

**APPROVED MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2020
LAC BATAILLE BEACH
582 CHEMIN BLACKBURN
VAL-DES-MONTS, QC**



Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Constance Hudak (President), Jens Urban (Secretary), Jeff Hannah (Treasurer)

Board Members in Attendance:

Luc Fournier, John Smith, Shane Livingstone, Richard Bourassa, Elaine Carisse, Clayton Devine, Flamur Canaj, Benoît Leclerc, Harry Jones

Board Members' Regrets:

André Cossette, Paul Chedore, Alain Mercier (Vice-President), Chris Hemmingway, John Smart, Laurent Roy, Michael Tancrede

Guests:

Jacques Laurin, Mayor, Municipality of Val-des-Monts; Claude Bergeron, Councillor District 3.

There was no sign-in sheet due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, but around 40-50 property owners were present.

For ease of reference, the Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. and welcomed all participants to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

1.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- ❑ **MOVED BY:** *Luc Fournier*
SECONDED BY: *Benoît Leclerc*

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE JULY 21, 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

- ❑ **MOVED BY:** *Claude Bergeron*
SECONDED BY: *Richard Legault*

THAT the July 21, 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Constance began the meeting by thanking all volunteers, especially all the people helping during the Covid pandemic, who were checking on their neighbour's houses. Besides that, it was a relatively quiet summer, despite many people being at the lakes.

Constance mentioned that she would make more remarks under the appropriate agenda points and introduced our municipal councillor Claude Bergeron.

Claude said that the year was very difficult for the municipality. The offices were closed, permits were delayed (30 – 45 day waiting periods), employees were sick or quit. Recently, repairs to the ditches on chemin Blackburn were started, so water would not run into some driveways.

The Chêne-Rouge culvert has to be fixed at a cost of \$763k, with 25% coming from the province. It will likely only be 2022 until it will be complete, since there are some other urgent projects to be done first.

Claude then answered some questions by the members:

- Question: For how long are municipal permits good?
Answer: Usually for one year.
- Question: Is there a reason why Blackburn is more rutted since the ditches have been fixed?
Answer: At the moment, the municipality only has one working grader, however, 2 new ones will be purchased and one of the broken ones will be fixed.
- Comment: Jacques Bolduc from chemin Reece thanks the municipality for the excellent cooperation and work on his end of Reece and Blackburn.
- Question: Will there be new side rails on Chêne-Rouge?
Answer: Please send an email to Claude to explain exactly where new side rails are needed.
- Question: What can be done to speed up the permit reimbursements?
Answer: Claude will investigate with the finance department on what the issue is.
- Question: What can be done about AirBnB's on the lakes?
Answer: If they have a provincial permit, there is not much one can do. For noise complaints, call the police (The noise bylaw is in effect from 11 pm to 7 am).

- Question: Is camping permitted?
Answer: Camping is not permitted, please call the municipal bylaw officers.
- Question: What can be done about people accessing Lauzon lots and parking on PSLL roads?
Answer: Advise the association and/or call bylaw officers. Please also respect the Lauzon properties. They are private and all rented out to hunters and others.

4.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

4.1 2019 Financial Statements

Jeff Hannah briefly reviewed the *2019 Financial Statement* (see Attachment #1). There were no event expenses this year, however, there were also no advertising revenues. The membership stands at 225, the goal being 300 like every year.

- Question: Why is the water testing cost not reflected yet?
Answer: We are still waiting for the invoice, since we had to retest 2 samples. There was no phosphorus testing this year, since the border to Ontario was closed during the pandemic.
- Question: What type of insurance do we have?
Answer: We insure the private roads, the beach, the boat launch and we have a Director's liability insurance

- ☐ **MOVED BY: *Rick Legault***
SECONDED BY: *Jacques Bolduc*

THAT the Association's *Financial Statement for 2019* be approved as presented to paid members and previously recommended by the Board of Directors.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

4.2 Projected 2020 Budget

Jeff Hannah briefly presented the *Projected 2020 Budget* (see Attachment #1).

- ☐ **MOVED BY: *Irma Bigras***
SECONDED BY: *Rick Legault*

THAT the Association's *Projected 2020 Budget* be approved as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE BOARD COMMITTEES

5.1 Communications

Constance Hudak thanked the publication team for the *Newsletter*, especially editor Cynthia Hamady, contributors Rick Legault and Benoît Leclerc, and Odette Surch as translator, and everyone else who helped.

She asked all members to please visit the businesses of previous sponsors.

5.2 Property Holdings and Issues

Luc reports that the year was quite normal for the committee with 3-4 easements and a few sales of small bits of properties. There were also some questions with respect to the road grants directed to the committee over the year.

5.3 Environment

Richard says that the biggest file was the water testing, like every year. Everything was normal, no significant spikes in testing results and no reports of Asian milfoil on our lakes. Constance adds that the Fédération des Lac de Val-des-Monts (FLVDM) will meet via Zoom in the coming weeks to determine if they should continue their work. The municipality has hired a full-time biologist and won't fund the biologist via the FLVDM anymore. The biologist will be helping all lake associations and we were asked by the municipality what files we expect her to work on. Association PSLI replied that it would be everything related to water and climate change.

5.4 Membership

Jeff had reported 225 members at this point. The Association estimated that there are probably around 400 different property owners who own properties with houses on them (several own more than one). If a second property is rented out, it is recommended that the owner should purchase a separate membership for that property.

