

GREAT LAKES ALBERG ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

January 19, 2013

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

Some folks started socializing around 1800, but anyone coming from the west was delayed by construction on Lake Shore Boulevard. Commodore Cathie Coultis made welcoming remarks at 1920, and directed guests to the slide show and photo albums.

Socializing began at around 1800 hrs, and Commodore Cathie Coultis made welcoming comments at 1700, followed by dinner.

The meeting was attended by 47 members and guests, and there were 26 boats represented. The secretary voted three proxies.

The business meeting was called to order by Cathie at 2010 with compliments on the success of a 48 year old association. Membership is growing, and our finances are improved by the 'Partners Program' advertising on the web site and members benefit from the 'On the Hard' seminars. Cathie asked for volunteers for committees, including the racing rules committee, and encouraged more articles and photos for the newsletter. Several noteworthy contacts from the website were a woman who wants to do the 'Transpac' race in an A22, and then possibly sail around the world, and a Swedish boat builder looking for the moulds to Build Alberg 29s.

Executive for 2012.

Commodore: Cathie Coultis

Secretary: Gord Martin

Treasurer: Janet McNally

Membership Director: Clare Mathews

Race Director: Kris Coward

Cruising Director: Bill Newman

Director at Large: Larry Richardson

Director at Large: Pete Scholz

Newsletter Editor: Wil Richardson

Webmaster: Dennis Litchfield

As per the (strange) bylaw section 8.2, the secretary cast the sole vote in favour of the changes to the executive. The membership appeared to concur.

Cathie recognized and present small tokens of appreciation to several members for extraordinary contributions to the GLAA :

-Phil Birkenheier for service as racing director, cruising director, commodore, and for organizing the A30 manual.

-Don Campbell for many years as commodore and much help as past commodore.

-Rick and Celina Kent for many years of hosting the Syronelle party.

-Bev Dales for providing accommodation for Yves Gelinias, and for US guests coming for the Syronelle.

-Janet McNally for again organizing a successful AGM venue and dinner.

Secretary: Minutes of the last AGM were left on all tables. Moved by Gord to accept the minutes of the last AGM. Seconded by Phil. Carried.

Treasurer: Janet commented on the financial health of the GLAA. Financial statements were printed in the AGM program.

Moved by Janet: That a reserve fund be created to be used for the 50th anniversary events in 2014. A minimum of \$500. for each of the years 2011, 2012, 2013 will be added to the fund. Seconded by John Birch. Carried.

Membership: Clare reported that we currently have 78 members. She also introduced and welcomed several new members. Clare showed the new better quality burgees.

Racing: Phil reported modest turnout for racing. Syronelle was won by John Kitchener, Jazz, and Don Campbell, White Opal. The Triangle race was not run, and the Great Lakes Championship was won by Jazz. The Rankin was won by USA in very cold weather.

Phil moved to adopt new whisker pole rules in bylaw item 5.1 as published. Seconded by Dennis. Carried.

Webmaster/Newsletter: Dennis reported newsletter circulation of 130, expressed compliments to the writers, and encouraged new submissions. Elizabeth Munro will be assisting newsletter and website with graphic design. All will be assisting William to get up to speed as newsletter editor.

Cruising: Cathie reported on excellent turnout for 2011 events, with fun had by all. She is hoping to organize a west end rendezvous in addition to the Canada Day event in Toronto and the Civic Holiday Bay of Quinte rendezvous.

Moved by Janet to accept all director's reports. Seconded by Gord. Carried.

Motion to adjourn, Larry. Seconded by Janet. Carried.

The evening concluded with a slide presentation by Yves Gelinias covering the full spectrum of his sailing life. Cathie presented Yves with a token of appreciation.

Gord Martin

Secretary