



## **54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting MINUTES**

St. Albert Inn  
156 St. Albert Trail, St. Albert, AB  
October 19, 2012  
4:00 pm

### **1. Call to Order**

The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the ASVA was called to Order by the President Pellatt at 4:10 pm.

### **2. Introduction of new Executive Director**

President Pellatt introduced the new Executive Director, Beverly Anderson to the members.

### **3. 2011-2012 Annual Report**

Rob Dickie provided highlights of the ASVA Annual Report – Successes and Challenges.

### **4. Adoption of Minutes from 2011 Annual General Meeting**

Moved by Reg Pointe, SV of Yellowstone that the Annual General Meeting minutes of October 14, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

### **5. 2011 Financial Statements**

Peter Pellatt presented the Financial Statement as prepared by Accountant Patricia Fish.

Moved by Pete Langelle, SV of Ma-Me-O Beach, that the 2011 Financial Statement be accepted.

Carried.

### **6. Election – Director Vacancy (2 positions)**

President Pellatt announced that due to other commitments two of the existing Board members have had to resign their positions, leaving two vacancies for the remainder of the 2010 - 2013 term. He thanked both Sheila Miller and Lindsay Familton for their time and dedication to the ASVA. He then opened up the floor for nominations.

Bill Carr, SV of Sunbreaker Cove nominated Joyce Megson, SV of Birchcliff.

Bob Lehman, SV of Val Quentin nominated Roger Montpellier, SV of Val Quentin.

After no other nominations;

Alice Solesbury, SV of Yellowstone, moved that nominations cease.

Carried.

Joyce Megson and Roger Montpellier both agreed to let their names stand and were elected by acclamation. President Pellatt congratulated the new Directors and gave them opportunity to introduce themselves to the members.



## 7. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

President Pellatt with the assistance of Vice President Deschene, provided an overview of the 3 proposed changes to the ASVA Bylaws. Each were considered individually:

- Because the ASVA does not have an Executive, the recommendation is to: Change the word "**Executive**" to "**Board of Directors**" in all sections of the Bylaws where the word Executive occurs.

Moved by Pete Langelle, SV of Ma-Me-O Beach to accept this recommendation.

Seconded by Bob Yontz, SV of Island Lake.

Carried.

- Because the Bylaws do not presently recognize the participation of the AUMA on the ASVA Board of Directors, the recommendation to add to Section 5. Directors (a) - "***The AUMA representative shall be considered an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.***"

Moved by Ann Morrison, SV of Sunset Point to accept this recommendation. Seconded by Alice Solesbury, SV of Yellowstone.

Carried.

- Because the Financial Statements of the ASVA are reviewed by an Accountant and no formal Audit is completed, the recommendation is to remove Section 9. Audit of Account (a)- "***The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint an auditor or auditors to hold office for such period as the Directors may determine.***"

Moved by Leslie Ellis, Past President ASVA. Seconded by Rob Dickie, SV of Betula Beach.

Carried.

ACTION: A request by the membership was for the Board to review the Bylaws in reference to the inclusion of "audit" in other sections of the Bylaws.

## 8. Resolutions

- a. Regulation of Ice Fishing Huts on Alberta Lakes – SV of Norglenwold  
Moved by Beverly Anderson, SV of Norglenwold that the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta urge the Government of Alberta to provide increased education and enforcement with regard to responsible ice fishing including the introduction of a mandatory registration program for ice fishing huts to assist in their timely removal from Alberta lakes.  
Seconded by Reg Pointe, SV of Yellowstone. Carried.
- b. Stewardship Approach to Eliminate Blue-Green Algae in Alberta Lakes



Moved by Bob Yontz SV of Island Lake that the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta engage its resources in educating the public and lobbying government on finding solutions to contain, reduce and eliminate the problem of Blue-Green Algae; and that the Council and Administrators of member villages implement and promote bylaws and best practices that protect and improve the quality of Alberta's lakes; and that we, the people closest to the problem, who are most impacted, and who most love our lakes, commit ourselves to environmental practices that reduce (our) the human impact and promote clean and healthy lakes.

Moved by Pete Langelle, SV of Ma-Me-O Beach, that the statement "Further be it resolved that the Council and Administrators of member villages implement and promote bylaws and best practices that protect and improve the quality of Alberta's lakes.", **be amended to read:** "Further be it resolved that the Council and Administrators of member villages "be encouraged to" implement and promote bylaws and best practices that protect and improve the quality of Alberta's lakes."

