

Association pour l'amélioration du Lac Manitou et de ses environs (AALM)
114th Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Saturday, July 9, 2022
9:00-11:00
Via Zoom

Board Members in Attendance:

Joyce Arsenault
Kyle Bebb
Peter Cohen
Tim Dorey
Boyd Fuller
Jerry Golick
Geoffrey Harling
Lyn Lalonde Lazure
Howard Lehrer
John Patton
Michael Prupas
Rick Rubin
Michael Vineberg

Board Members Absent:

Elliot Berzan
George Barker
Tassie Fyon

Members and non-member participation:
Approximately 52 households

AGM Meeting Minutes

1. President's Welcome

Michael Prupas, AALM President, opened the AGM at 9:04 am and welcomed all participants. It was announced that the meeting is being recorded. Michael thanked all participants for attending and noted his appreciation of the high level of commitment to the AALM from our community.

2. Quorum was declared

3. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the 2022 AALM AGM agenda was proposed by Michael Prupas, seconded by Michel Lazure and was passed unanimously.

The following new items were added:

Nathalie Michaud- planes on the lake
Jack Cushing- Correction of AALM AGM numbering
Peter Clark - AALM Environmental Committee
Steve Adams- status of the patrol boats

4. Approval of the 2021 Annual General Meeting minutes was proposed by Michael Prupas, seconded by Alice Lehrer and was passed unanimously. There was no new business arising from the 2021 AGM.

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5. Mayor's Report on Municipal Affaires

Michael Prupas welcomed Mayor André Ibgby. Mayor Ibgby opened by thanking all members of the AALM and the leadership for their continued commitment to our community.

Mayor Ibgby reported the following:

- The municipality is in good financial position. The municipal tax rate was reduced partially to offset the increase in the tax roll.
- Roadwork has been scheduled for the next few months, including major road reconstruction of Chemin Lacasse and Montée Daoust, Chemin Constantineau and reinforcement of a retaining wall on Chemin Fyon. Strategies are being considered to reduce speeding including tickets, the installation of new speed bumps and stop signs.
- The municipality passed resolutions increasing the minimum lot sizes of all new subdivisions to 18,000 square meters and increasing natural lot cover from 75% to 90% on all new lots.
- Mayor Ibgby announced that Conservation Manitou and the municipality will jointly purchase 140 acres of Piché land to be designated as a nature preserve and municipal park.
- The increased park rate from 5% to 10% has resulted in meeting trail preservation objectives. A designated park area has been secured on both sides of the Nantel trail through the Forget property securing access from the public road.
- Renovations to city hall have been approved.
- The impact of wake boat activities continues to be an important topic of discussion. The municipality received a petition of 170+ names that called for an eventual prohibition of wakeboarding. A counter letter was received by wake boat supporters, the number of signatures was not disclosed.

Mayor Ibgby noted that while municipalities are powerless to regulate boating on bodies of water, municipalities recently were led to understand that over the next few years, there would be some efforts on the part of the Federal Government to possibly regulate wake surfing.

The municipality is committing to stepping up efforts to enforce compliance with nautical laws and regulations. Mayor Ibgby confirmed the continuation of patrols on the lake this summer and advised that patrollers have the power to ticket boaters for infractions.

The mayor opened the discussion for questions. Several questions were raised regarding road work, the environmental and safety impact of wake boats, enforcing boating speed limits, decals for non-motorized boats and enforceable nautical regulations.

Michael thanked the mayor for his time and congratulated the mayor and municipal council for their good work.

6. Treasurer's Report

Michael Vineberg, Treasurer, reported that our financial situation continues to be strong and provided the key financial metrics and membership up-date with the following highlights:

- annual dues invoices were automatically generated April 1st, the beginning of our fiscal year
- currently 186 members (households) have paid their dues
- eliminated the reduced annual dues for first year membership
- cash balance as of July 10, 2022, is \$36,244.91

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Income Statement - Cash Basis			
Year Ended March 31			
	June 30, 2022	May 31, 2022	April 30, 2022
Revenue			
Membership (\$75)	\$13,650	\$10,650	\$7,200
Membership (\$50)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Membership (\$25)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Donations	\$1,475	\$950	\$650
Committees & Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$15,125	\$11,600	\$7,850
Expenses			
G&A	\$0	\$0	\$0
Committee Expenses			
Buoys			
Environment			
MACC	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Quality	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trails	\$0	\$0	\$0
AALM2030	\$0	\$0	\$0
Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Expenses	\$456	\$226	\$174
Taxes	\$198	\$198	\$111
Expenses	\$653	\$424	\$285
Excess Rev > Exp	\$14,472	\$11,176	\$7,565
Cash Balance	\$43,151.92	\$39,856.14	\$36,244.91
Cheques Outstanding	\$301.18	\$228.18	\$228.18
Net cash balance	\$43,453.10	\$40,084.32	\$36,473.09

Michael thanked Dennis Waite for assisting once again in the preparation and filing of our tax returns. Natalie Michaud proposed to accept the income statement presented, seconded by Lyn Lalonde.

