

# Green Lake Area Ratepayers Association (GLARA)

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## GREEN LAKE AREA RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 23, 2014

**Location:** South Green Lake  
**Snowmobile Club Time:** 10:00 am

### Introduction and Welcome by Dunham Craig, Co-Chairman

Dunham welcomed the Executive in attendance: Marie Kuyek, Roy Allan, Mark Tener, David Schwarz.  
Regrets: Bruce Gilmore

Dunham also thanked Bruce Gilmore for all his efforts on behalf of GLARA and announced that Bruce will be returning as Co-Chairman.

Marie Kuyek was also thanked for her commitment and consistent hard work on behalf of GLARA.

### Guest Speakers

There were no Guest Speakers at this meeting because of time constraints

### 2014 AGM Meeting

Dunham Craig, Co-Chairman called the meeting to order and appointed Valerie Craig as Secretary.

The 2014 Agenda was motioned for approval by Jack Wainwright, Seconded by Doug Rattan and approved unanimously by members present.

A list of existing directors was read by Dunham Craig. Directors were left as standing for re-election with the exceptions of Karen Greenlees who did not respond when contacted to and Kathy Stanley who responded and declined nomination for re-election.

Motion to accept put forward by Doug Hughes and was seconded by Jim Smith. Voting in favor was unanimous.

### Nominations for New Directors

Nominations were presented by Dunham Craig. Neil Horne was nominated and a brief background of his experience was given. Motion to accept the nomination was by Verna Labinsky and Seconded by Jack Wainwright. Voting was unanimous in favor.

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Leanna Milburn was also nominated and she gave a brief history of her background and experience.

Motion to accept by Verna Labinsky and Seconded by Jack Wainwright. Voting was unanimous in favor

The 2014 Directors elected stand as:

Bruce Gilmour – Co Chairman, Director  
Dunham Craig – Co Chairman, Director  
Marie Kuyek – Director  
Fred Kuyek – Director  
Roy Allan – Director  
Alan Boyd – Director  
Cheryl Groves – Director  
Jack Keough – Director  
David Schwarz – Director  
Mark Tener – Director  
Leanna Leib-Milburn – Director  
Neil Horne – Director

## **Marie Kuyek: Treasurer - Membership and Financial Report**

There are 265 paid members in GLARA. This is the amount of properties that are members in GLARA. In terms of people being members it is approximately 780.

The current financial balance as reported was:

Chequing Account	\$8,364.91
Water Quality Term	\$5,000.00
Total Monies	\$13,364.91

There is \$4,000 available for the 2014 – 2015 membership years. This money will be used mostly for the newsletter mail outs and water quality testing, installation of the stilling well and area preservation issues. The approx. \$9,000 remaining will be made available for the paid memberships in the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. This will be used for water quality needs, insurance, meeting expenses, bank charges, registration fees and research costs.

Motion to approved the financials as read by Doug Rattan, Seconded by Doug Brown. Voting in favor was unanimous.

## **GLARA Audit Report presented by Marie Kuyek**

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An audit was conducted in August of this year by Waldner Consulting Inc. The review was of GLARA accounts May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as well as May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. No irregularities in bookkeeping were reported.

## **Reading of the 2013 AGM Minutes by Marie Kuyek**

Minutes from previous AGM were read with a Motion for approval by Diane Sullivan. Seconded by Jack Wainwright. Voting in favor was unanimous.

## **Committee and Activity Reports**

### **Water Report**

On June 11<sup>th</sup> buoys were put back in the lake by Alan Boyd and Grant Spears. One near Sunset View Campground and the other near Farmer Bull pasture on North Green Lake Road.

A Missing Buoy was never recovered and if it has been sited please contact a GLARA Executive member.

### **Water Sampling –Marie Kuyek**

Marie Kuyek outlined Water Sampling Program. We are doing less testing this year compared to the extensive testing done last year. This testing was done for temperature and clarity. Clarity of Green Lake is at approximately 8 and 8.5 meters this year. Last year it was between 8 and 9 meters.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 temperature readings were as follows:

- ½ meter was 21.6 Celsius
- 9 meters was 19 Celsius
- 10 meters was 14 Celsius
- 24 meters was 6.8 Celsius

GLARA will be doing at least 2 more tests this year. We are currently looking for someone who might be available to do water testing on Watch Lake. Please contact Marie Kuyek if you know of someone.

### **New Signage – Marie Kuyek**

The new signage is made and Highways is helping to put up. Large new 6 x 4 foot sign posted near Sani Station. Others include Fireworks Ban, No Campfires, Fire Ban and several others that will be posted when needed. A Request for assistance was requested by Marie Kuyek.

Question from floor in regards to the possibility of additional signage at Watch Lake turn off and at 83 Mile access. Discussion ensued.

