

**VOTING & PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF  
LAC DE L'ACHIGAN'S OWNERS ASSOCIATION (APLA )  
HELD AUGUST 7th 2010 AT CAMP BRUCHESI.**

**Assembly started at 10h15.**

**1. Welcoming word**

- Welcoming word by Mme Joanne Gauthier, APLA's president.
- Directors' presentation by Joanne Gauthier.
- Elected Municipal's officials presentation by Joanne Gauthier

**2. Reading of the convocation notice by Mme Joanne Gauthier**

**3. Agenda's adoption**

The following additions to the agenda are requested : Camp Bruchési, pollution by clay, municipal dock boating. The agenda's adoption is proposed by M. Richard Lemay followed by Mme Denise Valois. No opposition

IT IS RESOLUTE by unanimity to adopt the agenda.

**4. Adoption of the August 8th , 2009 assembly's votes & proceeding**

The adoption of the August 8th, 2009 assembly's votes and proceedings is proposed by M. Roger Favreau followed by M. Hector Legault. No opposition

IT IS RESOLUTE by unanimity to adopt the August 8<sup>th</sup>,2009 assembly's votes and proceedings

**5. Adoption of the financial balance sheet ending december 31st, 2009**

On behalf of Mme Maryse De La Durantaye, M. Sylvain Allaire presents the financial statements covering the period of January 1st, 2009 to december 31st, 2009. The adoption of these financial statements is proposed by Mme Lyndsay Cheeseman followed by M. Mario Gauthier. No opposition

IT IS RESOLUTE by unanimity to adopt the financial statements covering the period of January st,2009 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

The nomination of Mr. Yvan Gingras as financial auditor for 2010 is proposed by Mme Jocelyne Vallée followed by J. Jacques Cantin. No opposition.

IT IS RESOLUTE by unanimity to adopt the nomination of Mr. Yvan Gingras as financial auditor for 2009

**6. Word from the president, Mme Joanne Gauthier**

- Since 2008 a new team
- No hidden agenda
- Visit at your residences

- Regular meetings and follow up with the Municipality. Sûreté du Québec, «centre de biologie de l'Université de Montréal » ( Dr Carignan)
- L'APLA is represented at MRC,CRE, CARA, «Comité de vigilance de Sainte-Sophie,» voluntary monitoring program design specifically for lakes ( RSVL ) APLA has an environmental ( keeping the Lake clean ) and social ( our uses of the Lake and the consequences attached to them ) mandate.
- One of our main interest this past year was Camp Bruchési. Our main objective is that the Camp keep its vocation as is.
- APLA obtained a subvention through « Fonds du Pacte Rural». With this subvention we were able to hire a biologist and 2 students for this summer. This program enabled us to visit you at your residences, be present at the municipal dock and give information on many aspect of the utilisation of the Lake, such as the ethical code. With our visits we were able to reach almost 49% residents (at least 430 residences over 880). Miss Noemie Boyer, one of the student hired will address you in a moment.
- Our newly elected Municipal Officers should now be in **action mode**. Indeed not only we wish that they will put forward new regulations, but also that they ensured that the regulation existing be respected by the citizens.

## 7. Board of Directors report

### Hélène Savignac : phosphorus fight / sanitary installations case /green actions day:

- In collaboration with the Municipality we held our green actions day on may 29<sup>th</sup>. Even though we had very competitive prices, our sales were low. In the next months we will be contemplating different options such as including an invitation on our website as well as an order form . We will keep you informed.
- Éco-Action program: we are also contemplating the idea of formulating a demand for a subvention in regards with this program. These programs offer a monetary support to association like ours for environmental projects.
- Sanitary Installations : The following is the result of the sanitary installations inspected since the beginning of the program (May 2007) until (July 31<sup>st</sup> 2010). **693** inspections over **966** were conducted. **11** were not legal. This year from May 10th till July 31st, **293** inspections are pending, **36** were conducted and out of the **10** non legal, **2** have been fixed.

