du lac will contribute \$5,000 towards the installation and \$1,500 towards signage. There was a question from the floor on spending and grants: Bill indicated that the current DG is knowledgeable about where to obtain grants.

Calendars: Penny Love

300 calendars are being printed and will be for sale for \$15 at many events; they should arrive next weekend. Many thanks to Tim Boswell for putting together a fabulous product. The calendars will be sold at the Arts and Culture Day. Members were urged to send photos (especially winter ones) to Tim Boswell.

Municipal Affairs: Bill Clelland

Bill reported that we have a very experienced Director General at the municipal office, Pierre Gagnon is an urbanist and is available and approachable. The office is now open 6 days a week during the summer. Additional staff: Dominique Lemieux, administrative assistant; Myriam Atkinson, bilingual municipal inspector; Normand Léveillé, maintenance; Maurice Forget, boat launch and wash Thursday-Monday. Bill commended the current council noting what an excellent job they have done under challenging circumstances such as the landslide, staffing problems, etc. The urban plan is on the verge of being instituted, for which he thanked Corina Lupu in particular. The municipal hall has been renovated, the landslide has been cleaned up with external funds and volunteer work, staff has been hired with savings of one position.

Club Activities: Marie-Ève Bonneville

Marie-Ève explained that an awareness program with the children at the 16 Island Fishing Club is in the best interest of the conservation of the lake. Activities have been combined with already scheduled Club events.

Last year, a Green Challenge was run by Cathy Mavriplis during Motorless Day at the Club, with a lunch provided by Amis du lac, organized by Mary Campbell and Penny Love.

A scavenger hunt was held at the club in the first week of the season and Amis du lac provided nets and some support for an environmental theme (through Bill Clelland and Cathy M).

A craft night was held at the club by Cathy M. with organization and supplies (for growing butterflies) from Alison Warner.

Marie-Ève also reported on the loon survey she helped to run with the help of a few children (Corine Hamel among them). One loon unfortunately died after being hooked by a fishing lure. Of the three baby loons observed over the summer, it seems only one was still around at the end of the summer. This year the loon survey (with Birds Canada) will be managed by Charlotte Stretton who has already provided a presentation and games to the kids at the Club at Motorless Day (July 5). The lake will be divided in three areas that will be monitored by three sets of children reporting to Charlotte, who will enter the data.

Motorless Day lunch was provided by Amis du lac, organized by Mary Campbell and Penny Love.

Amis du lac will also sponsor a Craft Night at the Club in August (topic: folk art related to fish).

Election of officers: Bill Clelland

Bill Clelland nominated David Logan for President. He was elected by acclamation as there were no other nominations from the floor.

Mary Campbell thanked Bill Clelland for his service over the last three years and commended him on his ability to go out into the community. She cited his role in growing the association and gaining recognition for the association in the community.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm: moved by Bill Clelland, seconded by Ian Swan; all in favour.

Guest Speakers:

The meeting was followed by a presentation and question and answer period by

- municipal councillor Corina Lupu who addressed many issues in the urban plan (parking, boat access, garbage and recycling, etc)
- mayor Yves Baillargeon who updated the situation of the dam (price to be approx. \$300,000 probably shared with the provincial government – still in discussions)
- diver Jean-Louis Courteau, biochemist and diver Anne Letourneau and biologist and diver Sylvain Miller who addressed the algae bloom, lake health and preventive measures.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Mavriplis
Secretary