Moved by Reg Pointe, SV of Yellowstone, that the statement " Now therefore be it resolved that the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta engage its resources in education the public and lobbying government on finding solutions to contain, reduce and eliminate the problem of Blue-Green Algae.", **be amended to read** "Now therefore be it resolved that the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta engage its resources in education the public and lobbying "Government of Alberta" on finding solutions to contain, reduce and eliminate the problem of Blue-Green Algae."

Moved by Leslie Ellis that the resolution be called "Resolution on Cyanobacteria (also known as Blue-Green Algae)."

Bob Yontz, SV of Island Lake accepted the amendments and moved that the Resolution for Cyanobacteria (also known as Blue-Green Algae) be approved as amended.

Seconded by Pete Langelle, SV of Ma-Me-O Beach

Carried.

c. Amendment of Safety Codes Act re: Septic Fields – SV of Grandview

Moved by Don Davidson, SV of Grandview, that the ASVA support the submission to Municipal Affairs to have the Safety Codes Act amended to allow municipalities to eliminate septic fields for environmental protection.

Seconded by Pete Langelle, SV of Ma-Me-O Beach.

Carried.

**9. Next Annual General Meeting**

The next Annual General Meeting of the ASVA will take place Friday, October 18, 2013.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.



## **ASVA 2012 ANNUAL REPORT**

Good evening CAO's, Mayor's and Councilors. Welcome to the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. For our Annual Report this year we want to review our Successes and Challenges that we have had over the past year and what we see going forward for you, our Summer Villages.

Since our last meeting, we have embarked on numerous tasks that we felt important.

As far as Lake Stewardship:

- we have seen a very strong movement forward as it relates to the registration of Ice Fishing Huts so that owners can be identified to have their huts removed before the ice goes out – a initiative that the Board supported in writing to the Government;
- Ducks Unlimited presented to us on the provincial wet land policy and management as it relates to the Water Act;
- We have had numerous discussions as it relates to CARL (Central Alberta Recreational Lakes) – whom is raising awareness and understanding of the science and regulations that are relevant to recreational lakes in Central Alberta – a form that we want to see move forward to northern and southern lakes;
- Living By Water presented to the Board and this year Pigeon Lake reported that 60 properties had a confidential assessment done through the Homesite Consultation. We should note that The Living By Water group are more than willing to meet with Summer Village Councils to present their program.

As a result of the provincial elections our President, Vice President and Past President met with Ministers Griffiths (Municipal Affairs), McQueen (Environment) and Oberle wherein we discovered that people are still interested in forming Summer Villages, the issue and concern as it relates to voting in Summer Villages was brought to the attention of Minister Griffiths while our meeting with Minister McQueen focused on the health of Alberta's lakes and that the ASVA was here to work with the government at all levels to reinforce the strength of Alberta's Summer Villages.

Our leaders have also met with AAMD&C who were somewhat luke warm to us but some relationship opportunities may be there moving forward.

Through our close association with the AUMA, we continue to be exposed to the Alberta Water Council and one of the key goals, that being healthy aquatic ecosystems. The Board also heard presentations from the AUMA relative to the Water Discussion Paper which is based upon the Water for Life Strategy.

Earlier this year there was quite a movement forward when it was understood that Municipal Affairs would use the 2011 federal census to establish the 2012 population list. For some Summer Villages, the difference between the 2011 census versus 2012 numbers was significant and would have a



noticeable impact on funding. The Board Members contacted Summer Villages advising them of this census issue and in fact some conducted their own census in response.

Another Provincial issue was the Municipal Government Act and the Local Authorities Election Act, which was seen as a potential attack “again” on the status of Summer Villages in the Province of Alberta. Our concern focused on the eligibility requirements for elected positions, eligibility of ratepayers to vote for the election of a Summer Village council, and an overall change in how Summer Villages are addressed within the LAEA. From this, letters were distributed to CAO’s outlining the Boards concerns and encouragement for ratepayers to complete the consultation.

In light of the Slave Lake fire, we felt somewhat exposed in our ability to respond to fires within our Summer Villages. We heard presentations from two groups: one regarding new firefighting measures that could easily be used by all Summer Villages and a second that reviewed the State of Emergency Organizational Structure as it relates to the Emergency Management Act. Key aspects that came from the discussions included: each Village to become Fire Smart by reviewing the fire risks in you Village with your responding fire department; and review your emergency management plan on a regular basis.

Moving forward into 2013 our Challenges will focus around the Blue-Green Algae issue that is becoming more of an issue in Alberta as we understand more about it. Additionally we are working on developing an information board on our web site where questions or concerns can be submitted by members and fellow members may be able to respond with answers based on their experience or actions that have been taken in their community. Essentially we are trying to avoid Summer Villages reinventing the wheel by reaching out to others within the organization.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued support and we hope you enjoy the balance of the evening and the rest of the conference.