### Georges Raymond : gulls case

- The mission of this committee is to get rid of the gulls on the Lake, and it is almost accomplished !!! in 2010 we can say at 99%. That is why it is no more necessary to have 4 scare machine. Only one «scare cannon» is installed. For the future we will have to make a decision ( i.e sell it ) in regards of the other platforms since we still have to pay for their storage. After discussion among the attendees at the meeting it has been agreed to store them at least for one more year. A member present at the meeting volunteer to store them free of charges on his property.
- We are still member on the « comité de vigilance» de Sainte-Sophie and Waste Management. A hunting license for 21 gulls per week from november to december was renewed. In addition this year an increase was made for 35 gulls from april till november.
- A coroplast with the inscription« **merci aux membres de l'APLA. Gardons notre Lac en santé** »was installed on our main platform This inscription enable us to make aware all residents as well as all tourists.

### Maryse Laliberté : water analysis :

Maryse presents the results obtained with the program developed by « Ministère de l'environnement et du développement durable. »

- Every 2 weeks 3 samples for transparency were made as well as sample taken every 2 weeks for the quality of the water. The results will be posted on our website soon.
- En résumé :
  - The results demonstrated that there is a salubrity problem ( faecal coliforms) in Pashby river.
  - Concerning phosphorus, chlorophyll and transparency, the results indicate an aging process faster than anticipated. All residents and tourist have to make extra effort in order to stop that process

### Joanne Gauthier :management of the lake access case:

In 2006, following a resolution taken by the members a boat committee was created.

- In 2007 APLA made several recommandations to the Municipality
  - Better control for access on the lake; new types of access labels ; mandatory boat cleaning ; daily nautical police; dock; private unloading docks; parking and speed at the municipal dock: non respect of regulation in regards of speed, noise, rental of private docks ; fishing tournament etc
- What has been accomplished by the Municipality since 2008:
  - New tarification for label access; hiring of a mature person to manage the access at the Municipal dock ; creation of a log book for entrees and exit at the Municipal dock ; code of ethics included in taxes 2009 ; enforcement of regulation in regards of speed; only one fishing tournament a year
- What was supposed to be done in 2009 but not done:
  - Informative publicity ; i.e send a letter to all residents informing all new mesures; different colour for label access ; increase calendar for the nautical police ; improvment of the regulation concerning private dock etc.
- Site internet :
  - Notre site internet sera modifié de façon importante afin de le rendre plus fonctionnel et plus interactif. Différents dossiers, rapports, analyses et articles intéressants y seront insérés et mis à jour régulièrement.
- Use of lake :
  - **64% boats**
  - **13% pontons**
  - **11 % seadoos**
  - **5% fishing boat**
  - **7% others**

**86% were residents owners ; 12% renters et 2% non-résidents.**

As of august 5th 2010 the calendar of the nautical police is as follows;

- 19 and 20 june ; 1<sup>st</sup> et 2-5-19-20 and 28 jully for a total of 21 h ¼.

### **2010-2011 Objectives :**

- New regulation in regards to the access to the lake in order to protect the quality of the water and to avoid the introduction of intrusive exotic species.
- Mandatory wash of all boats and/or crafts.
- Mandatory permit confirming wash and personal use of the boat. The permit will be given to taxpayer that their boat do not leave the municipality premise.
- Hire two full time employees to patrol the lake in addition to the provincial police intervention. These employees will have the power of distributing the fines.
- Inventory of all private landing stage and new regulation. Notice all owners of the new regulation (personal vs commercial).
- Inventory of all wharfs and the number of boats per home owner. Reinforcement of the law in regards to leasing wharfs.
- Revisit article # 13.1.1.6 from the zone law 863-01 stipulating maximal dimension of the wharfs.
- Abolition of the fishing tournament.

### **Marc Boyer: website case on behalf of Marc Boyer presented by Joanne Gauthier**

The website will be upgraded significantly in response to members observations. We will make it more functional and interactive. Many topics, reports analysis and articles will be included et updates done regularly.

### **Sylvain Allaire : membership case**

Membership committee has been created in order to increase the number of members.

Here is a summary of all activities:

- Between August and October 2009, 3 members of the Board and some volunteers have done more than 500 phone calls in order to promote memberships. Out of the 112 people that had said yes only 33 (or 29%) had really paid their membership.
- 2 postal shipments have been made.
- Only 4 new memberships were confirmed since early 2010 from the door to door process base on 550 calls.

