



Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse Preservation Society

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

**Directors Present:** Dave Sharp, Dan Buchanan, John Warner, Norman Bastin, Michael Nicholson, Spencer Dennis, Phil Badham

**Other guests:** there were numerous members and non-members present including John Campbell, Press (25 guests).

**Chair of the AGM:** John Warner

- Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm and opening comments were made by Chair John Warner who established a Quorum by a show of hands.
- Chairperson of the Board - Norman Bastin gave a brief overview of why and how he founded KOPPLA and how it came to grow to what it is today. He also thanked everyone for coming and for their support.
- Chair John Warner introduced the Directors to the attendees.
- Director Dave Sharp spoke about the engineering study and why it was commissioned. He also explained the process and methodology we used to award the contract to Andre Scheinman Heritage Consultant and then presented a short slide show of the engineers at work.
- The question was put to the attendees on whether they would like to see the lighthouse restored to the original limestone, or keep the shingles.
  - By a show of hands, the majority wanted to see the original limestone exterior when complete.
- Director Dave also used powerpoint to show what we have completed so far in the process of the restoration, and what still is required in the future.
- Treasurer Michael Nicholson presented the Treasurer's Report on powerpoint although all attendees were provided a copy of such.
  - Member Lyle Bunn brought forward a Motion we should accept the financial report and Member Lynda VanDusen seconded. All were in favour.

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- Member Lyle Bunn advised that the government takes note of volunteer efforts - in kind donations etc. and that we should be aware of this. He also enquired as to the level of enthusiasm we received from the park when we started KOPPLA and asked if we were linking the lighthouse to the sinking of the SPEEDY. Director Dave Sharp responded that the Park Supt. Rob Cunningham has been more than supportive of our cause. And, also, in our newsletters, our Director (Historian) Dan Buchanan would eventually be talking about HMS Speedy and the lighthouse.
- Member Lynda VanDusen also commented that we should recognize businesses that have donated time, money etc.
- As for Fundraising:
  - Director Dave Sharp spoke about Cricklewood Farm's Corn Maze; our fundraising at Applefest this year and the raffle we have started.
  - He also spoke about the membership drives and the 2015 Spring Gala in that we require volunteers for this venture, along with the Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse and Bay Festival.
- **By-Law Motion:** Chair John Warner spoke about the change in our By-Law regarding aligning our financial year with our membership year. All those present received a copy of the motion plus it was distributed via email as part of the AGM invitation.
  - John Warner brought the Motion forward, and it was seconded by Dan Buchanan. All were in favour.
- **2014-2015 Board of Directors:**
  - Guest Pat Boyce was introduced by Chair John Warner, and Pat brought forward the nominations for the new officers in KOPPLA.
  - Member Lynda VanDusen asked Chair John what we were looking for in a Director ie: what is involved in the position.
  - The new slate of officers were presented and Director Dave Sharp made a motion to accept, seconded by member Ernie Sharp. Motion carried.

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- Chair John Warner then concluded the formal part of the meeting and opened the floor to questions.
  - Member Lyle Bunn asked whether or not we could put our cause forward to the new Brighton candidates and see what they would do if they were elected.
  - Member David Craig advised there will be a candidate debate and information session next week.
  - Member Paul Moran asked for clarification regarding our two names Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse Preservation Society and KOPPLA. Chair John Warner answered this question.
  - Member Rick Vandertoorn questioned whether a sponsor is one time or permanent which was answered by Director Dave Sharp – a minimum \$500 initial donation followed up by ongoing annual minimums of \$100.
  - Member Lyle Bunn asked if we are replacing the cupola on the lighthouse which Director Dave Sharp answered – it all depends on structural strength of the lighthouse and obvious costs. That is our goal though.
  - Guest Pat Boyce suggested we should ask the audience for fundraising ideas, which John Warner did. Some minimal discussion and all guests/members were asked to give it some thought and get back to any of the Directors.
- Chair John Warner closed the meeting at 8:05 pm.

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