### **GLARA Website – Roy Allan**

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Roy Allen gave an update report of GLARA Website. Dunham Craig thanked Roy for his ongoing contribution on behalf of the Membership.

## **Photo Contest – Roy Allan**

Roy outlined the details of Photo Contest (no sunsets please!) and stated deadline of September 15<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 60 odd entries for 1<sup>st</sup> prize of an iPad and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of Dinner for 2 at The Dusty Rose. He quickly reviewed the current photos entered and stressed how difficult the selection of a winner will be. Roy suggested that next year we may wish to have specific categories to make the selection easier.

## **Co-Chairman's Report – Dunham Craig**

### **GLARA - Finding Our Way**

Dunham spoke to the issue of GLARA finding its direction and purpose. Parks and recreational issues raised by many members are not being addressed by Parks. We hope that by showing strength in numbers through our polling results it will help us be more of a united force when approaching governing bodies.

ATV, motorbikes and boating infractions were felt best addressed by GLARA through website information to be used as an information tool for community self-policing. Access roads, noise disturbance and sanitation are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Highways and GLARA will work with the Ministry for regulation signage. We are also providing signage for the area for awareness education of both residents and non-residents.

Dunham also spoke to expanding GLARA's mandate re watershed issues for both Green and Watch Lakes through the feedback from members in recent survey. He turned the floor over Leanna Milburn to review the Polling Response with members.

### **Results of recent GLARA Membership Survey presented by Leanna Leib-Milburn**

The GLARA survey that went out to members in June had an amazing response of approximately 75%! This information provides an opportunity for GLARA to create new directions and strategies based on accumulated feedback from its members. Leanna reviewed each question and response percentages.

Detailed survey results will be available on GLARA website.

### **Introduction of Concept of a Lake Management Plan**

Leanna outlined the concept of a Lake Management Plan and gave examples of lakes that have adopted these plans. Dunham raised the possibility of hiring a local scientist of professional designation to help with evaluating areas of concern and to lend credence to our attempts to raise funds for environmental projects.

Question from floor re GLARA's intent re affecting regulation input or attempting to place restrictions on activities.

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Executive response was that GLARA has no extremist agenda or point of view regarding restriction of activities etc. GLARA is not a policing agency rather one united in protecting or enhancing what we have and appreciate in our region.

Comment from floor re fears that inviting in an environmentalist for research could open door to organizations that would want to proceed with their own agendas. Acknowledged as a good cautionary note by Executives.

Comment from floor regarding cost of potential Environmental Study by outside specialist. Dunham responded that GLARA would be looking for someone that might be involved in the area and possibly retired. The goal would be to have a professional report that would help us with future funding.

Motion was put forward to initiate the process of developing a Lake Management Plan by Dennis Tupman. Seconded by Jackie Stroud. This LMP would be subject to approval by membership.

Voting was unanimous in favor excepting one member who voted against.

## **Invasive species**

Roy Allan commented on the community having a sense of complacency when all is going well in our area. We need to be vigilant when it comes to the threat of Invasive species like Milfoil and Zebra Mussels.

Dunham Craig pointed out that there are several lakes in BC that have been severely impacted. Nicola Lake has a milfoil problem that makes the shoreline no longer accessible by boat. Zebra Mussels are moving rapidly across Canada. As our tax dollars and government retreat from this work so community organizations like GLARA will have to step up.

Comment from floor about not only the misuse of outsiders in this problem but that responsibility of the individual is also required. Once again the comment was made that GLARA's role is not in policing but to provide information and support. GLARA Executives stated they are part of the organization because of their concerns.

Comment from floor by David Schwartz referencing the Smart phone AP – REPORT A WEED that is available for downloading.

## **Motion from the Floor – by Gordon Labinsky and Wolfgang Viertel**

A motion from the floor was put forth and placed on screen with a descriptive map on the following:

“We are seeking the support of the GLARA membership for the establishment of a “slow no-wake” zone in the environmentally sensitive area of Green Lake located to the south of Haines Island (part of Green Lake Provincial Park). Green Lake has about 28 km<sup>2</sup> and the water surface of the “slow no-wake” zone south of Haines Island is only 3.4% of the 28 km<sup>2</sup>. This slow no-wake zone is a refuge for the waterfowl as well as for visitors who want to enjoy a more quiet part of Green Lake in the busy summer months.

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Area of lake covered by motion is shown in Schedule E.

Motion is based on policy section 15.4 page 79 from OCP and OCP is now "law of the land", signed by the government."

Motion was Seconded by Morris Milburn. Voting – For 12 Against- 10 Abstaining – 3

## **Close of 2014 AGM**

Motion to close by Diane Sullivan and Seconded by Jack Wainwright. Unanimously approved by Membership.