

MEETING MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 2021

St. Peters Harbour Lighthouse Society Inc.

August 26, 2021

Introductions:

Craig Ono acted as Facilitator for the AGM as it was held on Zoom once again this year. All those attending via Zoom were welcomed and thanked for their participation and support during this second year of operating during the pandemic.

Attending were:

Mel Anderson, Linda Anderson, Valerie Bang-Jensen, John Flinn, Syd Freiman, Chris Hutt, Charlie Jackson, Karen Jay, Debbie Barton-Moore, Dave & Diane Matthes, William (Bill) Morton, Craig Ono, Mary Phillips, Jackie Playter, Gail Rice, Katie Sheahan, KC Spengler

Note:

Due to technical difficulties, Acting President Bill Morton was unable to deliver his introductory remarks. Thus the meeting went forward directly into essential reports of the Corporation.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Chris Hutt, reported that the SPHLS shows a surplus for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2021. This is not due to the success of SPHLS operations of the Society over the fiscal year (as these operations were curtailed due to the pandemic) but due to the tremendous contributions made in memory of our late SPHLS President, Tom Moore.

Chris reported that we will be budgeting for a small deficit again in 2021/22 given the Covid situation as our normal fundraising efforts will not be realized.

Nonetheless, the Society has a healthy bank account, our expenses are tightly controlled and we have excellent prospects for future fund raising efforts going forward. It was noted that annual membership dues are not sufficient to sustain long term operational commitments without effective fundraising and strong retail efforts conducted in tandem.

A motion to approve the financial report as presented was so moved by Chris Hutt, seconded by Linda Anderson and approved unanimously by all in attendance.

A motion to approve the nomination of MRSB as auditors for the next fiscal year ending May 31, 2022 was so moved by Chris Hutt, seconded by Syd Freiman and approved unanimously by all in attendance.

A question was raised about membership dues and the following was confirmed:

Annual membership fees will remain at \$10/individual and \$20/family.

An annual reminder will be sent to members in late April - prior to the close of the fiscal year.

Note: Silver Shingle memberships are \$500 and are considered lifetime membership contributions. Any member who has been contributing annual fees and/or donations can have those amounts accumulate toward Silver Shingle status.

Chris Ono reported that our retail operations were popular, especially sales of SPHLS mugs, however multiple shipping problems/breakages occurred with the mugs and it is not feasible to

continue selling the mugs other than locally. Hoodies and T-shirts continue to sell well. We will pick up promoting these sales post-pandemic.

Building report:

The Lighthouse will be inspected in fall and again in spring to determine the extent of painting and repair work that may be required. We have the budget and the supplies for most of this work.

There has been some sand build up but it is not threatening the structure.

There were no animal infiltrations this year as the terrain now blocks the cribbing.

A power-cleaning of the interior and a repair to the interior hatch was carried out.

The wiring that supports the light itself has been neatly tucked away along the walls. The light has functioned without fail since it was installed in 2019. The battery life is super - like new.

The light is on a timer and this is working well. Chris & Craig Will see that it is shut off at the end of October.

Attention must be given to the physical environment: garbage management, soft spots in the access road and higher than ever traffic levels are of concern. We will renew our approaches to the province for road work and the installation of appropriate signage.

It was also mentioned that various promotional tools - whether they be ad hoc social media sites or Tourism PEI itself - have contributed to the high traffic levels and there have been a number of overnight campers tenting on-site as a result.

A motion to approve the Building Report was moved by Gail Rice, seconded by Chris Hutt and unanimously approved by all in attendance.

Nominations to the SPHLS Board of Directors:

The usual work of the Society in Board Member recruitment has been influenced by the constraints brought on by the pandemic. Nonetheless, we are pleased to welcome a new volunteer to the Society and to the Board.

On a motion put forward by Katie Sheahan and seconded by Chris Hutt, with unanimous approval from the members in attendance, the SPHLS extends a warm welcome to Scott MacEwen as a new Board member. Scott was away for work at the time of the meeting but he is looking forward to being involved with the Society having just moved here permanently in 2021.

Questions from the membership:

Gail Rice asked that a discussion be held in future to investigate the possibility of unblocking the light by removing the south facing metal panels surrounding the beacon. A number of points of view were shared regarding the feasibility and safety issues involved in undertaking this work as well as the feedback regarding both the pros and the cons of doing so.

Heartfelt words of honour, thanks and appreciation

This was no ordinary Annual Meeting of the SPHLS as our beloved Tom Moore was not with us. SPHLS members Gail Rice, Bill Morton, Valerie Bang-Jensen and Chris Hutt all spoke of Tom's

commitment, his determination, his dedication to the cause and his ultimate success in recruiting a team of capable volunteers and inspiring folks to support the Founding Members Campaign of the St. Peters Harbour Lighthouse Society so it could be appropriately incorporated and recognized as being returned to the local community.

It was a fitting tribute:)

Adjournment:

On a motion moved by Syd Freiman and seconded by Linda Anderson, the meeting was adjourned. Thanks to Craig Ono for facilitating this second Zoom AGM gathering of the SPHLS membership.