

GREAT LAKES ALBERG ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
January 20, 2018

LOCATION: Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club, Toronto

The Commodore welcomed all members and guests at about 19:10. There were 30 members and guests in attendance representing 15 boats, including one honorary member. This was the 53rd AGM since the association was formed.

Commodore Cathie Coultis called the annual general meeting to order at 20:15 and introduced new members who were present.

Minutes of the 2016 AGM were distributed to all the tables. Marc Decorte moved and Jeff Willis seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the last AGM. Carried.

Commodore's Report: Commodore Cathie Coultis reported that the Association is on a strong financial footing, and is attracting more new and returning former members, six of them since the 2017 members roster was printed. 2017 was a challenging year because of record high water levels on the Great Lakes. This reduced the number of sailing events held to one, the Great Lakes Championship; events on the hard were very well-attended. Details of upcoming GLAA events and projects will be posted on the website as information becomes available, in the newsletter and sent out by email to members.

Cathie continues to work with Canadian Yachting Magazine, Gam and Good Old Boat magazines to get permission to put articles about Albergs on the Association's website and to contribute information and articles to their publications.

The Executive has been reaching out in a number of ways to promote greater awareness of our Association, including placing information in club newsletters, contacting marine chandleries throughout Ontario about placing brochures on their counters, and developing a plan to reach out to yacht clubs, marinas and sailing centres around the Great Lakes. This plan will include asking members to volunteer to act as liaisons and to provide information about Alberg sightings in their Region. Meantime the Association and its members have reached out to and helped fellow Alberg sailors from Ontario to further down South.

Finally, Cathie thanked all members of the current executive, all of whom have volunteered to serve another term.

Directors' Reports: Copies of directors' reports were placed on all tables. Reports were summarized by the Directors; a full copy of each is on file.

Racing Director Marc Decorte reported that neither the Syronelle Cup nor the Rankin Memorial Regatta were raced in 2017; the Great Lakes Championship was raced and won by Jazz. The 2018 Syronelle will be at NYC June 23-24, 2018; the Great Lakes Championship is tentatively

scheduled for August 25th at NYC. Marc sought input and suggestions for improving events and integrating cruising and racing.

Web Administrator/Newsletter Editor Rob Feeney reported that while views were down the number of visitors to the web site was up, and that Marketplace and Boats for Sale were the most popular hits. Most of the visitors were from Canada and the United States. He requested input from the membership to create content for the newsletter, which is to be produced three times a year, as well as seeking input, questions, concerns and comments about the website and newsletter.

Treasurer Phil Birkenheier reported a bank balance of \$3942.73 at year end, December 31, 2017, including prepaid memberships for 2018 of \$45.00.

Janet McNally moved to accept the Directors' Reports. Seconded by Marc Decorte. Carried.

Elections: The positions of Director of Membership and Director of Cruising remain vacant. The current members of the Executive have agreed to continue in their positions. The motion to acclaim the current Executive members was moved by Larry Richardson and seconded by Harry Black. Carried.

Other Business: Commodore Cathie Coultis requested more member feedback to the Association and its Executive.

Forms for ordering regalia were on each table and new regalia products were introduced. Commodore Cathie asked that each person fill out a short questionnaire about their sailing and boat, useful information to help the Association move forward.

Past and upcoming anniversaries of races and the production of different Alberg models and their celebration were discussed.

The need for volunteers to help at events and with membership (e.g. as liaison) was highlighted.

Larry Richardson moved that the AGM be adjourned.

Trophies and awards for 2017 were announced by Marc Decorte and presented by Marc Decorte and Commodore Cathie Coultis.

Great Lakes Championship: John Kitchener (Sam).

Gordon M. Proctor Cruising Award: Shirley Jones and Tim Martens (Ariose)

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The evening concluded with remarks from Shirley Jones and Tim Martens.