



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Great Lakes Sea Kayaking Association
Saturday 29 October, 2016**

At Port Credit Memorial Arena, Port Credit, Ontario

Board Members present:

Ralph Gardave, President Erwin Buck, Membership Director

Keith Rodgers, Secretary Ken Chorel, Director at Large

Karen Granville, Treasurer John Fitzsimons, Trips Director

After coffee, a well-received slide presentation – *Paddling in the Haida Gwaii*, was given by Ralph Gardave. This was followed by a pizza lunch, Ralph then called the meeting to order, welcomed members and the business meeting of the club got underway at 2:05 pm. Twenty members (including the board) were present.

1. Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

A motion that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting for 2015 be accepted as distributed was moved by Erwin Buck and seconded by Fayyaz Mahmood. The motion was carried.

There was no business arising from these Minutes.

2. President's Report

Ralph Gardave reported that in 2016 the club had experienced a year very similar to the previous year, with membership basically unchanged. Our Rendezvous was once again well-received and the number of organized trips and events about the same as in 2015.

3. Treasurer's Report (*the Income & Expense Statement presented by Karen is given as an appendix to these minutes*)

Karen presented the Income and Expense statement for the fiscal year ending Sept.30, 2016. She noted that this statement has been reviewed by Jack Stoddart, a GLSKA member. Income for the year was \$9,532 – a decrease from last year mostly due to the decline in memberships. Expenses for the year were \$9,569, a decrease of \$689 due to a variety of small items. The resulting net income for the year was a small shortfall of \$37. Our accumulated surplus stands at \$14,247.

A motion to approve the statement as presented was made by Karen, seconded by Ed Wong. The motion was carried.

4. Membership

Erwin Buck reported that current membership compares to recent years as follows:

	2016	2015	2014
Memberships	107	108	128
Individual members	130	132	156

Although the club has conducted surveys but reasons for the decline remain hard to determine. Among the probable causes are the demographics of the club's membership and an overall decline among the public in our style of sea kayaking. The meeting discussed means of stimulating interest such as increased publicity or the offer of reduced fees in the first year.

5. Rendezvous 2016

Erwin advised that the 2016 Rendezvous, held again at Oak Point, was attended by 68 paying participants. Because the event was budgeted to break-even with 80 paid attendances a deficit of \$930 was incurred. Paid attendance in 2015 was 83 – no easy explanation for the decline in attendance is available. The board regards this financial result as a tolerable subsidy for the club's principal annual event. Members seemed pleased with the Wasauksing marina campground (in spite of the re-surfacing work on the roadway and tent sites). The workshops put on by White Squall and the entertainment were well appreciated. The 2017 Rendezvous committee will be chaired by Erwin and the event will again take place at the Wasauksing Marina and Camp Ground at Oak Point. Date will be June 16 - 18, 2017.

6. Trips & Events

John Fitzsimons reported that trips/events had taken place in 2016 as follows: 8 multi-day trips (trips of 3 days or more), 6 weekend trips 3 single-day trips. These figures do not include instructional events such as the Pool Sessions, and trips made as part of the Rendezvous weekend.

7. Georgian Bay

Keith Rodgers reported that GLSKA continues to offer its support to conservation and clean-up activities in the Bay by its donations to the Georgian Bay Land Trust and White Squall's campsite clean-up program.

8. Website Developments

Keith reported that our website is ready to implement a new feature which would allow new and renewing members to join on line, agree to the waiver and pay by credit card. To ensure security, the processing of the credit cards will be handled by PayPal. Implementation is delayed at present pending the return to active service of our webmaster Michiel Duvokot. It is hoped that this will be resolved shortly.

9. Election of New Directors

Ralph noted that the two-year terms of himself, Ken Chorel and John Fitzsimons had come to an end. Ralph and Ken were offering themselves for re-election for another term; John was not. Ralph thanked John for his service to the club and asked if there were any members present who wished to seek a nomination and stand for election. Victoria Best indicated she was willing to stand. Ursula Foster seconded Victoria and made a motion that Victoria, along with Ralph and Ken, be declared nominated and elected as a slate. The motion was seconded by Erwin Buck and carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed after a short break to allow the new board to meet.

10. Announcement of the New Board

Ralph Gardave announced that the new board and officers will consist of Ralph Gardave, President; Karen Granville, Treasurer; Keith Rodgers, Secretary; Erwin Buck, Membership, and Ken Chorel and Victoria Best, Directors at large.

11. New Business

Karen suggested that it might be useful to explore the possibility of re-introducing the t-shirts and caps imprinted or embroidered with a GLSKA logo (the club previously has carried such items). The objective would be to make a revenue contribution and also to advertise the club. Karen offered to make enquiries with suitable suppliers.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business Ralph thanked the members for their attendance; the meeting then adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Income/Expense Statement

Fiscal Year 2015 - October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

	Ending 30/09/15	Ending 30/09/16
Income		
Rendezvous	\$ 5,332.00	\$ 4,365.00
Memberships	\$ 3,665.00	\$ 3,515.00
Newsletter	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
Pool Sessions	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,452.00
Bank Charges	\$ -	\$ -
GBC	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 0.36	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 10,747.36	\$ 9,532.00
Expenses		
Meetings	\$ 595.45	\$ 279.08
Rendezvous	\$ 5,325.73	\$ 5,297.12
Memberships	\$ 251.77	\$ 281.33
Newsletter	\$ 458.48	\$ 761.74
Pool Sessions	\$ 1,353.52	\$ 1,402.28
Bank Charges	\$ 91.75	\$ 103.80
Insurance	\$ 1,263.60	\$ 1,270.08
Other	\$ 267.76	\$ 173.91
GBC	\$ 650.00	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 10,258.06	\$ 9,569.34
Net Income	\$ 489.30	\$ (37.34)

Expense Items

	Ending 30/09/15	Ending 30/09/16	
Expenses			
Meetings	\$ 595.45	\$ 279.08	fewer meetings as no web design
Rendezvous	\$ 5,325.73	\$ 5,297.12	\$930 shortfall
Memberships	\$ 251.77	\$ 281.33	
Newsletter	\$ 458.48	\$ 761.74	timing
Pool Sessions	\$ 1,353.52	\$ 1,402.28	small surplus
Bank Charges	\$ 91.75	\$ 103.80	
Insurance	\$ 1,263.60	\$ 1,270.08	
Other	\$ 267.76	\$ 173.91	High Park, ORCKA
GBC	\$ 650.00	\$ -	timing
Total Expenses	\$ 10,258.06	\$ 9,569.34	

Net Income/Bank Balance

	Ending 30/09/15	Ending 30/09/16
Net Income	\$ 489.30	\$ (37.34)

Bank balance – September 30, 2016: \$14,610.83