

**Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association Inc.**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, July 7, 2013**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was constituted with Herb Pinder as Chair and Sheila Gagne as Recording Secretary. There were no additions to the agenda.

Pat McAvoy was honored for his many years of service to seasonal residents. He served for many years as the Treasurer and the last two years as the Membership Chair. The Board will miss his leadership. The Board Chair then introduced the 2012/13 Board.

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were unanimously approved.

The meeting then moved to Committee Reports:

***Treasurer's Report*** – The financial report was presented by Conor Quinn who moved its approval, seconded by Madeleine Pinder and unanimously approved. Jim Kerby proposed a motion to have the financial statements reviewed versus a full audit which was seconded by Gord Weibe and approved unanimously. Rita Mirwald moved to appoint Brian Weibe, CA to be retained to provide that review, seconded by Rick Jakes, and approved unanimously.

***Governance Report*** - Introduction of the Committee including Rob Philips and Jennifer Wood. The slate of directors, including new proposed director Paul Pinder, was introduced. There were no further nominations. Don Ravis moved that the 10 proposed directors be elected, seconded by Brian Booth, unanimously approved.

***Communications*** – Chair Diane Roddy reported on the busy past year with Parks Canada relying more and more on the WSRA mailing list to provide information to seasonal residents. The other member of the Committee is Sheila Gagne.

***Membership*** – Pat McAvoy provided his last report indicating that door to door canvassing is improving representation. Brad Meier will take on the Chair of this committee and monitor and support Block Captains, now in place for each street and subdivision.

***Cabin Guidelines*** – The Committee is Chaired by Rob Philips and together with Gerry Gilchrist and Sheila Gagne has been involved in a lengthy dialogue with Parks to finalize guidelines. ([See President's Report](#)).

Rob Philips provided the ***President's Report*** together a power point presentation. He highlighted the successful spruce budworm spraying program during the past two years, the WSRA initiative supported by Council and Parks Canada.

Rob reviewed the Cabin Guidelines together with outstanding issues in respect of siding materials and legal but non-conforming decks. Ongoing issues include the maintenance of existing decks and the structure as a safety measure, and grandfathering where approval has been granted but the deck is currently non-conforming. Jim Kerby indicated that Council is aware of the issues and is supporting the association in moving to consensus. Herve Langois commented that the guidelines need to consider “functionality” and grandfathering as changing rules midstream can destroy the function of the original plan which was approved.

Rob touched on the green space areas in the 30 foot cabin area as well as related to congestion. The WSRA continues to interact with Parks in this regard.

The land rent issue continues from the perspective that PANP residents are paying increasingly higher rentals while services are being reduced. Herve Langois suggested that we check with Riding Mountain National Park as a comparable park. WSRA has requested input into much needed changes to cottage regulations with no success.

Issues raised from the floor include concern about flooding and aggressive elk. Rob expressed appreciation to Parks Canada and the RCMP for policies that have reduced break ins over the winter months. He reminded meeting of the Grey Owl Howl on Sunday August 4. That concluded the President’s lengthy report sharing with the meeting the multitude of issues that the WSRA deals with on a regular basis.

The new law firm registry posted on the website was introduced to the meeting.

The meeting then welcomed Park Townsite Manager Terry Schneider who reviewed a variety of issues including swales and cabins, SaskPower activities, the new Fire Chief and agreement with the Lakeland Fire Department, a SaskTel cell tower in process, cabin guidelines, the spruce budworm spraying, new recycling practices, camping matters and the recently held “visioning process”.

Mr. Schneider also indicated that the cottage regulations review has been put on hold given staff cutbacks in Calgary. There was pushback in the meeting indicating to Mr. Schneider that the regulations are out of date, contradictory, divisive and urgently need Parks attention cutbacks notwithstanding.

Questions from the floor included building permit approvals, land rent issues, internet service, the slumping land behind the nature centre, storm sewer damage by the Community Hall, swales in the cabin area, the need for repair of the road into the marina, geese concerns, reduction of lake levels given damage from erosion, and insufficient parking. Terry reminded meeting of improvements made to the Park and the large investments in the townsite over the past few years.

With respect to other matters, Don Ravis addressed the meeting about the replacement of the Lobstick tree and the event on September 1. Those present at the meeting were unanimously in favor of a donation of \$500 from the WSRA for this event. Herve Langois moved that the WSRA Board pursue the establishment of a “development appeal committee” which was seconded by Gord Wintermute and unanimously approved. There was a suggestion to provide “fast lane” access for seasonal permit holders at the park gate. This issue has been raised numerous times with Parks Canada and it was noted that this exists at Waterton National Park. There was a motion by Sheila Gagne, seconded by Gloria Stevenson, that the WSRA propose to Parks Canada that extra parking for cabin area residents be made available across Tamarak.

Madeleine Pinder moved termination of the meeting.