

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION DOMAINE DE LA TRANQUILITÉ HELD SATURDAY December 9, 2023 AT 3:00 PM IN PERSON AT THE HOME OF THE PRESIDENT AND ONLINE (GOOGLE MEET)**

**1- MEETING CONVOCAATION AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

The President, Russell Goodman, welcomed all members both in person and connected via Google Meet. Having determined the presence of a quorum, with 34 members present, he and Eileen Bridges convened and presided over the annual general meeting.

**In Attendance**

Alain Miquelon  
André Laporte  
Benoit Sévigny  
Bryce Liberty  
Eileen Bridges  
Emily Witherow  
Eric Boulva  
Isabelle Thibault  
France Gagnon  
France Gravel  
Hugues Gagnier  
Jean Cloutier  
Jean Duval  
Josée Fafard  
Lynn MacLeay  
Marc Rivet  
Marc Légaré  
Michel Panisset  
Michiel Verburg  
Mireille Proulx Rivet  
René Mireault  
Rob MacLeay  
Ruth Liberty  
Russell Goodman  
Sarah Ellwood  
Serge Poulin  
Sonia Cormier  
Stéphane Tari  
Stephen Shaw  
Susan Shaughnessy  
Sylvie Laniel  
Valerie Soland

**2- Reading and Adoption of the Agenda**

Unanimously carried

**3- Adoption of the minutes of the Dec 4, 2022 Annual General Meeting**

Distributed by email to all members before the meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the Dec 4, 2022 Annual General Meeting

Unanimously carried

**4- Treasurer's report: Presentation and adoption of the 2022-2023 financial report and budget for 2023-2024**

1. Paper copies presented for attending members.
2. Results for 2022 – 2023
  - a. Substantially all of annual assessments collected
    - i. Expenses for road maintenance were well below budget.
    - ii. For the first time in the past 5 years, there was no major storm damage to the roads.
    - iii. The snow and ice storms last winter led to a major increase in costs to clear debris along the sides of our main roads.
  - b. Lower level of total expenses enabled the Association to replenish the Réserve de Prévoyance – hence, the contribution was \$15,000 instead of the budgeted amount of \$8,400.
  - c. Profit for the year was \$333 versus a budgeted profit of \$230.
  - d. Cash on hand at the end of the 2023 financial year amounts to \$59,395 consisting of \$49,600 in the Fonds de Prévoyance and the balance in the general operating funds.
3. Budget for the 2023-2024 year
  - a. Annual assessments will be increased by 7% from \$1,050 to \$1,125.
  - b. The increase is mainly due to snow removal costs which have increased by a little over \$3,000 from \$45,000 to \$48,030.
    - i. The Association went out to bid for snow removal when the existing contractor cancelled his 3-year contract. Three contractors were approached; two responded and Terassement Philippe Sigouin was selected for a 3-year contract at a price of \$48,030 in the first year, increasing by the CPI for the following 2 years.
    - ii. The budgeted amount for road maintenance of \$18,000 reflects the approximate average cost per year over the past 5 years.
    - iii. Consistent with prior years, the budget proposes that approximately 10% of revenue will be added to the Fonds de Prévoyance. The budgeted amount for 2023-2024 is \$9,000.
    - iv. The budgeted profit for the year is \$1,915 – essentially a breakeven situation, consistent with past practice.

Moved by: Marc Rivet

Seconded by: Benoit Sévigny

**5- Approval of new annual assessments for members for 2023-2024**

Motion to approve the annual assessment in the amount of \$1,125.

Moved by: Jean Cloutier

Seconded by: Steve Shaw

## 6- President's report

- a. Update on the Domaine de la Grande Ourse project –
  - i. The project is progressing quickly – the main road will be completed next year
  - ii. The forest cut is much wider than expected
  - iii. Private entrances will be the next big project. Some will be 1 km in length.
  - iv. At least two houses will be built next year
  
- b. R2LTN: Hiking and snowshoeing trails
  - i. Temporary closure of the Caribou, Gorilla, Rivière Cachée and Portes de l'Enfer trails
  - ii. The Caribou and Gorilla trails are, however, easily accessible
  - iii. Next summer, we will open discussions with the owners of the Domaine de la Grande Ourse to reopen access to all trails.
  - iv. A new trail was partially completed this summer – the trail will be named the Bear Mountain Loop. It joins the Caribou and Gorilla trails – the loop is 3.5 km long.
  - v. The Association's website has not been updated
    - Lots of correspondence with the municipalities of Labelle and Lac-Tremblant-Nord. A consensus seems to have been reached. The markers in the Labelle territory will be modified to hide the name of the Municipality of Lac-Tremblant-Nord
  
- c. New snow removal contract for the Domaine
  - i. New three-year contract signed, as discussed by our treasurer
  - ii. Private driveway snow removal contracts are 50% to 150% higher with new contractors.
  - iii. Very little negotiating power.
  
