

Green Lake Area Ratepayers Association (GLARA)

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GREEN LAKE AREA RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 23, 2015

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, Neil Horne, David Schwarz. Regrets: Bruce Gilmore

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 Amelia Craig as Secretary.

The 2015 Agenda was motioned for approval by Alan Boyd, seconded by Neil Horne and approved unanimously by members present.

A list of existing directors was read by Dunham Craig. Directors were left as standing for re-election. No nominations for new directors was put forth by members.

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

The 2015 Directors elected stand as:

Bruce Gilmour – Co Chairman, Director
Dunham Craig – Co Chairman, Director
Marie Kuyek – Director
Fred Kuyek – Director
Roy Allen – Director
Alan Boyd – Director
Cheryl Groves – Director
Jack Keough – Director
David Schwarz – Director

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Mark Tener – Director
Leanna Leib-Milburn – Director
Neil Horne – Director

Marie Kuyek: Treasurer - Membership and Financial Report

There are 260 paid members in GLARA. This is the amount of properties that are members in GLARA. In terms of people being members it is approximately 770.

The current financial balance as reported was:

Checking Account	\$7,300.65
Water Quality Term	\$5,000.00
Total Monies	\$12,300.65

There is \$ 3,200.00 available for the 2015 – 2016 membership years. This money will be used mostly for the newsletter mail outs and water quality testing 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 Alan Boyd and seconded by Dunham Craig. Voting in favor of accepting the financial statement was unanimous.

GLARA Audit Report presented by Marie Kuyek

An audit was conducted in August by Waldner Consulting Inc. in 2014 and no audit has been conducted in 2015 as no irregularities in bookkeeping were reported.

Reading of the 2014 AGM Minutes by Marie Kuyek

Minutes from the 2014 AGM were read by Marie Kuyek with a Motion for approval by Niel Horne and seconded by David Schwartz. Voting in favor was unanimous.

Committee and Activity Reports

Stilling Well

A progress report on the construction of the north Green Lake Stilling well was given by Alan Boyd. The stilling well is fully functional and registered with the government authorities. Readings are sent to the Water Branch in Kamloops.

Water Report

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Water Sampling –Marie Kuyek

Marie Kuyek outlined Water Sampling Program and noted the results are posted on the GLARA website (www.GLARA.ca). We are doing less testing this Due to lack of financial support from the province. Testing was done for temperature and clarity. Clarity of Green Lake is at approximately 8 and 8.5 meters this year. In 2013 it was between 8 and 9 meters and in 2015 it was between 7 and 8 meters.

On July 29th, 2015 temperature readings were as follows:

- ½ meter was 19.0 Celsius
- 9 meters was 12.3Celsius
- 24 meters was 8.5 Celsius

GLARA completed doing 2 more tests in 2015. 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 installed in 2014 was recently re- supported for high winds with assistance from SGLVFD members with thanks from GLARA.

GLARA Website – Roy Allen

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

GLARA Environmental Assessment Program

Dunham Craig provided an update on receiving a scope of work and price quotation for an environmental assessment by a professional biologist of the Green Lake OCP area in order to provide a scope of work for future GLARA initiatives.

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

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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.

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 Allen 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

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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 km² and the water surface of the “slow no-wake” zone south of Haines Island is only 3.4% of the 28 km². 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.

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.