

MINUTES of the 2019 PaBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

August 4, 2019 at the Ojibway Club

The AGM, held in the dining room of the Ojibway Club, was well attended, following the 9th annual Pancake Breakfast prepared and served by Club staff.

President's Remarks – Tom Scoon

Tom welcomed the many members present and thanked them for attending. He noted that in 2018 three PaBIA Directors resigned from the Board: Earl Manners and Scott Sheard to run for Ward 3 Councillors and Dave Sharpe to assist with their campaigns. That left the Board with the minimum number of eight Directors. Tom Lundy was thanked for taking over the large Member Safety portfolio and Mary Thomson took on the Governance Portfolio in addition to her position as Legal Advisor.

The 2018 Survey of Members, completed in the fall, will provide the Board with clear priorities. A Board meeting in August will be held for strategic planning in advance of the Deer Horn Conference being organized by the Township of the Archipelago.

The events and services provided by PaBIA were outlined. Tom asked everyone to encourage others in their families as well as neighbours to support PaBIA through membership.

Retiring Director Jane Wilkins was thanked for her years of service as Environment Director. Tom also thanked Cath Fairlie, Helen Garber and Jim Rogers. Cath has served two years as Marine Patrol Supervisor, and has been highly effective working with the Patrollers and documenting all aspects of the position and work the MP carries out. Helen provided expertise in formulating the survey and analyzing the results so that detailed reports were able to be circulated to the members. PaBIA would not have been able to afford to use an 'outside' agency so Helen's skills were invaluable. Jim took over the Maps and Markers position from the late Mike Mosley. The 2019 edition of the map and planned new permanent markers have been the results of his efforts.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report – Nancy Rogers

The *In Memoriam* list of the names of PaBIA and community members whose deaths had been reported to us since the printing of the 2019 Yearbook was read: Barbara Alderdice, Glenn Alderdice, Lorne Bushey, Richard Crighton, Beth Smith Lahti, Mary Lorriman, Mary Baillie Rutherford, Christel Schwarz.

The Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting were circulated in a *Connections* e-newsletter and posted on our website. Motion: to accept the 2018 AGM Minutes as read. Jan Ruby, Sted Garber. Carried.

The financial statement for 2018 was printed in the Yearbook and has been approved by the PaBIA Board. Motion: to approve the published 2018 Financial Statement. Doug Rowan, Dan Kuhn. Carried.

Once again, revenues from advertising and sales of extra copies of the Yearbook completely paid for both the printing and mailing of the book.

To date, the paid membership numbers are 628 senior and 83 junior members. Included in those numbers are 17 new full and 8 juniors.

Membership dues have remained unchanged since 2012. Many generous members make donations in addition to their dues and purchase extra yearbooks and flagpole burgees. The PaBIA Board of Directors and all our committee members work tirelessly on a totally volunteer basis to provide all our services and events with minimal costs. In particular, Nancy thanked Hilde Clark for all her work producing the Yearbook and *Connections* e-newsletters; and Helen Garber for her expertise in producing and

analyzing the survey; and Jim Rogers for his hours of work on the corrections needed for the new map as well as his assistance mailing over 800 copies of the Yearbook.

Before our fiscal year end (December 31st), the Board will assess PaBIA's financial position and will set the 2019 dues. Members will be informed of any increase.

Portfolio Chairs' Reports

Communications & Marketing – Hilde Clark

Hilde thanked the members of her portfolio for their contributions. Dave Sharpe's highly successful program for fire extinguisher purchases through Home Hardware and CCY resulted in close to 200 sales. All those who submitted articles and photographs for the yearbook make each year's edition special.

Helen Garber has accepted the position of Historian.

Environment – Jane Wilkins

Jane thanked the Board for their support during her years as a Director. All events have been well publicized through e-blasts. PaBIA works in co-operation with GBF in support of their programs such as the Phrag-busting days and shoreline cleanups. Microplastics in water, water levels, pine sawfly are concerns.

Ratepayer & Regulatory Affairs – Ian MacLeod

The committee reviewing the Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law, led by Cam Richardson with Ian, Katie Findlay and Doug McNair, continues its work and will be preparing PaBIA's recommendations to TOA Council.

There are concerns about the Provincial Governments' proposals for amalgamations affecting 82 municipalities. The Township of the Archipelago is not currently affected but the Township of Georgian Bay may be amalgamated with the Township of Muskoka Lakes, each with distinctly different interests. For that reason, GBA and TOA will be closely watching any developments.

Legal and Governance Review – Mary Thomson

The proposed legislation, the Not For Profit Corporations Act, requires that our By-laws need to be updated to meet the standards for good practices. This will be a topic of discussion at the Board's retreat in August.

Member Activities – Erica Allen

Margaret Berton (Junior Regatta), Kelly and Jennifer Watson (Senior Regatta), Stephen Griggs (Sailing) and Virginia Walker (Triathlon) were thanked for all their efforts which resulted in well attended, successful events.

Virginia Walker has agreed to take over the Member Activities portfolio.

Member Safety – Tom Lundy

This is a large portfolio with activities related to all the others. Tom joined the Marine Patrol for their training period at the beginning of the summer and was impressed by the wide scope of their activities. Cath Fairlie has moved the program forward and has documented all the details. She is unable to return as Supervisor in 2020 but will be able to assist the new Supervisor. Tom thanked Dave Sharpe for

organizing the Fire Extinguisher program. The new 2019 edition of the Map updated the previous map and is selling well. The proposed new permanent channel markers should be placed before the end of the season. Their locations will be announced once that's completed.

Georgian Bay Association – Michael Berton

PaBIA is the largest of the 19 GBA member Associations, all of which have interests and concerns in common. The PaBIA website has a link to the GBA's which covers all the many and varied reports of its committees and activities.

Election of Directors – Tom Scoon

The proposed slate of nominees for positions as PaBIA Directors was read.

Erica Allen
Helen Bryce
Hilde Clark
Tom Lundy
Ian MacLeod
Michael Phippen
Nancy Rogers
Tom Scoon
Dave Sharpe
Julia Sievwright
Mary Thomson

Motion: to accept the slate of nominees for appointment as PaBIA Directors for 2019 – 2020: Sted Garber, Mike Berton. Carried.

Guest Speaker – Bert Liverance, Reeve, Township of the Archipelago

Bert pointed out that because 87% of the Township is park or Crown Land, the environment is its first priority with development second. TOA works with the "GB4" to preserve and protect properties. Dates for the public meetings to present the Official Plan have been announced.

Nancy Rogers
Recording Secretary

[Directors were available after the meeting for any questions related to their portfolios.]