

**GREATER SUDBURY WATERSHED ALLIANCE INC.**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Monday, March 25, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Vale Living with Lakes Centre, Ramsey Lake Road, Room LL 102

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**MINUTES**

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1. Call to Order - Chair, Richard Denton
2. Roll Call of Stewardship Representatives – An attendance sheet was circulated. Stewardship groups were reminded that the annual membership fee of \$20 was due. There were 24 attendees including these voting representatives:

Fairbank Lake	George Lalonde	
Grant Lake	Sandi Willock	
Junction Creek	Miranda Virtanen	
Long Lake	Richard Witham	Lori Adams
McFarlane	David Young	Rod Chambers
Minnow Lake	John Lindsay	
Nepahwin Lake	Bill Querney	
Nepawassi Lake	Colleen Fraser	Tom Kellar
Ramsey Lake	Elaine Porter	
Richard Lake	Alex Cieslewicz	Craig Hamilton
Simon Lake	Lesley Flowers	
St. Charles Lake	Richard Denton	Irene Nizzero
Tilton Lake	Rod Fabbro	
Lake Wahnapiatae	Norm Eady	

Non-voting attendees: Scott Darling, Nicole Wittke, Dave Hodge, Lin Gibson, Val Lalonde

REGRETS:

Black Lake - Peter Pula  
Fairbank – Margaret McLaughlin  
Junction Creek – Paula Worton  
Minnow – Brad Bowman  
Nepawhin – Dave Petryna  
Panache – Stu Greaves, Tim Walker  
Robinson – Laura Young, David Tomini  
Ramsey – Lilly Noble  
Simon – David Furino  
Tilton – Rob Fabbro  
Vermillion River – Linda Heron, Sheri Johnson  
Wahnapiatae – Eric Stuart  
Whitewater - Denise Goodmurphy

3. Adoption of Agenda. Moved by John Lindsay; seconded by Susan Darling. **CARRIED**
4. GSWA Welcome and Introduction – Chair Denton welcomed all present, explained his role and commented on the busy year.

5. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of March 19, 2018. Motion to approve by Elaine Porter; seconded by Lesley Flowers. **CARRIED**
6. Matters Arising from Minutes – None raised.
7. Executive Report and Summary of Stewardships Activities and Accomplishments – R. Denton reviewed slides showing the GSWA Mission, Vision and Values. He highlighted the past year's accomplishments: the successful Septic Social held May 3, 2018; development of an Email Guideline (attached); and the application to EcoAction Community Funding by the Aquatic Invasive Species Eurasian Water Milfoil Committee (AIS-EWM). He reviewed some advocacy efforts and noted that GSWA made key submissions on the Transportation Study, the Ramsey Lake Sub-watershed Study, the proposed Ferrochrome Smelter location, the Kingsway Entertainment Development and wrote letters opposing the plan to eliminate Ontario's Environmental Commissioner. He called on stewardship representatives for brief reports.
  - Fairbank Lake – Two annual newsletters, annual picnic, Zone Watch program, and Lake Trout Tagging Project. Install and remove channel markers & hazard markers. Signage for boat cleaning at Provincial Park and the marina. The lake is healthy and free of EWM.
  - Grant Lake – Receives the EWM flowing from McFarlane and into Long Lake; struggles to control it. Harvesting is done so that waterfronts are usable.
  - Junction Creek – Flows Garson to Lively. Has research, and projects such as garbage pick-up, and data collection to compare trends. Collaborates with experts and encourages student involvement. Willing to share excellent resources – do contact. Events include a May Festival and Trout Release. JCS sells cloth bags as fundraiser.
  - Long Lake – Education re EWM and Natural Shorelines, via newsletters, bulletins, website and Facebook page. LL Milfoil Mapping 2018 was a major project - volunteer boat teams documented shape, size, and density of EWM beds using GPS units. Assistance from city and LL residents were key. Developed a digital map showing major beds so residents can avoid them. Completed the 2-year Love Your Lake shoreline improvement program. Communicates with ENDM re Gold Mine Reclamation project.
  - Minnow Lake – Followed the CGS installation of large twin hydrodynamic storm water sediment separators. They are lobbying for removal of large sediment plumes and made presentations to the CGS, MOECC and DFO. They are concerned about road salt issues and consult regularly with Ramsey Lake Stewardship.
  - McFarlane – First lake to develop EWM and it continues as a major challenge. A privately owned boat launch, used by residents and the public, has changed hands. ML stewardship is working with the city to solve the problem of no public boat launch for residents.
  - Nepahwin Lake – Deals with plenty of milfoil. Focussing on generating more interest in an expanded stewardship group.
  - Ramsey Lake – Hoping for signage that reflects the indigenous name of the lake (Bitimitagamsing); also wants speed limit signs for boaters. Some submissions have been declined by the city. The immense parking lot of the KED is a concern due to much salt entering the RL watershed. Opposed the location of the Ferrochrome Smelter in Coniston. The group continues its rain garden demonstration project at the entrance to LU. In 2018 Ramsey had the largest blue-green algae reported to date. The Climate Change information night hosted recently was attended by several scientists.

