

MINUTES FROM THE 2018 LMAA AGM*Lake Manitou Area Association**25th Annual General Meeting**July 14, 2018**At the Sandfield School House*

1. Meeting called to order @ 10:00 am. Motion to accept agenda made by Murray Arnold and seconded by Clayton Stere. Carried
2. President Mike Costigan Sr. welcomed all members and visitors.
3. Announcements
 - a) Everyone invited to help themselves to literature on the back table. Also available for purchase are clothing, maps, flags, and books.
 - b) There will be no Information Night this year as unable to organize.
 - c) Other announcement – Paul Moffat advised that next weekend is SummerFest in Manitowaning; also announced that a 14ft aluminum boat and motor washed ashore on his neighbour's property.
4. Officers, Directors present introduced themselves. Reminder that all Officers, Directors and Committee members names and contact information is on the last page of Newsletter.
5. Pat Costigan explained there are no minutes from last year's Annual Meeting. She has prepared and circulated unofficial minutes from the meeting which she was able complete using last year's meeting agenda.
6. Reports of the Officers and Directors
 - a) Paul Moffat, Vice-President presented information on activities of Manitoulin Steams.
 1. Kagawong River – goal of this project is to restore and rehabilitate the recreational fisheries habitat along the Kagawong River.
 2. Grimesthorpe Creek – this is an enhancement strategy to address environmental issues at the creek. The issues are unrestricted livestock access, degraded water quality and lack of native trees and shrubs.

3. Manitou River – area in Tehkummah was washed out due to high flooding and restoration project initiated.
4. M’Chigeeng Creek – The grade eight class of Lakeview school, M’Chigeeng help out every year to restore portions of the creek.
5. Wiikwemkoong... Stream educational events, stream cleanup and log jam removal are done on Smith Bay Creek with Wiikwemkoong First Nations assistance.
6. Climate Change Project – In Partnership with the Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources we will be helping with a 4-phase project assessing and managing the impacts of climate change on Manitoulin Island. Three youth involved in the project present at this meeting and everyone invited to discuss the project with them after the meeting.
7. Phragmites and Invasive Species Project – Help is being given to Judith Jones with phragmite removal around the Island.

b) Don Payne, Treasure... Don gave overview of Financial Report distributed. Report covered June 7, 2017 to June 12, 2018. A donation of \$2100.00 was made in memory of Peter Edward by his family; Peter was one of LMAA founding members.

Don advised a donation of \$5,000 was made last year to Manitoulin Streams and inquired whether this should be done again this year. It was explained that for many years this Association did what Streams now does and the Association received grants. Association became unable to manage so Streams assumed role and thus we have supported them. There was concern expressed re the ability to sustain this donation yearly. Manitoulin Streams is a volunteer organization.

Motion to accept financial report made by John DeChastelian and seconded by Sharon Cooper. Carried.

Don thanked Marlene Dewar and Betty Heis for auditing financial records. Motion to have Marlene and Betty audit again next year made by Dave Rutherford and seconded by Kim Chesney. Carried
Don advised he has been Association Treasurer since 2007 and has one year left in his term. He wishes to step down at the end of his term. Please contact him if interested in this position. Don willing to

work with his replacement over this next year to help familiarize him/her with processes.

- c) Newsletter Editors – Mark Harvey thanked persons who have submitted material for the newsletter and encouraged submission of more material. He wishes to promote historical aspects from around Lake Manitou and photographs are welcome. Newsletter published on the Website and comes out the end of April and November.
- d) Education Committee – Pat Costigan said committee in need of members. Ken Stewart has agreed to be a member. Pat invited anyone interested in joining the committee to approach herself or Ken after the meeting.
- e) President Mike Costigan Sr. advised that he will be retiring from President this year.

7. New Business and Discussion Period

Brenda Edington expressed concerns with the water quality and Ecosystem. Inquired why we could not partner with the MNR or form a committee to address water levels and fish protection. Mike Costigan advised Association has lost it's connect with the MNR since retirement of Paul Methner. Brenda reminded everyone that these subjects have been brought up at annual meetings for past five years. She explained that water levels are very low now so fish can't swim through and very high in the spring causing shoreline to cave in. Peter Hutchinson reiterated Brenda's concerns and attested to high water level. He said the MNR in order to run the fish hatchery need high water now and run pipe lines to keep flow to their ponds. Manitou River fluctuates four to five feet due to the logs in and out. The dam is regulated by the MNR. There needs to be a balance between Lake Manitou and Manitou River. Annually Peter has brought his concerns re water levels to the MNR with no action or response received. Another member said high water levels are destroying his shoreline and making his very old oak trees vulnerable. Sharon Cooper said she has dealt with MNR before and they are impossible to deal with. She advised diligence, write letters and make our voice heard. Ms. Edington said LMAA three years ago was to form a committee to meet with MNR to look at issues but this has not

occurred. She said this association needs to address the issues. We need a voice. One member said MNR controlling Manitoulin is from Sudbury and suggested it should be a local person familiar with the lake monitoring the lake and river.

Ken Stewart said he is concerned with the roadside garbage and wants to organize an Earth Day cleanup event. He requested anyone interested to contact him.

8. Estelle Payne to serve as Election Chairperson.
9. Elections – President... Paul Moffat for one-year term
Vice- President... Steve Mann for three-year term
Directors...Re-elected were Mark Harvey and Robert Chown.
.. New Director Sharon Cooper
10. Paul Moffat paid tribute to Mike Costigan and his wife Pat and thanked them for their commitment and work done on and for the Association.
11. Door prizes draws made.

Meeting adjourned and gathering with refreshments followed

LET'S KEEP OUR LAKE GREAT CHALLENGE WINNER SPRING 2019

This spring we would like to focus our attention on the contributions our retiring Treasurer Don Payne has made to the LMAA. Don and his wife Estelle built their Lake Manitou cottage starting in 1982. The members of the LMAA wish the two of them many more happy years enjoying life on Lake Manitou.

Don performed the duties of Treasurer and much more in an exemplary fashion since 2007 when he took over from Alex Lohead. Don had a way of adding an element of much appreciated levity and humour whenever delivering a financial report while attending a LMAA meeting. I think that will be part of his legacy as Treasurer. Don also took care of maintaining a list of all LMAA member contact information. He managed LMAA memberships (an essential and time consuming task) and represented the LMAA at the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations.

Don Payne exemplified what it is to be a true volunteer. I am sure Don will make his presence known at future LMAA functions and we look forward to that. His efforts must be recognized and on behalf of our organization a huge thank you to Don. We hope he will continue to share a joke or two.