



Dry Stone Walling Association of Canada
Association des Murs en Pierres Sèches du Canada

Dry Stone Canada Annual General Meeting

Location: The Lodge, Amherst Island

When: March 19th, 2016

On a trial basis, for the first time we had a few members taking part in the AGM via the internet (Skype) such as Elaine O'Sullivan from Willowbank (near Niagara) and Kenny partly participating (technical issues) from English Harbour, Newfoundland, as well as Evan Oxland calling in from Philadelphia PA. It was an effective and entertaining first test-drive of Skype for us. With a bit of feedback and fine-tuning from both ends, we are keen to use Skype for future AGMs.

Annual elections were held, with votes being cast in person, by proxy, with results as follows:

- Andre Lemieux was re-confirmed to carry on as President for the 2nd year of his 2-year term
- Eric Landman - Re-elected as Vice-President
- Menno Bram - Re-elected as Member at Large/Ombudsman
- Bill Jeffers - Re-elected as Treasurer
- Doug Bell - Elected as Member at Large

The general membership confirmed the decision to have Andrea move from a board position to take on the role of Administrator/Project Manager

Bill presented the updated details of our association's finances, and organizational details were discussed for upcoming Dry Stone Canada events, including:

- April 23 - 24 - Beginner Dry Stone Walling workshop (beginner)
Amherst Island
- April 23 - 24 - Stone-carving workshop, Amherst Island*
- July 22-24 - Annual Dry Stone Canada Festival, Perth ON
- August 27-28, Dry Stone Walling workshop, Ferris Park (Campbellford)



Potential 2016 events were discussed, including several possibilities taking shape because of budding partnerships with the St Lawrence Parks Commission, and Fort Henry in particular.

John Bland diligently recorded the 'action items' raised during the discussion portion of the AGM:

- Add events calendar to website so that it will contain: workshops, certification days, members builds, festivals etc. for Dry Stone Canada and others
- we require one more examiner with both DSC (Kentucky) and DSWAGB examiner certificates.
- Andre is going to contact DSWA and DSC (Kentucky) to inquire how many people can be tested at once with 2 examiners
- Doug B. has off-cuts of Indiana limestone available for the carving workshop, if he is unable to bring it to Amherst, John B. will haul it over, and will bring a few pieces of slate anyway if anyone would like to try slate carving
- Bill, on behalf of Dry Stone Canada, to donate \$300.00 to English Harbor Newfoundland A Maze project
- Doug B. to contact Trow and Holden and Derusha Supply to have a presence at this year's festival as official representative for DSC

On Monday following the AGM, Andrea Cross accompanied three board members up to Perth for a festival workshop site visit and meeting with city staff, as well as a tour of Algonquin College with Traditional Masonry program director John Scott, co-organizer for this year's Dry Stone Canada festival.

Finally, please note that Dry Stone Canada's website is under renovation and will be that way for another week or two at least.

End of report