



## **DRAFT Minutes from the 2022 Annual General Meeting (“AGM”)**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION DELIVERED AT THE AGM [NOW POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE]**

*[The Gull and Silver Lakes Residents’ Association (the “GSLRA”) AGM was held on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the Gravenhurst Opera House, 295 Muskoka Rd S., Gravenhurst. At 9:00 a.m. See list for attendees.*

### **President’s Welcome**

Randy Levine, President, (“RL”) welcomed the members and guests in attendance.

### **Acceptance of Agenda**

**M/S/C to accept Agenda as presented. No items were added.**

### **Acceptance of Minutes of 2021 AGM**

RL explained that the 2021 AGM was held virtually, and that the meeting was recorded, and that the recording is available for viewing on the Association’s website. Accordingly, no formal Minutes have been prepared; RL then asked the membership to accept the AGM video recording as the ‘Minutes’ for the meeting.

**M/S/C to accept the video recording in lieu of formal Minutes.**

### **Financial Update**

- Paul Temple, Treasurer prepared the Financial Report for fiscal 2021 (Jan. to Dec.)
- The opening balance of cash on hand was approx. \$17,600
- The GSLRA took in 57 paid memberships last year @\$35 = revenue of \$1,995
- On behalf of the Assoc. the Executive made a donation to Save the Children in the amount of \$125 in memory of Dave Friesen. Dave was a long-time serving board member who tirelessly helped in the areas of financial reporting and environment/sustainability. He stewarded the water testing programming for the first 15 years
- The water testing program is carried out by our volunteer Bruce Elliott, who takes samples from Gull and Silver Lakes, 4 times annually; he drives them out to Walkers Point where the samples are tested under the supervision of the Muskoka Lakes Association. There is a cost for the MLA to perform this service in the amount of \$832. Additionally, the GSLRA supports the significant work of the MLA by purchasing an association membership in the amount of \$125

- Any revenues received over and above the annual expenses is added to the Development Reserve. In 2012 the GSLRA decided to hire a professional planning consultant to represent the Assoc. in opposing a proposed [over]development of the vacant lands at the north end of Gull Lake. A one-time special stipend was requested from the members to a) cover the consulting fees and b) start a reserve fund to cover the costs of opposing plans for future irresponsible development. That reserve now sits at approximately \$15,000. These funds are invested at a chartered bank at current interest rates.

**M/S/C to accept the Financial Report as presented.**

### **Mission Statement of the GSLRA (draft)**

- To act in a responsible manner on behalf of the Association members to promote the ongoing enjoyment and interests of Gull and Silver Lakes residents.

### **GSLRA - Areas of Focus [include, but are not limited to]:**

- **Water quality** – for approx. 20 years we have carried out annual testing of 6 sites on Gull and Silver Lakes
- **Responsible and sustainable development** – we monitor and act on issues/matters pertaining to land development that could negatively impact our lakes and residents
- **Safe and lawful water activities** – we encourage responsible conduct on the water including observing all regulations regarding proximity to shore, excessive speeds and wake size
- **Liase and lobby all levels of government** – we embrace the opportunity to approach the appropriate level of authority on matters of concern to our members, if warranted
- **Communications** - we are committed to informing our members, using several types of media to keep them up to date on all matters of interest. We employ newsletters, website, eblasts, mailings, telephone and in person meetings to do so. This is a two-way channel, and we encourage

our members to reach out to the Executive to be heard. We highly value your input!

- (New) **More Social Events** -- There are many, many, new cottagers on our lakes -- We are planning more social events to encourage all members to meet up and get to know their neighbours. These can provide a safe forum to network and discuss topics and ideas to further enhance the Muskoka Experience.

### **Member Concerns**

[Brian Ochab, VP (**BO**) asked the members in attendance to share their current concerns]:

- Disrepair of the Hewitt St. dock
- Dissatisfaction with the once-a-week garbage collection for the water access only residents of Gull and Silver lakes
- Noise and inconvenience of the annual power boat racing
- The health of the lakes – how can the data collected be instrumental in ensuring continued healthy lakes
- Oversized boats and the wakes created from them i.e., damage to shorelines and docks
- Uncontrolled water levels especially in Gull from beaver dam

### **Communications (see presentation)**

- The GSLRA highly values input from its members and encourages them to reach out to any board member on any and all topics
- The Association strongly encourages joining the GSLRA to ensure that you are kept up to date. It is paramount that we have your current email for us to be able to communicate effectively

### **Environment and sustainability matters**

- **Joanne Smith, Environment Chair (JS)** provided a high-level summary of the water testing results for 2021 (note the details are published on the MLA website)
- The GSLRA are also forming a committee to study and report on increasing salt levels in our lakes
- The GSLRA sincerely thanks Bruce and Anne Elliott and others who volunteer to conduct the water sampling for testing
- JS prepared and handed out comprehensive and handy Tip Sheet for being Good Cottagers

### **Development**

- **Jim Davis, Development Chair** confirmed that the GSLRA continues to monitor 3 properties on Gull Lake for any potential development plans. There are currently no plans filed with the Town for the Kendari, Moody Bay or Pinedale motel properties.

### **Nomination of Directors**

The following Directors agreed to stand for nomination and serve for another year: Randy Levine, Brian Ochab, Jim Davis, Donna McLean, Paul Temple, Dave Stephens and Joanne Smith. RL called for nominations for new candidates. There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed.

**M/S/C that those persons nominated above be elected to serve as Board members until the next AGM.**

**Note: You do NOT have to be a board member to help!**

### **Rotary Rocks the Barge (“RRTB”) and Muskoka Fall Classic Rowing Event**

- Dave Reid from RRTB quickly outlined this initiative – to celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> year of service by Rotary by installing Muskoka granite seating on the hill at waterside, at Gull Lake Rotary Park. Stay tuned!
- On September 10, 2022 the Severn Rowing Club will hold its Fall Classic on Gull Lake. They are looking for volunteers and enthusiastic cheering fans! See <https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/index>

### **Town of Gravenhurst Update**

The following Councilors attended the AGM: Heidi Lorenz, Penny Varney, Terry Pilger, Sandy Cairns, Jo Morphy and John Gordon.

### **Town Council – Areas of Focus**

Each Councilor present spoke briefly to these -

- **Highlights included:**
  - New short term rental bylaw comes into effect January 1, 2023
  - New ladder firetruck much welcomed addition to the Town infrastructure
  - They encourage our members to sign up for various apps available including VOYENT ALERT! -- which provides the “rapid dissemination of targeted information with enriched media alerts for both critical emergencies and day-to-day notifications
  - Have a complaint for the Town – file a report on the Town website and email the Councilor. The report starts a file and the Councilor can follow up if put on notice directly about the complaint
  - Members are encouraged to register at Engage Town of Gravenhurst – [www.engagegravenhurst.ca](http://www.engagegravenhurst.ca) in order to “stay up to date with the Town projects, provide feedback, share ideas and help guide decision-making in Gravenhurst”
  - October 24, 2022 is the municipal election date; cottagers are generally eligible to vote – see the Town website for more information

### **Termination of the Meeting**

**M/S/C that the 2022 AGM be terminated.**