- d. Repairs, maintenance and upgrading of our roads
  - i. Nothing to add to our treasurer's report
  
- e. Les Amis de Lac-Tremblant-Nord: Conservation of our public and private forested lands
  - i. Les Amis de Lac-Tremblant-Nord was newly incorporated as a federal charter this year.
    1. The main goal of Les Amis is to conserve the wilderness character of wooded lands in the Municipality of Lac-Tremblant-Nord and support low-impact recreational activities, including hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting and fishing
    2. A second objective of Les Amis will be to target and acquire certain private wilderness lands
    3. The Friends is in the process of becoming a registered charity that will be permitted to provide donation receipts for the value of donations of private land
    4. Les Amis collaborates with the Municipality of Lac-Tremblant-Nord which shares all these objectives.
    5. The directors of Les Amis de Lac-Tremblant-Nord are:

- France Gagnon
  - Steve Zimmermann
  - Russell Goodman
6. France Gagnon devotes a lot of time helping the Municipality.
  7. An explanatory document from the Municipality is available for our members.
- f. A few points regarding package deliveries and the winter condition of our roads during the winter
- i. Our paths require “all-wheel drive” or “4-wheel drive” during much of the winter
  - ii. Delivery service trucks rarely have the means to drive up our hills when there is even a light layer of new snow.
  - iii. The Board asks that your deliveries be directed to:
    - the post office in the village of Mont-Tremblant (which works perfectly for Amazon)
    - the Jean Coutu Pharmacy in St-Jovite (for UPS)
    - Garage Crevier (Matte) for other delivery services.

## **7- Election of the 2023-2024 Board Members**

According to our general regulations, the board is composed of 5 directors, each elected for a two-year term. Two directors are elected on even years, and three on odd years. This year, the two-year terms of Russell Goodman, Steve Zimmerman and Marie-Élaine Lépine have ended.

Russell Goodman, Steve Zimmerman and Marie Élaine Lépine have accepted to continue work for another term.

Given that there are no other nominees, Russell Goodman, Steve Zimmermann and Marie-Élaine Lépine are elected by acclamation.

## **8- Mayor’s Report (Presented by Jean Cloutier)**

- a. Our mayor, Kim Meyer would have liked to be here but could not.
- b. Thank you to all who participated in the Environment/public consultations, as well as the Regatta and BBQ.
- c. Russell Goodman and Sarah Ellwood were nominated as volunteers of the year.
- d. Conservation Area project
  - i. Increasing the quality of protection and the quantity of the land protected. With the goal of better protecting our municipal territory, in particular its crown land, from mining, forestry, etc. and in collaboration with SNAP Quebec, MLTN has deposited a formal request for the crown land to be given the designation of Biodiversity Reserve (thereby increasing the quality of the protection) as well as enlarging the territory of this protected area to cover the entire portion of crown land on our territory.

- ii. The municipality is creating a FUS (Social Utility or Land trust) into which it will transfer its municipal properties in order to protect them in perpetuity. Other property could also be transferred in the future.
  - iii. The municipality is also working with citizens, in collaboration with Éco Corridors Laurentides, with those interested in voluntary conservation options.
- e. Russell Goodman distributed the document prepared regarding voluntary conservation.
  - f. The municipality has deposited our project to the Minister of the Environment
  - g. The municipality also deposited a request for a Mise en Réserve (temporary hold) on the territory while our request is studied.
  - h. The municipality deposited a Règlement de Contrôle intérimaire on all of the crown lands, with respect to multi-use roads not used for forestry. The goal is to ensure that if roads are put in on Crown Land, that they respect municipal bylaws and not only the RADF (Gov't bylaws) that offer much less environmental protection. LTM is the first municipality to do this. The municipality is cautiously optimistic.
  - i. Kim Meyer was named Préfète suppléante (Deputy Prefect) at the MRC des Laurentides, which gives increased visibility to our municipality and allows the mayor to advance issues (in particular, the environment and social development) at a regional level.

**9- Varia**

- a. Marc Rivet: lack of space for watercraft at the common areas. The members agreed that it is OK to build another wooden rack at the Lac Tremblant common area and to build a new one at the Lac Gervais common area
- b. Sylvie Laniel: request for a tennis court to be built by the MLTN. To get municipal funding, it must be on municipal land and accessible to all municipal residents

**10- Levée de l'Assemblée**

16h45: Meeting adjourned: Valerie Soland  
Seconded by: Michel Panisset