

ALBERO AGM MINUTES

AUG 8, 2015: 10 AM

MONTCALM COMMUNITY CENTRE

1. Welcome and attendance noted

- a. 36 people present
 - b. Executive not present: Jack Roy, Mark Rollin, Jean Rouleau
- Pat Thomas welcomed everyone. No one volunteered to take minutes so she did.

2. Approval of Agenda

Janet Thomas moved approval. Unanimous acceptance.

3. Approval of 2014 minutes

Ron Williams so moved. Unanimous approval.

4. Business Arising

Pat Thomas went over the minutes. Each pertinent item was indicated as being on the agenda.

5. President's Report

- The focus of last year was increasing the membership and looking into lake access, and promoting out activities. The over-arching purpose of the association is care of the lakes. (Please see enclosed the full report.)
- Pat indicated that she has received an unsigned letter that asked for greater coverage for the brochure, concern for the lake access issue, and enclosed a couple of articles on the dangers posed nu lack of boat washing.
- Mark Rollin gave Pat information about a septic cleaning company called Epurso. The general feeling was to stay with the status quo.

6. Membership

Our membership has gone from 80 to 103. Hopefully this is due to the efforts we made with door-to door canvassing.

7. Financial Report

Pat Champagne reported that out current balance in \$3,988.88.

8. Communication Report

Janet Thomas reported that she prepared and put out signs indicating each event at strategic points on the roads. A suggestion was made that the signs be put at stop signs for easier reading.

The signs are designed to be use yearly by just changing the dates; also to put awareness in the signs in next year's brochure.

Bert Papenburg indicated that he will continue to work on putting up Code of Conduct signs and speed warning signs in the creek.

9. Water Tests

Janet Thomas gave a brief history of our water testing over many years and noted improvement in the results.

She took over from Aston Fillion. Aston had done a lot of research and recommended that we do more complete testing if we are using potable drinking water.

This year's executive decided to go back to our original lab and only test for coliform, any appropriate for swimming.

The feeling of the members was that we should do a fuller test that includes plant matter bacteria in a couple of crucial spots.

We will continue to test for transparency. This gives us a picture of the overall health of our lakes.

It was suggested that if anyone does a compete test on their own it wold be helpful for our files if they would give us their results. We need to know what kind of filtration was used in these tests, however.

Emanuel Klaesi reported on the separate testing done in the lakes. He had prepared a kayaking events...Norm Ward is willing to organize some of these.

10. Lake Access Report

Pat Thomas said that she has spoken to Bob Warrington about his allowing boats from elsewhere onto the lake at his [beach](#). Her view is that Bob may be doing a community service if he sets up a controlled access. He has a toilet, he is running a legitimate small business, and he is getting some boats that have been washed in St .Jovite, meets with those entering and has screened some. He is willing to give out our Code of Conduct.

Pat has been to Bark Lake and they will send he costs of cleaning boats.

Pat passed around the Code of Conduct and received some helpful feedback.

Pat T. reported about the Arundel Building Inspector asking Bob if he wanted his boat launch advertised in a MRC brochure and it is not surprise that Bob said yes. Pat and Janet met with the Mayor of Arundel and the DG about this. Pat re-established a file for ALBeRo with them as they seem not to have any reference to our previous work on Public access. They did not appear to want to accept any responsibility in the matter.

T here was a discussion as to why there was any access at all.

11. Nomination and Acceptance of Directors

Jack Roy and Ron Williams are retiring. A heartfelt vote of appreciation and thanks was given for their long and dedicated service.

Directors:

President	Pat Thomas
Vice-president	Janet Thomas
Treasurer and Membership	Pat Champagne
Secretary	Diane Williams

Deputy Directors:

Bert Papenburg
Marc Rollin
Mike Sadler
Jean Rouleau

The people above were voted in unanimously.

12. Question Period

A suggestion was made to include the following on any signs that we post: "This is our lake. We drink it."

The speed of cars in given dangerous areas might be something the association could take on was a suggestion. After a short discussion, this seemed unlikely.

Algae has been reported as growing in given spots and poses a concern. (Marie-France and Cris Macmahon).

We need to find someone to identify these and advise us as to their threat.