

GREAT LAKES ALBERG ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

January 17, 2015

LOCATION: CHERRY STREET RESTAURANT, 275 Cherry Street, Toronto.

Commodore Cathie Coultis welcomed members and guests at 1900, and drew our attention to the 50th Anniversary video, produced by Rob Feeney, playing during dinner. The video is on sale at \$20. Cathie announced that the dinner buffet was available. Attendance was 34 people, representing 19 boats.

Commodore Cathie Coultis called the business portion of the meeting to order at 2005Hrs.

Minutes of the last AGM were made available to all members. Moved by Gord Martin to accept the 2014 AGM Minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Mair. Carried.

Commodores Report: Commodore Cathie Coultis complimented the attendees on supporting the GLAA and the executive for good attendance. The current executive will stand for another year, with only the Cruising Directorship needing to be filled. Overall attendance was down over previous years for most events. Some new members will be introduced by the Membership Director. Cathie asked all members to complete the 'Member's Questionnaire', and to leave it with her. She is encouraging new ideas, newsletter stories and volunteering at events. A phone committee has been formed to remind members of upcoming events. On a sad note; Cathie announced the passing of two Alberg friends, Jim Cannon, former owner of A30, Hironnelle, and Douglas Stephenson, a former partner in Whitby Boat Works. Doug contributed much historical material for the 50th Anniversary Gala, and the GLAA archives.

Directors' reports:

Secretary: Gord Martin mailed the GLAA post card to about 265 clubs and marinas throughout the Great Lakes, but had very limited results. He encouraged all members to use them for personal contact with Alberg owners they meet. The secretary also wrote several newsletter stories, and solicited Triton Sails into the Partners Program.

Treasurer: Phil Birkenheier presented a detailed statement of income and expenses, showing a bank balance of \$970.94 at the end of 2014. He also detailed a 'tight'

budget for 2015 and asked the executive to keep to budget or below. The expected year end bank balance for 2015 will be approximately \$1077.

Membership: Larry Richardson reported that 7 members from 2013 did not renew, however we gained 8 new members; 4- A30, 3- A37 1-A29. As of Jan 16, 19 renewals had been received. His report details inventory of burgees, booklets, etc.

Racing: Janet McNally reported on the season's racing events.

Syronelle, with 7 Canadian and 2 US boats, won by Jazz and The Answer V.

The Bob and Mandy Townsend Memorial Race; 7 boats entered, won by The Answer V.

Great Lakes Championship, 4 boats, won by Gemini.

The Whitby Trophy for low points; tied between Rick Kent and Phil Birkenheier. The Die Hard Award went to Gord Laco for trailering his A30, Surprise, all the way from Georgian Bay to NYC for the Syronelle Race.

Cruising: Bill Newman commented on having resigned from the executive after 12 years. He suggested that future cruising events could be more casually organized, and not necessarily on holiday weekends, as they are very difficult to organize. There were no cruising logs submitted, so the Gordon M Proctor Memorial Trophy will not be presented.

Newsletter: Jeff Willis reported that from now on there would be three newsletters per year. He will be including some historical items from the '60s, and encourages all members to submit stories.

Webmaster: Rob Feeney is looking for more information on lesser known Alberg models, such as the A29, A34, and A35, and invites any input on why members love their Alberg vessels. He is slowly getting the new website up and running, and it will be at a much lower cost than the previous arrangement.

Moved by Gord Martin to accept all directors' reports. Seconded by Kris Coward. Carried.

The following motions were passed by the GLAA Executive at the November 30, 2014 meeting, and are presented for membership approval.

Gord Martin made a motion to reduce the number of Directors at Large from two to one. Seconded by Richard. Discussion: Phoebe Campbell read a detailed and logical reasoning, from Don Campbell, as to why we should maintain the status quo. The motion was defeated.

Moved by Gord Martin to update the GLAA Bylaws by changing CYA to Sail Canada, wherever shown. Seconded by Jeff Willis. Carried.

Moved by Richard Mair to adjourn the business meeting. Seconded by Gord. Carried.

Cathie Coultis gave special recognition to the following people for exceptional service to the GLAA: Janet McNally for racing. Rick and Celina for hosting the Syronelle party. Bev Dales for visitor's accommodations. Bill Newman and Wendy Anderson for setting up the RCYC 50th Rendezvous. Phoebe Campbell for the 50th calendar. David Gilbert for providing A30 drawings. Ann and Sam Malcolmson for hosting the 'Blah's' Party for many years.

Janet McNally handed out awards as per the racing report above, and gave a special thanks to Cathie Coultis for all the hard work in organizing the 50th Anniversary events. (Much applause!)

Gord Martin

Secretary.