5.5 Recreation and Social Activities

Due to Covid-19, events will resume next year. However, there was to be a volunteer concert from a dock on Lac Rhéaume on the same weekend as the AGM.

6.0 ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a) Shane Livingstone chaired the election. In order to speed things up during the pandemic, the board had asked all returning candidates to declare their intention to run beforehand.

- *Alain Mercier* was nominated as *Vice-President* by **Constance Hudak** and **Jens Urban** for a two (2) year term.
- *Jeff Hannah* was nominated as *Treasurer* by **Constance Hudak** and **Jens Urban** for a two (2) year term.
- *Jacques Bolduc* was nominated as *Bataille Lake Representative* by **Andrée Grenon** and **Shane Livingstone** for a two (2) year term.
- *Aileen Lamont* was nominated as *Rhémaume Lake Representative* by **Jens Urban** and **Constance Hudak** for a two (2) year term.
- *Clayton Devine* was nominated as *Barnes Lake Representative* by **Flamour Canaj** and **Jens Urban** for a two (2) year term.
- *Chris Hemmingway* was nominated as *Truite Lake Representative* by **Constance Hudak** and **Jens Urban** for a two (2) year term.
- *André Cossette* was nominated as *Louise Lake Representative* by **Constance Hudak** and **Jens Urban** for a two (2) year term.

All the aforementioned candidates were elected by ACCLAMATION.

- b) Chevreuil Lake and Maskinongé Lake remain without representation.

Special thanks to the outgoing board members Laurent Roy and Shane Livingstone!

7.0 OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor of Val-des-Monts, Jacques Laurin, was given the opportunity to update everyone on municipal affairs.

- Jacques stressed that Association PSLL is one of the most vibrant associations in Val-des-Monts.
- With respect to lakes, the hiring of a full-time biologist by the municipality is one of the most important issues. Jacques said that the biologist (Samantha Rhains) previously worked for Trans-Canada pipeline and will be accessible to support the associations on water and climate change issues.
- A new fire station will be built on St. Joseph. The municipality also purchased a ladder truck with a pump for the fire department. Furthermore, equipment to fight fires on the islands was purchased. The fire department is now staffed 24 hours, 7 days of the week.
- \$2.4M of road work is being done on chemins Buckingham and Sauv . The money has been secured with the help of the MNA.
- 57 new houses are being built in Val-des-Monts with another 30 building permit applications in the backlog.

Jacques then took some questions from the members:

- Question: What can be done about speeding boats? 60km/h is too fast.
Answer: We can lower the voluntary speed to 40km/h. PSLC also advised members to film people that drive dangerously. This can then be shown to the police. Jacques also says that for years the Quebec municipalities have been lobbying the federal government to be able to regulate speed on lakes (lakes are federal jurisdiction). So far, the federal government is not interested, but the municipalities keep pushing. Constance reminds everyone to talk to neighbours and encourage them to slow down. PSLC has no enforcement powers other than to call the police and film the evidence. The speed signs are a good tool, but not legally binding.

There being no further business, the Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jens Urban, Secretary

Constance Hudak, President

Attachment # 1

Association PSLL Income and Expenses 2019-2020

	2019	2020 to date	2020 projected
INCOME			
Non-Profit Income			
Advertising in Newsletter	900.00		0.00
Events	180.00		0.00
Fish Stocking Contributions	1,920.00	65.00	1,500.00
Membership Dues	13,515.00	5,760.00	13,500.00
Merchandise	225.00		200.00
misc. Non-Profit Income	1,135.01	6.00	200.00
Total Non-Profit Income	\$ 17,875.01	\$ 5,831.00	\$ 15,400.00
Total Income	\$ 17,875.01	\$ 5,831.00	\$ 15,400.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 17,875.01	\$ 5,831.00	\$ 15,400.00
EXPENSES			
Advertising	1,523.69		2,100.00
Bank charges	45.00	13.25	80.00
Charitable contribution			
Dues and Subscriptions	150.00		150.00
Event Expenses	2,097.57		0.00
Insurance - Liability	2,516.67		2,600.00
Office expenses	605.75	456.79	600.00
PayPal Fees	245.02	135.24	300.00
Property Expenses		50.85	150.00
Roads	1,440.04		1,800.00
Stationery, printing, shipping	352.87		400.00
Subcontractors			0.00
Fish Stocking	3,420.00		3,000.00
Trapper			
Water Testing	2,185.42		
Total Subcontractors	\$ 5,605.42	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00
Taxes and Licenses	862.64	245.40	550.00
Total Expenses	\$ 15,444.67	\$ 901.53	\$ 11,730.00
OTHER INCOME			
Interest earned	56.72	84.00	100.00
Total Other Income	\$ 56.72	\$ 84.00	\$ 100.00
PROFIT	\$ 2,487.06	\$ 5,013.47	\$ 3,770.00

Members by Lake 2019

	Owners	Members	Percentage
Barnes	76	30	39.5%

Bataille	178	101	56.7%
Chevreuil	10	4	40.0%
Corrigan	10	8	80.0%
Epinettes	7	6	85.7%
Louise	16	10	62.5%
Maskinongé	22	7	31.8%
Rhéaume	175	100	57.1%
Truite	10	5	50.0%
Total members	504	271	53.8%

Account Statements December 31, 2019

Cash on hand	\$	232.00
Chequeing Account	\$	11,651.58
Savings Account	\$	5.00
Term deposit	\$	2,000.00
Term deposit	\$	4,000.00
PayPal Clearing Account	\$	1,681.69
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$	19,570.27