

**GREEN LAKE AREA RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2012**

Location: South Green Lake Snowmobile Club

Time: 10:00 AM

There were 43 members in attendance

Introduction by Bruce Gilmour, President & Meeting Chairperson

Bruce welcomed the Executive in attendance: Marie & Fred Kuyek, Roy Allan, Alan Boyd, Dunham Craig, Joanne Macaluso, David Schwarz. Regrets: Judy Cole, Lorrie Fleming, Jack Keough & Mark Tener.

1. **Marie Kuyek: Treasurer - Membership report**

There are 275 paid-up members that belong to GLARA

Chequing account \$9,716.05

Water Quality term account \$5,000.00

Total Monies \$ 14,596.05

Moved by Don Brown, 2nd by Verna Labinsky. Approved by Membership

2. **Reading of the August 20/2011 AGM minutes by Alan Boyd**

Corrections were made: removal of “?” from Kathy Stanley and the name Joyce Boyd was replaced with the name Joyce Horne.

Moved by Jack Wainwright 2nd by Dave Schwarz. Approved by membership

3. **Bruce Gilmour - Presidents message**

Website discussion ensued and priorities for the coming year were talked about. It was decided that the website requires a volunteer to manage website. Bruce stated that it was a relatively quiet year for GLARA. He brought up the issue of the Gold Rush trail Snowmobile crossing on Hwy 97. **Peter McKie** talked about the Gold Rush trail and reinforced the fact that it was a multiuse trail. Road improvements in the Green Lake, Watch lake area are still ongoing. Bruce stated that Government cuts and fewer staff were creating challenges and that advocacy is key.

Comment by Dennis Tupman - question re: supporting Volunteer fire Departments. Suggested moral and financial support.

Motion: GLARA to examine upcoming priorities in funding and consider creating balanced grants for the 2 local Volunteer fire departments, at the discretion of the board.

Alan Boyd moved the motion, 2nd by Gordon Labinsky. Unanimously carried.

Long discussion ensued.

4. Committee Reports

Gordon Labinsky spoke about the 26 year water level history in Green Lake. He stated that 1989 was the lowest recorded water level and that we are currently 10 inches above that at present. The highest recorded water level in Green Lake was 1985 and that the stilling well was decommissioned in 1995. Gordon also reinforces that the data is anecdotal.

Alan Boyd spoke about meeting with Fisheries, Highways and Environment officials about the reinstating of the stilling well. They suggested GLARA install the culvert and that the applicable Ministries could provide the equipment for lake level testing. It was suggested that the installation of the culvert would cost approximately \$1,000.

Motion: GLARA to provide funds (Approximately \$1,500) to install a culvert to aid in ongoing water level data collection. Alan Boyd moved and Helen Milliken 2nd. **Questions**

Brian Wagner questions water quality and what that means.

Dunham Craig states that the stilling well will become an official guideline for Green Lake.

Amendment: Subject to confirmation by ministry of Environment and Fisheries that they will support and accept the readings generated by the stilling well. Carried unanimously.

Jack Wainwright spoke on Navigation Safety. He stated that the low water levels in Green Lake are exposing rocks and the possibility of boat damage could occur. In 1996 buoys were set out in two places on Green Lake to mark low water. He suggested that we could use 45 gallon drums painted white with orange hazard markings; these would be more cost effective at a price of \$100 each. He would like to get donations of 45 gallon drums, he will paint them white and the sign shop in 100 mile would put the decals on. These would be placed in shallow areas within Green Lake that have rock hazards.

Committee reports put on hold while the Clinton RCMP speak

Mike Eking, Corporal RCMP Clinton (detachment commander) spoke on priorities and objectives for the area. Traffic, Youth and Development of Relationships. His traffic concerns were about ATV use, concerning erratic driving. They will concentrate on this issue as there have been less boat complaints.

Helen Milliken raised the concern of speed limit and signage.

Corporal Mike Eling mentioned that she should meet with Michelle Schilling regarding speed signage. Helen commented that she had. He encouraged people to contact RCMP regarding the enforcement of cars parked on the road creating a safety hazard. There is potential for legislation regarding insurance for ATV's and possible limited road riding. The RCMP presence on the waters of Green Lake was twice in 2011. Nothing for this year, Clinton detachment does not have a boat; they could borrow from 100 mile detachment. The priority for 2012 is ATV's and not so much on the lakes. This is the ripple effect of cutbacks. It was asked of the Corporal about recruitment of auxiliary members with a reply of it not being possible.

Motion: GLARA work with the RCMP and Ministry of Highways to address concerns on speed limit and parking. Dennis Tupman moved and Jack Wainwright 2nd. Carried unanimously.

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Dunham Craig spoke on the OCP update. He stated that approvals from the TNRD and CRD are done and that it had been a long process. Dunham thanked the past presidents, current board and all involved. (Everyone applauded) This is the first time that an OCP has taken a watershed approach. Geographically designed as opposed to political boundaries.

5. **TNRD report by Sally Watson**

Sally spoke about pressing Michelle Schilling to get pedestrian signage. She also requested that GLARA write a letter to parks for the improvement of concrete boat launches as opposed to gravel. She would also like to see interface on fires in parks, fencing, outhouses and waste.

She stated that there is no dangerous dog bylaw yet as it costs money for a bylaw officer. She is not getting very far with this due to the isolated population.

Sally promoted the 70 Mile House and area Community fund. She challenges all to donate one days pay to enhance a Community Fund which will provide an Annual Bursary for residents of the former 70 Mile Elementary catchment area taking post-secondary education and/or skill development.

6. **Election of Directors**

The list of directors was read; Roy Allan, Alan Boyd, Judy Cole, Dunham Craig, Lorrie Fleming, Karyn Greenlees, Cheryl Groves, Jack Keough, Fred & Marie Kuyek, David Schwarz, Kathy Stanley, Mark Tener.

Motion to accept: by Don Brown 2nd by Fred Kuyek. Carried.

Don Brown welcomed the 3 new GLARA Directors, **Karyn Greenlees, Cheryl Groves and Kathy Stanley.**

7. **Special Guest Al Midgley** Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society

Al reviewed what the Society is all about. Where does our water come from and the societies plan for the sustainability of the Bonaparte Watershed. We need to take care of the waterways and it will take a group effort to keep it clean. He brought brochures and business cards and asked for questions from the floor. No questions were raised but he commented that water storage is a big issue and is requesting support from **ALL** people.

Bruce Gilmour presented Al with a small token of appreciation for speaking to our membership.

8. **New Business**

Peter Mckie and Larry Messaros spoke to the question of the removal of the forestry density surrounding the South Green Lake Fire hall area and how it was being dealt with.

David Schwarz added a forestry perspective; he stated that the high priority brush clearing had been done and that all else had been put on the back burner for now due to funding.

9. **Outgoing Directors**

Bruce thanked Joanne Macaluso for her many years of work on the GLARA board and how sad we all were to see her go.

10. **Motion to Adjourn** by Jack Wainwright 2nd by Marie Kuyek. Meeting ended at 12:35 PM