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7. President's Report

Michael Prupas outlined key activities sponsored by the AALM:

- The first All Candidates Meeting during the 2021 electoral period.
- Trails clearing event in October of which over 75 residents participated.
- Scheduled community hikes.
- Proactively working with the municipality for the protection of our trails network.
- Submission of recommendations to municipal council for improvements to construction by-laws.
- Manitou Arts and Culture Committee events, including gin tasting in November 2021 and zoom meeting in December 2021 with producers and production designers of the Netflix movie *Single All The Way*, shot in Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts

The President reported that the 2022-2024 AALM board of directors was acclaimed. The following members are appointed and formally ratified to represent the AALM board of directors for the 2022-2024 term:

Joyce Arsenault	Boyd Fuller	Michael Prupas
Kyle Bebb	Jerry Golick	Jessica Rubin
Elliot Berzan	Geoffrey Harling	Kathie Swim
Tim Dorey	Michel Lamothe	Michael Vineberg
Louis-Philippe Dorion	Alice Lehrer	Marc Yedid
Kathy Elder	John Patton	

Michael thanked the outgoing board members for their contributions and commitment.

8. Lake Committee Report

Boyd Fuller Chair of the Lake Committee reported that the Lake Committee has not met since the summer of 2021 and there was no new activity to report. Boyd informed that the Lake Committee had met during the summer of 2021 to discuss boating concerns identified and to explore actions to be taken to improve awareness, knowledge and education. No definitive actions were implemented. A long discussion on the topic of wake boats ensued with members expressing frustration with wake boat activity, danger to non-motorized water craft and to swimmers.

9. Trails Committee Report

Joyce Arsenault, Chair of the Trails Committee, thanked the members of the Trails Committee, Alice Lehrer, Vice-Chairperson, Michael Prupas, Mauricio Idarraga, Dan Knafo, Matt Stotland, Stephen Takacsy, and Cameron Hogg-Tisshaw, for their commitment and contribution.

Joyce reminded members that in advance of receiving access to the trails map, AALM members are required to sign the trail club membership agreement. Receiving the annual password to access the map electronically is conditional on having dues paid and signing the agreement.

Two summer hikes are planned, the first on Saturday, July 23 and the second Saturday, August 27. Details will be communicated to trail committee members. A series of summer training hikes will be planned leading up to "Around the Lake" hike in September celebrating the 10th year anniversary of the trail committee. The dates will be July 10, 17, 31, and August 7, 14, 21 led by Mauricio Idarraga and Jessica Rubin.

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The annual Trails Clearing day is set for Saturday, October 29, 2022.

10. Manitou Arts and Culture Committee Report

Kathie Swim, Chair of the Manitou Arts and Culture Committee thanked Howard Stotland, Alan Coopersmith, Gaby Opas and Veronica Baruffati for their contributions. Kathie reported that the following community events are scheduled for this summer:

- July 2, 2022 – Louise Penny book review
- July 16, 2022 – Music on the dock featuring Lac Manitou resident talent being held at the Prupas dock
- July 30, 2022 – Vernissage à la Plage - Manitou Artists exhibition being held at the Coopersmith home
- July 31, 2022 – Music on the dock, featuring professional singer Slim Williams along with resident talent being held at the Cantor dock
- August 6, 2022 – Broadway sur-le-lac, organized by the Stotland family at their dock in support of the Segal Center

11. Buoy Committee Report

Tim Dorey, Chair of the Buoy Committee, reported that all the buoys have been installed. He noted that two buoys on either side of McCall Island went missing. It was asked if anyone had any information concerning this, or have found the buoys on their shoreline, to contact Tim. Several residents asked questions about the installation of buoys.

12. Water Quality Testing Report

John Patton, Chair of Water Quality Testing, reported that 20 water tests had been done, with samples taken from separate locations on Lac Manitou, Horseshoe Lake and Lac de la Grise. The overall results of the water testing continues to be excellent.

John noted a couple of testing areas of the lake, those closest to swamps and wetlands and the inlet stream from Horseshoe Lake on the Holden property, continues to generate fecal coliform readings. John reported that other than these testing spots, water fecal coliform results are excellent. John reported that on-going testing will occur annually with testing planned at points corresponding to new construction on the lake.

13. Conservation Manitou Report

Stephen Takacsy, Chair of Conservation Manitou, reported that the AGM of Conservation Manitou was held on June 21, 2021. Conservation Manitou, a registered charity founded in 2013, is now one of the largest and most active land conservancies in the province of Quebec, currently owning 140 acres including 1.5 kilometers of Lake Manitou shoreline and 0.5 kilometer on Horseshoe Lake. To date, \$3.8 million has been raised.

Stephen reported that Conservation Manitou closed on the acquisition of 55 acres in 2022 and will be acquiring 172 acres of the Piché property in partnership with the municipality. Currently, there are 150 lifetime voting members, who have donated or have committed to donate \$5,000 or more within a fixed period. Stephen encouraged the AALM members to donate to Conservation Manitou and welcomed discussion about potential future acquisitions. Stephen thanked the AALM for their continuous support. Numerous participants congratulated Stephen and the Conservation Manitou board of directors.

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14. Other Business

Several concerns and questions were raised about floatplanes landing on the lake. It was noted that all aircraft are federally regulated and floatplanes are not prohibited from landing on the lake. Discussion ensued concerning takeoff speed, possible contamination of invasive species without proper washing.

Peter Clark recommended resuming the AALM Environmental Committee which had been dormant for several years. Kathy Elder agreed to Chair the Environmental Committee with Peter Clark as Vice Chair. Members who wish to get involved are encouraged to contact either Kathy or Peter. Tremendous support was expressed for this initiative from the membership.

15. Closing

Michael Prupas thanked all the members for their continued support of the AALM and for their attendance at the AGM.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 14:05.