

## GREAT LAKES ALBERG ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

January 16, 2016

**LOCATION:** CHERRY STREET RESTAURANT, 275 Cherry Street, Toronto.

Commodore Cathie Coultis welcomed members and guests at about 1900. She introduced the executive members, and thanked Rob Feeney for preparing the slide show being viewed on a large screen TV. Attendance was 29 people, representing 15 boats.

Commodore Cathie Coultis called the annual general meeting to order at 2030Hrs.

Minutes of the last AGM were made available to all interested members. Moved by Gord Martin to accept the 2014 AGM Minutes as presented. Seconded by Rob Feeney. Carried.

**Commodore's report:** Commodore Cathie Coultis advised that the organization is in good shape but suffering declining membership. She encourages all members to spread the word of this great association to any Alberg fans they encounter. There will be no formal Rendezvous in 2016, but the executive encourages members to informally organize weekend cruises. The Alberg 30 one design racing programme has been well attended.

**Directors' reports:** Copies of directors' reports were made available to all interested members. To permit more socializing time the reports were not read by the directors.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2007.68. Membership reported 46 paid members and 2 honorary. Newsletter is looking for more member stories. Racing: The Syronelle won by the Americans, Great Lakes Championship won by Gemini. Rankin Regatta won by the US team. Janet McNally has found a new low cost source for racing flags. Full directors' reports are on file.

**Other business:** Cathie questioned members on the idea of having a 'members only' section on the website for publishing of the roster among other things. There was some strong objection to having personal information on the website because of the risk of hacking. We then discussed doing the roster by email, and this was supported provided that it was done as BCC: The use of Facebook was discussed but received limited enthusiasm.

Moved by Gord Martin to provide the roster by email. Seconded by Marc Decorte.  
Carried.

Moved by Phil Birkenheier to accept all directors' reports. Seconded by Kris Coward.  
Carried.

Janet McNally presented the Great Lakes Championship keeper plaque to Phil Birkenheier, (Gemini). The Syronelle plaques had been presented to George Dinwiddie and Rolph Townshend in September.

Phil Birkenheier presented his 2016 budget indicating an estimated balance of \$2271. at year end, based on having 45 members. Moved by Janet McNally to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Richard Mair. Carried.

Commodore Cathie Coultis made a plea for anyone to join the executive as Membership Director or Director of Cruising.

Janet McNally announced that the Syronelle was set for the last weekend of June, and the Great Lakes Championship was to be the last weekend of August.

The annual 'Blahs' Party is tentatively set for Saturday, March 5.

The Secretary read the proposed executive slate for 2016:

Commodore: Cathie Coultis

Secretary: Gord Martin

Treasurer: Phil Birkenheier

Director of Racing: Marc Decorte

Director at Large: Richard and Margaret Mair

Website Administrator: Robert Feeney

Newsletter Editor: Jeff Willis

Moved by Gord Martin to accept the 2016 executive as read. Seconded by Richard Mair. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Gord Martin

Secretary.