

GREAT LAKES ALBERG ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

January 21, 2017

LOCATION: Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club, Toronto.

Commodore Cathie Coultis welcomed members and guests at about 1900. There were 26 members and guests in attendance, representing 13 boats. This was the 52nd AGM since the association was formed.

Commodore Cathie Coultis called the annual general meeting to order at 2020Hrs, and introduced new members Stephen and Janet Steel, Shirley Jones and Tim Martens.

Minutes of the 2015 AGM were left on the tables for all interested members. Gord Martin commented that he has resigned due to being 'Albergless', and was doing this AGM as acting secretary.

Moved by Jeff Willis and seconded by Marc Decorte to accept the minutes of the last AGM. Carried.

Commodore's report: Commodore Cathie Coultis reported that the GLAA was going through a rough time of declining membership, but that the organization has been through the same four times over the 50 years of its existence. The executive plans to issue press releases on GLAA activities to Gam, Ontario Sailor, and Canadian Yachting. The A30 racers continue to show good support for the races with consistent participation of 7-8 boats. Cathie commented on new members Shirley Jones and Tim Martens, Alberg 30 Ariose, heading for the Bahamas. They had major rudder damage in eastern Lake Ontario, but still managed to get south. A link to their blog is now on the website. Cathie thanked retiring executive members Jeff Willis and Gord Martin. She also gave special recognition to Don and Phoebe Campbell, Sam and Ann Malcolmson for many years of commitment to the GLAA, Don as commodore, technical writer, sail trim guru, Phoebe as photographer, and Sam and Ann for hosting the annual 'Blahs Party'. She also asked members to help steer the future activities of the GLAA by filling in the member questionnaire.

Directors' reports: Copies of directors' reports were made available to all interested members. To permit more socializing time the reports were not read by the directors. A brief summary follows. Full directors' reports are on file.

Rob Feeney, web administrator, reported many more web hits from all over the world in 2016; 6238 vs. 2398 in 2015. Major changes for the year are on-line registration and PayPal payment system. The blog and website are virtually merged into one. The A30 manual will be on-line soon, in a member's only section.

Racing: The Syronelle was won by the team of Jazz/Sam; Great Lakes Championship was won by Jazz. The Rankin Regatta was won by the US team of Wicked/Lingo.

Treasurer Phil Birkenheier reported a balance of \$2847.10, which includes \$445.00 of prepaid 2017 funds.

Cathie reported that membership renewals were very slow at 17.

Jeff Willis has had to resign as Newsletter Editor due to his appointment as commodore of Aquatic Park Sailing Club. Cathie is looking for someone to do technical articles for the newsletter.

Directors at large Richard and Margaret Mair have developed a brochure and promotional letters for new member recruitment.

Moved by Larry Richardson to accept director's reports. Seconded by Kris Coward. Carried.

Other business: Cathie presented new regalia items, tote bags and sailing caps. She is looking for stories for the 50th anniversary of the Alberg 37 next year. National Yacht Club will be doing some promotion of the Alberg 30 one design racing programme, also linked to GLAA. The following executive positions are open; Director of Membership, Director of Cruising, and Newsletter Editor. Margaret Mair has agreed to take on the Secretary position.

Moved by Marc Decorte to adjourn the AGM. Seconded by Jeff Willis. Carried.

Marc Decorte announced race winners and presented trophies as follows:

Syronelle Cup International Regatta, won by Jazz and Sam.

Great Lakes Championship, won by Sam.

Rankin Regatta, won by Wicked and Lingo. Canada 1 and Canada 2 came in fourth.

Die Hard Award; earned by Shirley Jones and Tim Martens.

Gord Martin

Acting Secretary.