- Richard Lake – Milfoil remains its main concern; works with AIS-EWM. City mapped the lake 2018. Walleye stocking continues 2019. Uses website, Facebook and a newsletter. Works with two campgrounds on the lake, e.g. to get a boat washing station. A photo calendar was produced for all residents that had important environmental messages for healthy lakes. Recognition program for notable supporters.
- Simon Lake – The ever-present algae is unsightly and foul smelling, a problem that originated with untreated sewage. Although the lake is unsuitable for swimming, fishing is safe. A request to CGS to buy a skimmer to remove the algae was declined. There is hope a biologist hired by the AA First Nation is interested in helping.
- St. Charles Lake – Eurasian Water Milfoil is denser in recent years. Working with AIS-EWM to get approval to stage a pilot project to test a control method.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL COMMITTEE – Chair, Scott Darling  
Members include Nicole Wittke, Irene Nizzero, Lori Adams, Dave Hodge, Craig Hamilton, and GSWA Chair R. Denton is ex officio.

Scott reviewed points in the PPTX slide. After the disappointment of having first funding application declined, the AIS-EWM team is anxiously awaiting news of whether its second attempt (January 2019) for EcoAction funding will be successful. The proposed pilot study is called *Lake Aquatic Invasive Control in Sudbury* or LAICS. The Committee is very grateful to biologist Dr. Charles Ramcharan who has been instrumental to the project design. The application has made it to the next level of review but there is considerable competition for limited funds. Since a decision may not be made until late summer or fall, the Committee plans to meet to consider an alternative plan.

Important contacts have been made this year with provincial and local offices of MNR; Dr. Eric Sager who oversees projects with coir and jute at Big Cedar Lake; Kawarthas Lakes Stewards Association; and CRE-Laurentide, a Quebec association that has excellent resources related to EWM. Chair Denton thanked the Committee members for the considerable time spent on the project proposal and funding application.

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE (DWP) – Chair, Richard Witham

Richard acknowledged members: David Young, Margaret McLaughlin, Lesley Flowers, John Lindsay, Lilly Noble. He gave some background on the Committee and explained it investigates ways and means of protecting drinking water quality in lakes and rivers, encourages regular septic system maintenance and repair, and explores the road salt issue. It organized the well-attended Septic Social May 3<sup>rd</sup>, contributed to the city's *Living With Ice* circular, and met with city staff about its Risk Management Report. CGS has a mitigation plan for road salt use and now intends to work with owners of large properties since they account for nearly 50% of overall salt use. There is concern about elevated NaCl levels in Ramsey Lake, a major drinking water source for Sudburians. The DWP developed a flyer *De-Icers & Traction Aids* comparing environmental impact and cost of ice melting products. (attached)

KINGSWAY ENTERTAINMENT DEVELOPMENT (KED) – John Lindsay.

Re the LPAT, the Ontario Divisional Court is deciding who can question witnesses. Decision may take 6 months. One developer may buy nearby hotel and attempt to get it re-zoned to use as a temporary casino.

8. Treasurer's Report (attached) - David Young shared the GSWA Account Activity from March 19, 2018 to March 25, 2019 and provided the Summary of Yearly Revenues and Expenditures. Hard copies of the Treasurer's Report were available. Current balance is \$2810.67. MOTION to accept and file the Treasurer's Report by David Young, seconded by Lesley Flowers. **CARRIED**

9. Fundraiser Tuesday, April 16/19 – The Birds and The Bees – Chair, Alex Cieslewicz  
Details were reviewed: 6:30 hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, draw, free drink  
Courtship comedy begins 7:30 at the Sudbury Theatre Centre  
Alex emphasized the need for full support from members. Need to sell 287 tickets and obtain sponsorships, donations for silent auction. Updates reporting ticket sales will be emailed.

