

Annual General Meeting - MMRA - 6 June 2006 - Ironworks Restaurant & Pub, Almonte
13 members & board attended

MINUTES

1. Greetings extended by George Yaremchuk

2. Adoption of 2005 AGM minutes as they were written.

MOTION - Jill McCubbin SECONDED - Mike Boire CARRIED

3. Year in Review report - George Yaremchuk. Amended Year in Review report - Marnie Bruce and others in attendance.

4. Treasurer's Report - Jill McCubbin.

As of 1 April 2006 MMRA bank balance =	\$1453.21.
Outstanding expenses (2 invoices for advertisements) =	<u>\$ 409.61</u>
<u>Remaining balance:</u>	\$1043.61

5. Debate about the future of MMRA - proposed formally by Arnie Shaun McLaughlin requested a less formal discussion first. All agreed.

Highlights from comments:

- MMRA needs people power - we are volunteer poor.
- The Town needs the MMRA to add its "other" perspective to municipal politics and to the ongoing political debate in this community.
- Organizations go through ebb & flow. It's a positive. It allows for rest and then renewed energy when critical issues need a ramping up of the organization.
- This Council needs opposition, critics, watchdogs.

Conclusion: There is a real need for the MMRA in our community. All agreed that the meeting provided a positive re-affirming of the core mission of the MMRA and that the VISION of the organization must be clear and strong.

6. New and old Board Members for the 2006-2007 year

Al Seaman Shaun McLaughlin Stewart Yeaman
Mike Boire Arnie Francis Marnie Bruce George Yaremchuk Jill McCubbin

MOTION to close nominations - John Edwards

SECONDED - Shaun McLaughlin. CARRIED.

Renewal memberships collected.

7. Date of next Board meeting:

Wednesday, 12 July 2006, at 7:30 at the Hyla Board Room, Thoburn Mill, Almonte.

MEETING ADJOURNED (9:30 pm?)

Notes/Ideas:

1. June 22 is the lagoon public meeting at Town Hall.
2. Mike Caughey, Mike Eagan, Rob Brennan and the Chamber of Commerce have started a working group to concentrate on the downtowns of Almonte and Pakenham. MMRA will have a joint meeting with this group in the future.
3. Keep Pauline Donaldson, Dan Wicklum on the "go to" list for MMRA efforts.
4. Dan Coates volunteered to organize an MMRA sponsored event.
5. There is a greater "13" who attended this meeting that are first on-callers. These include all mentioned above as well as: Pat Vetter, John Edwards.
6. New business: MMRA logo rehaul with "relaunch of MMRA"
7. Pick specific projects, examples: pesticides/"healthy town", take control of the November municipal Elections - find that passion!