

**Lorne Mountain Community Association
Annual General Meeting
May 16, 2013**

Present:

Sharon Hickey, President
Michelle Harper, Secretary Treasurer
David Bouquot, Director
Peter Carr, Director
Helene Giradeau, Director
Bob Sharp, Director
Agnes Seitz, ED
Kevin Barr, MLA
William Greenland (Yellowknife)
Judy Beaumont
Peter Percival
Ken Lindsay
Alison Perren
Doug Gilday
Gertrud Scharrer
Carol Tuck

Regrets:

Christel Percival, Vice-President

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Welcome and Introductions (all)
3. Adoption of the minutes of the 2012 AGM (Proposed by Peter Carr/seconded by Bob Sharp).
This was passed unanimously.
4. Adoption of Agenda for AGM
The agenda was adopted as circulated
5. Mandate, Purpose and Accomplishments (President's Report)

The Lorne Mt. Community Association (LMCA) is a registered society formed in 1985 to serve the social and recreational needs of what is now the Hamlet of Mt. Lorne. In 1996 the association was granted the powers of Recreation Authority by the Government of Yukon.

LMCA's mandate is to provide the facilities and recreational opportunities that promote a healthy lifestyle, encourage family participation, provide opportunities for youth employment and training while supporting goals of sustainability and environmental

responsibility.

It was Aristotle who first defined “community” as established by a group of men with shared values. A more current definition is “a group of people with diverse characteristics who are linked by social ties, share common perspectives, and engage in joint action in geographical locations or settings.” I’d say that sums up the Lorne Mountain Community pretty well although I also think we have a number of ‘communities’ out here from Learning Lions to skiers to golfers and so on.

When I think of how LMCA meets the needs of our communities, I think of our outdoor ski trails, disc golf course, mushing trails and golf course. I also think of our playground, Skateboard Park, rink, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts. In my 8 years on the board I think I am most proud of the fact that we made it possible for people living off grid to get their water here and can shower. We saw a community need and we met it. That’s the kind of community we have and I am VERY proud to live here.

LMCA has accomplished a lot over the past year. Here are the highlights:

- The use of the grounds by the 4-H group for their summer riding camp. Apparently both the young equestrians and the horses were well behaved and our kitchen and indoor facilities made it easier on the camp organizers.
- Voices and Stories of the Valley was a really successful activity: equipment was purchased, many of us increased our oral history documenting skills, and we created a special newsletter in April (printed and online). Many of are still working on stories so keep checking the website for updates.
- The Carbon Hill event dog-mushing race: how many mushers? There were about 35 teams this year which was smaller than usual but it was held on the same weekend as the Yukon Quest vet check so we’ll know that for next year.
- Cross-country skiing program: This year about 35 young skiers along with 6 volunteer coaches participated in a 16-week ski program. Heartfelt thanks are due to Karen McKenna for her commitment to this program. And...if you track our local skiers, Karen has helped them reach national and international podiums. Well done Karen – you grow talent and help our youth chase **and** catch their dreams.
- The cross-country ski race we held this year had 150 participants.....we are the little community centre that COULD!
- We’ve held various art courses and craft workshops, yoga classes, meditation workshops, Zumba, Israeli folk dance and fitness training classes and **more** for adults such as the Foodie Club (we’ve baked bread, studied grains and made six different curries). Did you know we also have a Writers Club? We do! We also had some games and film nights but these did not prove popular.
- The rink was used all winter for recreational skating, hockey and Equinox events. Countless users came and used our 12 km. of groomed ski trails and they are countless because the non-members don’t usually pay! We

are especially grateful to Rex Brown of Whitehorse for the \$500 donation he made in the ski fee drop box. Wow!

- Family activities have included parties at Christmas, Easter and Halloween. We've also had a craft fair and have a flea market/swap meet scheduled for next Saturday the 25th.
- The Musical brunches were a big hit this year, especially when it was cold outside.
- Agnes title was changed from Recreation Coordinator to Executive Director to reflect the actual administrative duties she performs on behalf of LMCA.
- Local musicians have performed here and we've nurtured homegrown talent. We also hosted many of the Home Routes concerts.
- Many of you know about the various events that are held here and the fact that you can also book the facilities yourselves for parties, weddings... special events of any sort. Did you know that we regularly have the user groups here like the Carcross Junior Rangers? Various schools also bring whole classes out here...often for an overnight stay.
- We've held fundraisers for our Fire Department and Transfer Station and we've seen the hall more than filled on a couple of occasions when YG wanted to discuss sub-dividing (and other topics) with us. So I dare say that for most of you, this is not your first time here.
- Summer programming has included a recreational drop in program for kids and youth from soccer to orienteering, Frisbee games, basketball and monster outdoor games.
- So what lies ahead?

Issues:

1. Inadequate financial support from YG. We expect to be operational for... possibly 3 more years. We're using our reserves to top up the funding we receive.
2. Increase membership
3. More members of the board and/or the maintenance committee
4. More volunteers for community activities-could have a sign-up list for people willing to be volunteers for specific events. It shouldn't be up to Agnes and Colin to do so much. For example, we need many more people to help with Canada Day and Carbon Hill.
5. Maintenance of the facilities is an ongoing expense and pressure
6. The Zamboni is on its last legs and we need to replace it.
7. Costs of financial audit, which we now have to have regularly due to the size (dollar value) of our assets.

Plans for 2013-2014

1. Canada Day
2. Summer Programs
3. Continued involvement with Stories and Voices of the Valley
4. Lobbying for increased funds for LMCA

5. Other events TBA (have an idea? Tell us about it).

In closing, on behalf of the Board I'd like to thank our AMAZING Executive Director to Agnes Seitz for her efforts to manage facilities, programs and financial records for LMCA. Colin has brought a lot of enthusiasm and cheery outlook to the maintenance activities and can usually be found helping set up and take down for most events here. Agnes and Colin make being a board member here so easy! Andy Lera continues to be a valuable support for LMCA maintenance projects and has helped us out too many times to mention. Thank-you Andy. Our Volunteer Days are usually well attended and I am inspired by the quality of the equipment owned by our volunteers and that they happily bring it here and help us keep our maintenance costs down.

6. Financial Reporting

- Draft income and balance sheets were presented and discussed. These were presented in draft due to the review engagement not being completed as of this date. Peter Carr, seconded by Judy Beaumont, proposed these for approval. Passed unanimously.
- Bob Sharpe, seconded by Peter Carr, proposed a request for review engagement of the LMCA financials 2012/13 for approval. This was passed unanimously.
- A draft budget for 2013/14 was presented. Peter Carr, seconded by Judy Beaumont, proposed this for approval. This was passed unanimously.

7. Election of Board of Directors

The floor was opened for the nomination of persons for the Board of Directors for the 2013/13 FY. Peter Percival and Judy Beaumont proposed the following:

Sharon Hickey, President
Christel Percival, Vice-President
Michelle Harper, Secretary/Treasurer
Helene Girardeau, Director
Dave Bouquot, Director
Peter Carr, Director
Bob Sharp, Director

Each agreed to stand for office and these nominations were approved unanimously.

8. Close of AGM

The AGM closed at 8:15. After a short break, the documentary "Cold Paradise" was shown. The director of this film is LMCA member Werner Walcher.