

Minutes
57th Annual General Meeting
Royal Executive Hotel
10010 178 Street, West Edmonton
Friday, October 23, 2015
4:00 pm



1. Call to Order by the President

The AGM was called to order at 4:09 pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Request by Michael Dawe, Summer Village of Norglenwold that under Item 5: Resolutions, that a Special Resolution on the Quiet Enjoyment Initiative Education Program be considered
- Request by Doug Thomas, Summer Village of Seba Beach that under Item 5: Resolutions, that a Special Resolution on Financial Support for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program be considered.

Moved by Bernie Poulin, Summer Village of Silver Sands, that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

3. Adoption of October 17, 2014 Minutes from 2014 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Pete Langelle, Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach that the minutes of October 17, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. ASVA Annual Report – Successes and Challenges

President Pellatt indicated that the Annual Report, found in their delegates package provided information on the successes accomplished by the ASVA during 2014 to spring of 2015.

5. 2014 Financial Statements

President Pellatt provided the Financial Report as found in the Annual Report.

Moved by Betty Forfyflow, Summer Village of Sunset Point that the financial report be accepted as information. Seconded by Ann Morrison, Summer Village of Sunset Point.

Carried.

6. ASVA Resolutions

a. Resolution 2015-01 Boat Mooring Resolution – Summer Village of Birchcliff

RESOLUTION 2015 – 01

BOAT MOORING RESOLUTION - SUMMER VILLAGE OF BIRCHCLIFF

WHEREAS the Summer Village of Birchcliff recognizes the changes to the Navigable Water Act;

WHEREAS destination lakes in the Province of Alberta currently have no regulations for boat mooring and docking;

WHEREAS the Summer Villages of Alberta are greatly impacted by unregistered docks and lifts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta urge the Province of Alberta to develop Disturbance Standards and Memorandums of Understandings with affected municipalities that will allow lake front municipalities to regulate and enforce docks and lifts adjacent to municipal boundaries.

Moved by Joyce Megson, Summer Village of Birchcliff, that Resolution 2015 – 01 on Boat Mooring be adopted by the ASVA membership. Seconded by Carol McMillan, Summer Village of Norglenwold.

Carried.

b. Resolution 2015-02 Aquatic Invasive Species – Summer Village of Birchcliff

RESOLUTION 2015 – 02

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES RESOLUTION - SUMMER VILLAGE OF BIRCHCLIFF

WHEREAS the Province of Alberta has an Aquatic Invasive Species program and the Summer Village of Birchcliff recognizes the detrimental impact Aquatic Invasive Species can have on our lakes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta urge the Province of Alberta to continue to work collaboratively with the local municipalities and organizations toward long term strategies;

- Focus additional resources and strategies toward education and enhanced inspection stations;
- Provide funding and ongoing programs in Aquatic Invasive Species.

- To provide funding for extended hours for Inspection Stations.

Moved by Joyce Megson, Summer Village of Birchcliff, that Resolution 2015 – 02 on Aquatic Invasive Species by adopted by the ASVA membership. Seconded by Terry Cronin, Summer Village of Norris Beach.

Carried.

- c. Resolution 2015-03 Feasibility Study of an Algae Harvester – Summer Village of Grandview

RESOLUTION 2015 – 03

FEASIBILITY STUDY OF AN ALGAE HARVESTER - SUMMER VILLAGE OF GRANDVIEW (on behalf of the Alliance of Pigeon Lake Municipalities)

Whereas the prevention and remediation of nuisance blue green algae (cyanobacteria) blooms requires a “portfolio” approach involving watershed actions, long term prevention programs and short term remediation actions,

Whereas the harvesting of algae has been shown elsewhere to be a viable alternative to removing algae scums from waterbodies, and

Whereas there may be benefits in both mitigating further algae blooms and in reducing the negative effects of blooms,

Therefore, it is resolved that the APLM acknowledge that a feasibility study should be completed to determine the long and short term effects of removing large quantities of algae through a harvesting operation and further, because of the province wide application of such a harvesting operation, the evaluation should be conducted with the support of the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta.