10. Notice of Motion to Amend GSWA Constitution - Board's rationale is to be more inclusive and expand membership.

**NOTICE OF MOTION:** To adjust Article 5: Membership by adding "*including First Nations Communities and stewardship groups in townships adjacent to the City of Greater Sudbury*". The revised Article would then read

5.2 Membership in GSWA is open to watershed stewardship groups and organizations representing stewardship groups, including First Nations Communities and stewardship groups in townships adjacent to the City of Greater Sudbury, that have paid the annual fee as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors and have agreed to uphold the GSWA Constitution.

Moved by Norm Eady, seconded by Lesley Flowers. **CARRIED**

11. Nominations & Election to Board of Directors and Executive – Lin Gibson, Nicole W., Rod C.

Chair Denton expressed appreciation to three Board members who stepped down in 2018: Linda Heron, Lilly Noble, both of whom were founders of GSWA, and Sheri Johnson. He thanked the Elections Committee comprised of Lin Gibson, Nicole Wittke and Rod Chambers. He reminded attendees that only stewardship representatives vote; two votes are permitted per stewardship group.

MOTION to open nominations by Lesley Flowers, seconded by Richard Witham. **CARRIED**

Nominations received from the floor:

Richard Witham accepted nomination for Chair.

Susan Darling accepted nomination for a second term as Secretary.

Norm Eady accepted the nomination to serve as a Board Director.

Sandi Willock accepted the nomination to serve as a Board Director.  
Several nominations were declined.

MOTION to close nominations by David Young, seconded by Irene Nizzero . **CARRIED**

Names presented as Executive members for 2019-2021:

Chair – Richard Witham

Vice Chair - (vacant)

Treasurer – David Young (continuing 2<sup>nd</sup> year of term)

Secretary – Susan Darling

Motion to approve Executive by Irene Nizzero, seconded by Dave Hodge. **CARRIED**

Names presented for Board of Directors

Director(s) to begin two-year tem:

Richard Denton, Past Chair

Norm Eady

Margaret McLaughlin

Sandi Willock

Directors continuing in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of two year term:

Alex Cieslewicz -

John Lindsay

Irene Nizzero

Elaine Porter

MOTION to accept the slate for Board of Directors as presented. Moved by George Lalonde, seconded by David Young. No abstentions; one Nay. **CARRIED**

MOTION to close the 2018 AGM election by Rod Chambers, seconded by Nicole Wittke.  
**CARRIED**

12. Adjournment of AGM. MOTION to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. by Alex Cieslewicz.

*Included*

- Treasurer's Report

*Emailed as separate attachments:*

- Email Guideline
- *De-Icers and Traction Aids*
- Updated GSWA Constitution

Recorder – Susan Darling, Secretary

Year-End Treasurer's Report for the Period March 19, 2018 to March 25, 2019-04-04

Presented at the March 25, 2019 Annual General Meeting By David Young, Treasurer, GSWA

