

INTRODUCTION

The second annual general meeting of the St. Peters Harbour Lighthouse Society Inc. (SPHLS) was held at 7:00 pm on Thursday evening August 27th, at the Rossiter Park Shelter in Morell.

The meeting was held to review SPHLS activities towards ownership and restoration of the lighthouse and since the first AGM of August 21, 2014. The agenda included :

A. President's Report :

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Status of Our Application
3. Volunteer Programmes

B. Questions from the Floor.

C. Nominations and Election of Directors

The following are summary minutes (*italic notes added for additional developments and clarifications to the meeting*).

Attendance

Acting Executive :

Tom Moore	: President
Gail Rice	: Past President
Mary Phillips	: Property Representative - OSPHHA
Doug Milligan	: Building Manager
Tim Phelan	: Communications

Members :

Katie Sheahan and Syd Freiman ; Mary Richardson ; Deborah Barton Moore ;
Alison and Bill Talbot ; Sidney MacEwen ; Diane and Dave Matthes ; Ellen and K.C.
Spengler ; Sue Barker and Ian Karn ; Sylvia Moore and Scott Burns ; MaryLea and Ron
Switzer; Joanne and Bill Morton ; Donna Glass; Carolyn Tomlin and John Ferguson ; ;

General Public :

Evelyn Dreyfus ; Judy Moore : Jodi Preston ; Adam Drake ; Michelle Pierce;
David MacAdam ; Mel Anderson ; Valerie Bang-Jensen

A. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Tom Moore

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. thanks to all : generous support has made this venture possible
(and the outlook is bright) ; support received from
across the board : residents, cottagers , tourists, young
and old.
- b. Founding Members : membership totals over 60 people and growing ;
in appreciation, all members prior to ownership (and
charitable donation status) to be recognized as
“ Founding Members “ with a plaque on the restored
lighthouse wall restoration.
- c. additional thanks : to Lawrence MacAuley, Gail Shea, and Carol Livingstone
for assisting our application.
- d. introductions : Acting Executive as listed (George Morrison absent)
Sidney MacEwen (MLA)
David MacAdam (Morell)

2. Status of Our Application :

(over the winter : per *the Lighthouse News* , second edition, July 2015)

- a. SPHLS submission : completed as of July 2014, per last year's AGM.
- b. DFO assessment : DFO in review of applications and funding for entire Heritage Lighthouse programme.
- c. first divestitures : DFO selects 20 lighthouses in late spring for fiscal 2015 : includes several PEI lighthouses such as Point Prim.
- d. our divestiture : per DFO correspondence of Nov. 2014: anticipated in fiscal 2016, (follows completion of two agreements between DFO and SPHLS : one for sale, the other for a restoration grant) .

(recent work : summer 2015)

- e. restoration grant approval : first and most critical step in approval of divestiture ; ongoing : negotiations progressing : Grant Justification forwarded by DFO regional staff to DG for sign off.
- f. post grant approvals : 6 – 8 months required for closing and issue of grant.
- g. restoration schedule : late summer of 2016 or spring of 2017.
- h. land lease agreement : long term lease (15 yr. / 1 \$ / yr.) in final stages with landowner (Old St. Peters Harbour Homeowners Association)
- i. non profit incorporation : completed July 29th.
- j. charitable donation status : application to CRA in September ; 3 – 6 months ; CDS target for fundraising in spring 2016.
- k. restoration start up : participating sub trades advised of anticipated schedule
- l. start up budget : \$ 5,000. : required for legal and accounting work ; fundraising complete.
- m. annual budget : \$ 5,000. : operating costs including allowance for repaint every five years ; fundraising in progress for first year.