Background

Many of Alberta’s prairie lakes routinely experience nuisance blue green algae blooms which often appear as surface scums. Not only is this aesthetically displeasing but it is also a significant health hazard. The subsequent buildup of algae along the shoreline causes the additional problem of the release of gases associated with decaying material. It appears that the problem is becoming more critical each year and has reached the point where a short term remediation program should be considered.

Algae harvesters have been used in many jurisdictions with some success. Perhaps the noteworthy example is the commercial harvesting operation at Klamath Lake in Oregon. This operation uses algae harvesters to gather a specific species of cyanobacteria for commercial value. Although they use various sizes of harvesters, the largest is a float assembly measuring 20’x40’ with processing equipment on board. It is driven by 2x100 HP outboard motors. The pickup is 14’ and the speed is reported to be 2-3 mph. It is

mainly a surface accumulation which is being gathered. (Ref. personal conversation with operator) Using these parameters, it appears that if logistical difficulties could be overcome, a meaningful amount of algae could be

recovered. Since algae mass is currently used as a natural fertilizer, the most obvious means of disposing of the dewatered algae would be by surface distribution on agricultural lands. The surface spreading should mitigate the associated problem of release of ammonia gases as it would quickly dry and oxidize rather than simply rot on the shoreline. Also, any toxic effects would be minimized as it would be much safer being oxidized and degraded over a large remote area in an agricultural local as opposed to the near proximity of lakeside properties. These are some of the issues which would be resolved through a feasibility study.

Perhaps the biggest question to be answered other than the financial implications of such a harvesting operation, is whether the removal of a large quantity of algae would have on the annual cycle of nutrients through the water column. It is recognized that there is only a very small amount of phosphorous contained in algae, but what may not be fully understood is how algae recycles phosphorous in support of new growth. The possible effects of removing algae include the elimination of the nitrogen release which is thought to contribute to further blooms and decrease the oxygen depletion from the decomposition process which is thought to contribute to fish kills. It could also minimize the formation of ammonia which has been shown to be toxic to fish.

A rigorous feasibility study is required to answer the many questions pertaining to the harvesting of algae for the purposes of improving water quality and improving the aesthetics of the waterbody. This is a problem which exists in many of Alberta's prairie lakes and should be appropriately be undertaken with the support of the members of the ASVA and other lake municipalities. The scope of the study would focus primarily on the logistics, regulatory matters and operating costs but would also address possible beneficial effects. Should these prove to be reasonable for a lake situation, then the study would continue with emphasis on the implementation phase.

The resolution presented requests the ASVA support in principal the feasibility study of using an algae harvester as a short term project to provide immediate improvements to the lake environment. With this support, specific funding requests will then be made to the Summer Villages and other appropriate municipalities. This project would be undertaken under the guidance of the Alliance of Pigeon Lake Municipalities.

Moved by Don Davidson, Summer Village of Grandview that Resolution 2015-03 Feasibility Study For an Algae Harvester be approved by the ASVA membership. Seconded by Hugh Read, Summer Village of Grandview.

Discussion:

Bernie Poulin – Summer Village of Silver Sands noted that Isle Lake had similar issues and supported this resolution but wondered about the cost of undertaking this study.

Leslie Ellis – Past President of ASVA asked what is the difference between a feasibility study vs. a trial project?

Bernie Poulin – Summer Village of Silver Sands suggested collaborating with other summer villages on an application through the Community Partnership Application.

President Pellatt asked for a vote in favour of the motion.

Carried.

d. Special Resolutions

- i. Special Resolution 2015 – SR 01 Quiet Enjoyment Initiative – Summer Village of Norglenwold

President Pellatt indicated that according to the ASVA Bylaws, there must be approval to proceed for a Special Resolution by 2/3 majority vote.

President called for a vote to allow for Special Resolution 2015 – SR 01 on the Quiet Enjoyment Initiative.

Carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION 2015 – SR 01

THE SYLVAN LAKE WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY QUIET ENJOYMENT INITIATIVE (QEI) EDUCATION PROGRAM - SUMMER VILLAGE OF NORGLLENWOLD, SYLVAN LAKE

WHEREAS Quiet enjoyment of one’s property is considered a common law right, and

WHEREAS Noise pollution from power boats without appropriate noise abatement equipment, music from powerful amplifiers and speaker systems, and a number of other sources, can be a frequent disturber of the quiet enjoyment of various activities on or at our lakes, lakeside properties and public parks in summer villages across Alberta, and

WHEREAS The Quiet Enjoyment Initiative Committee of the Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society is developing an education program to help reduce the noise pollution from these various sources,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Summer Villages Association supports in principle the development of an education initiative to reduce noise pollution and thereby ensure and enhance the peaceful enjoyment

of Alberta's lakes by all residents and visitors to our communities and parks,

THAT the ASVA encourage its members to also support education initiatives that promote the reduction of noise pollution on Alberta's lakes through the sharing of ideas, suggestions, experiences and any other information/feedback that would help in the development of those education initiatives,

AND THAT the ASVA assist the QEI in the sharing of information and feedback on those educational initiatives which have worked and those which have not, with those ASVA members who may benefit from and are interested in those initiatives.

Moved by Michael Dawe, Summer Village of Norglenwold that Special Resolution 2015 – SR 01 be approved by the ASVA membership. Seconded by Joyce Megson.

Carried.

- ii. Special Resolution 2015 – SR 02 Financial Support for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program.

President Pellatt indicated that according to the ASVA Bylaws, there must be approval to proceed for a Special Resolution by 2/3 majority vote. President called for a vote to allow for Special Resolution 2015 – SR 02 on the Financial Support for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program.

Carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION 2015 – SR 02

The Summer Village of Seba Beach submits the following resolution for consideration by the membership at the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the ASVA.

That all Summer Villages of the Province of Alberta support the 2016 efforts of Kate Wilson, Alberta Invasive Species Specialist through the provision of financial support for the 2016 Alberta Environment and Parks Alberta Aquatic Invasive Species Program.

Funds to be held in trust by ASVA for distribution to the Alberta Environment and Parks Alberta Aquatic Invasive Species Program as requested by Kate Wilson for the 2016 preventative program. Alternatively, the funds may be expended directly by the ASVA, as directed by Kate Wilson if administrative issues make that more effective for her.

Moved by Doug Thomas, Summer Village of Seba Beach. Seconded by Chuck Dechene.

Discussion:

Friendly amendment proposed by Hugh Read, Summer Village of Grandview.

Moved by Hugh Read, Summer Village of Grandview, a Friendly Amendment to the motion to incorporate “the ASVA recommends” that all summer villages ... and “request for financial support... . Seconded by Grant Churchill, Summer Village of Crystal Springs.

Carried.

Suggested changes proposed by Tim Wilkes, Summer Village of Kapaskiwin to phrase the financial support by way of a per property assessment in a certain amount and that we remove reference to “Kate Wilson” and “held in trust” and change it to read “for the support of the AEP Aquatic Invasive Species Program”.

Further discussion on wording was presented including concerns about the funding going to general revenue and it was recommended that the sponsors of the motion take some time to re-write the motion and bring the motion back to the table on October 24, 2015 during lunch.

Moved by Peter Pellatt, Summer Village of Sundance Beach to table this motion until October 24, 2015 following lunch.

Carried.

7. Next Annual General Meeting

Next AGM will be held October 21, 2016

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 5:05 pm.

October 24, 2015

ASVA Annual General Meeting – Reconvened

Royal Executive Hotel

10010 178 Street, West Edmonton

1. Call to Order

Peter Pellatt called the meeting to order at 12:55pm

- 2. The Motion previously presented to the membership on October 23, 2015 was reworded to be:**

Special Resolution 2015 – SR 02

Support for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program

Summer Village of Seba Beach

WHERE AS the attendees at the 2015 annual convention expressed an interest to provide supplementary support to the Alberta Invasive Species Preventative Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) recommends that all Summer Villages of the Province of Alberta support the 2016 Alberta Invasive Species Preventative Program, through the provision of financial support by way of a contribution as determined by individual summer villages.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that funds collected by the ASVA be used for the support of the Alberta Environment and Parks Alberta Aquatic Invasive Species Preventative Program.

Moved by Doug Thomas, Summer Village of Seba Beach that Special Resolution 2015 – SR 02 be approved by the ASVA membership. Seconded by Chuck Dechene.

Carried.

3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 12:58 pm