Date	Description	Debit	Deposits	Balance
<b>2018</b>	1. Minnow L. and 2. Ramsey Lake have already paid <b>2018-2019 Membership</b>			<b>5205.78</b>
<b>Mar 20</b>	<b>Membership</b> 3. Black L., 4. Fairbank, 5. Junction Cr., 6. Long L.(2yrs), 7. McFarlane, 8. Nepahwin, 9. Simon L. 10. St. Charles L.(2yrs), 11. Vermillion R., 12. Wahnapiatae (2yrs), 13. Tilton 14. Whitewater		<b>300.00</b>	<b>5505.78</b>
<b>Apr 4</b>	#63 2 yr. membership in CRE Laurentides	<b>63.00</b>		<b>5442.78</b>
<b>Apr 5</b>	#64 Septic Social- Returnable damage deposit (Legion)	<b>100.00</b>		<b>5342.78</b>
<b>Apr 5</b>	#65 Septic Social- Rental of Legion site	<b>56.50</b>		<b>5286.28</b>
<b>Apr 12</b> <b>May 2</b>	<b>Members</b> Simon L (for year 2019-2020), 15. Robinson L., 16. Grant L. (2yrs.), 17. L. Panache(\$100for 5 years! for years including March2022 to March2023)		<b>180.00</b>	<b>5466.28</b>
<b>Apr 28</b>	#66 Septic Social Coffee & Deserts (Legion)	<b>113.00</b>		<b>5353.28</b>
<b>May 14</b>	#67 Septic Social Speakers' Gifts (90.00) & Door Prizes (54.21) (Lilly)	<b>144.21</b>		<b>5209.07</b>
<b>May 3</b>	#68 Septic Social Door Prize for a Septic Cleanout	<b>250.00</b>		<b>4959.07</b>
<b>May 3</b>	#69 Septic Social Cookies (David Y.)	<b>10.72</b>		<b>4948.35</b>
<b>June 4</b>	Septic Social - Damage Deposit returned		<b>100.00</b>	<b>5048.35</b>
<b>June 15</b>	#70 Federation of Ontario Cottagers Assoc. FOCA	<b>125.00</b>		<b>4923.35</b>
<b>June 15</b>	#71 reThink Green Membership	<b>56.50</b>		<b>4866.85</b>
<b>June 15</b>	#72 Contribution to NO FERROCHROME SUDBURY(Signs)	<b>500.00</b>		<b>4366.85</b>
<b>June 18</b>	<b>Membership</b> 18. Richard Lake (2 yrs)		<b>40.00</b>	<b>4406.85</b>
<b>Jun-Jan</b>	<b>Bank Charges June to Dec ( 8 months X \$2.50)</b>	<b>20.00</b>		<b>4386.85</b>
<b>Sep 24</b>	#73 Gougeon Insurance Brokers (Directors & Officer's Policy)	<b>907.20</b>		<b>3479.65</b>
<b>Nov 7</b>	#74 Aquatic Inv Species Cmtee-Travel Expenses (S. Darling)	<b>94.54</b>		<b>3385.11</b>
<b>2019</b>				
<b>Jan 15</b>	#75 Fundraiser Deposit to Sudbury Theatre Centre	<b>500.00</b>		<b>2885.11</b>
<b>Feb 13</b>	#77 Fundraiser-Avery ticket stock (Sandi Willock)	<b>54.21</b>		<b>2830.90</b>
<b>Feb 19</b>	#78 Fundraiser Sponsorship Letter Printing A.Cieslewicz	<b>20.23</b>		<b>2810.67</b>

**Summary of Revenues & Expenditures of GSWA \*\* only goes to end of 2018 to avoid next year's Fundraising costs**

	MAR 2013 -MAR 2014	MAR 2014 -MAR 2015	MAR 2015 -MAR 2016	MAR 2016 -MAR 2017	MAR 2017 -MAR 2018	MAR 2018 -DEC 2018
Starting balance	7117.62	6016.11	11861.31	11011.43	6947.50	5205.78
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Membership Dues	300.00	360.00	300.00	460.00	220.00	520.00
Grants Received	0	500.00	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	5.00	0	0	0	0
Interest	0.73	0.10	0	0	0	0
Fundraising Profit	0	8871.14	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>300.73</b>	<b>9736.24</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>460.00</b>	<b>220.00</b>	<b>520.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Insurance	864.00	864.00	864.00	864.00	907.20	907.20
Bank Charges	0	22.50	10.88	0	0	20.00
Incorporat'n & Admini'n	0	0	0	0	57.98	0
Internet site	28.24	739.54	0	0	676.95	0
Brochures	0	300.00	0	0	0	0
Events	510.00	450.00	0	2805.30	194.59	574.43
Grants to others	0	1300.00	100.00	654.55	0	500.00
Associate Membership	0	175.00	175.00	200.00	125.00	244.50
Other	0	40.00	0	0	0	94.54
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1402.24</b>	<b>3891.04</b>	<b>1149.88</b>	<b>4523.93</b>	<b>1961.72</b>	<b>2340.67</b>
<b>Final Balance</b>	<b>6016.11</b>	<b>11861.31</b>	<b>11011.43</b>	<b>6947.50</b>	<b>5205.78</b>	<b>3385.11</b>