3. Volunteer Programmes

- a. volunteers encouraged : for all SPHLS positions and activities ; members encouraged to participate in something of personal interest ; great way to meet the community.
(in italics : those volunteering before or after the AGM)
- b. Board of Directors : 12 positions available per articles of incorporation ; 6 nominations to date for election this evening ; the B of D may appoint others interested at a later date ; general requirement : policy and decision making ; Officers by Board appointment ; 5 year term ; meetings : one or two a month according to need (June through September) .
- c. Fundraising Committee : special events, canvassing, crowd sourcing etc.
*Syd Freiman ; Adam Drake ; Tom Moore ; Vera Teschow
Gail Rice ; Neighborhood Captains*
- d. Business Committee : accounting, legal, membership, newsletter, publicity etc.
*Katie Sheahan, Tim Phelan , Vera Teschow
Kurt Kroesen, Tom Moore, George Morrison*
- e. Building Committee : annual and weekly maintenance ; special projects (Founders Plaque ; beacon activation etc.)
*Doug Milligan, Tim Phelan, Bill Morton,
Mary Richardson, Mel Anderson*
- f. Heritage Committee : historical research ; documentation and displays ; community projects
*Adam Drake, John Ferguson, Carolyn Tomlyn
Gail Rice*

- g. Retail Committee : clothing ; artwork ; souvenirs
*Jodi Preston, Mary Richardson, Tim Phelan, Tom Moore,
Katie Sheahan*

B. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. What is the budget / grant request for restoration ?

- a. One hundred five thousand, seven hundred and seventy seven dollars. (\$ 105,777.)
- b. approximately twice the cost of similar lighthouses due to unique requirements :
removal of contaminated lead paint (45 K) and various restrictions on construction
methods within the dune environmental zone.
- c. justification provided to DFO staff as requested, is now at senior stage of approval,
and is anticipated.

2. Once approved, is the grant request guaranteed ?

- a. debatable : preliminary grant agreement includes “ out clause “ following
grant approval (per instruction of Parliament).
- b. SPHLS has consulted recent approvals (Cape Tryon / Covehead) :
accepted agreement (as otherwise an impossible bureaucratic and legal hurdle :
“ sooner or later a leap of faith “).
- c. SPHLS reviewing ownership agreement : potential cancellation of divestiture
if grant withdrawn .

3. In the event of a positive balance following restoration, may grant monies be kept ?

- a. it would appear so : the grant money is given lump sum to the community in the
amount agreed (no progress payments per standard construction mortgages etc. ,)
- b. additional public monies cannot be substituted for grant (no double dipping) ;
refund clause included as penalty.

- c. are volunteer contributions allowed as substitutions : *to be verified.*
- d. standard contingency of 10% included : to cover inflation and unforeseen costs.
- e. should a balance remain, its' use is at the discretion of the SPHLS : *to be verified.*

4. Is there a public right of way to the Lighthouse and Beach ?

- a. unofficial only : province owns / maintains the Lighthouse Road to the foot of the Harbour, after which it crosses over two private properties to the parking lot at the foot of the dunes (the second being our landlord, OSPHHA).
- b. the Province has maintained the private portion for public access to the beach and lighthouse maintenance for decades (most recently this year) .
- c in review with the SPHLS last year, the Province appeared to have a “ sleeping dog “ policy : avoid the legal cost and precedent of making an official right of way.

5. Has the SPHLS considered patent or copyright protection ?

- a. not to date : difficult to enforce and not likely

C. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

1. Nomination and Election of Acting Directors

- a. Katie Sheahan nominated the Acting Directors for election to the Board of Directors of the SPHLS : Tom Moore, Gail Rice, Mary Phillips, Doug Milligan, Tim Phelan and George Morrison.
- b. Syd Freiman seconded the nomination
- c. Their election was carried (unanimous).

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2. Nomination and Election of Additional Directors

- a. Adam Drake offered his own name for election to the Board of Directors of the SPHLS
- b. Katie Sheahan seconded the nomination, conditional to completion of his membership.
- c. The election was carried (unanimous)

END OF MEETING MINUTES

Copies to :

SPHLS members : all attending or absent
DFO / DPW CAN : Julie Duplessis , Jamie Hedges , Lee Harber / Joyce Hughes
DOT/PW PEI : Sharon Slauenwhite and Wayne Tremblay
Representatives : Lawrence MacAuley
Gail Shea
Sidney MacEwen
David MacAdam
PEI Lighthouse Society : Carol Livingstone
General Public : all those in attendance / SPHLS website posting

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next AGM : late August , 2016

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