Regardless of all the invested efforts, the number of memberships did not increase.

In the future, in order to reduce the postal fees, all solicitation will be done by email and payments should be done prior to the annual meeting.

A request is made to active members in order to ask them to recruit 5 new members while communicating the benefits of the organization. Here are some key points that could help while prospecting :

What are the goals of APLA :

- Represent the owners at the municipality level (more members = more power)
- Protect the quality of the water and the ornamental lake
- Educate the resident on environmental best practices.
- Secure inspection of septic tank.
- Sample the water of the lake in order to lab test the quality and communicate the results to resident.
- Monitor the decisions of elected representative in order to protect the lake.

- Support APLA motivates the members, volunteers and directors to pursue their mandate and delivers more power to represent them and increase the interest to preserve the quality of the lake.
- The APLA website ([www.aplaweb.ca](http://www.aplaweb.ca)) communicates some information on the activities of the organization. Also there is some administrative forms such as: membership renewal, reports, water test results, ethical code and more are available. You could also ask questions by email.

We would like to take this opportunity for a special thank to donors.

#### **8. Guest speaker Mr Karl Goupil, arboriculturist**

- The main objective of Mr Goupil speech is to make us aware of the importance of the vegetation on a daily basis. The trees and plants do not only have a design role but each of them have an important contribution in the environment. Before deciding to plant out, you need to take into consideration the layout of the land. You need to put the best plant at the right place.

#### **Here are Mr. Goupil coordinates :**

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#### **9. Word from Mr. Bruno Laroche mayor**

- Mr. Laroche tells us that he is working closely with APLA in order to solve resident issues.
- The municipal committee is very active and is committed to take action on the following topics :
  - Mathers platform. A resolution has been confirmed on August 2 and legal advisors have now the file on hand. This issue has been unresolved since too long, we need to find a permanent solution.
  - The municipality have for 2010 an objective, a new law in regards to the access and utilization of the different lakes on the territory and wants to work closely with APLA .
  - The possibility of issuing different colors permits for residents and non-residents.
  - The issues caused by private landing stage.
  - Evaluate the possibility of providing to resident and non-resident a geological map identifying where to practice nautical activities
  - Implement an ethical code on the noise made by larger boats in reference to what is done in other municipalities.
  - Evaluate the benefits of buying a boat to monitor the lake on an ongoing basis.
  - To identify the potential of using the beach parking lot purchased in 1998 and never been utilized

The municipality wants to work closely with APLA in regards to all above issues.

#### **10. Director`s election**

- Renewal mandates for all directors are proposed by Mrs Valois and support by Mrs Alexandre. Mrs Maryse de la Durantaye, Maryse Laliberté, Joanne Gauthier and Hélène Savignac and Mr Sylvain Allaire, Marc Boyer, Philippe Lemay, Georges Raymond are renewed as directors .

**11. Question period**

Q : What is happening with the Bruchési camp ?

A : (Mayor) The actual owners of the camp are financially unable to continue to support all daily activities and are evaluating the possibility of selling the estate. The objective of the municipality and APLA is to preserve the actual vocation of the camp.

Q : What happens when septic tanks are not in accordance , is there any follow-up ?

A : ( Mayor) We need to specify that in 50% of the cases it is a minor offence such as a broken cap. In regards to the other 50%, most of the time the entire system must be change. A fine is issued to all and a follow-up is done.

Q : In addition to septic tank, are cesspool also inspected ?

A : An inventory is done and all of them are inspected. The results are available on [www.aplaweb.ca](http://www.aplaweb.ca)

Q : In regards to water sampling for test lab who defines the location of the water samples ?

A : (APLA) The sites are dictated by the ministry in regards to specifics facts and can not be modify.

Q : Is there a law in regards to the dimension of the boats ?

A : (Mayor) The laws on the water are managed by the federal, the municipality can not interfere.

Q : Is there a law for minimal distance to anchor a boat ?

A : (Mayor) I do not know, we will need to investigate.

**End of the meeting at 12:50**