

Minutes of the Friends of Charleston Lake Park
2020 Annual General Meeting

[Owing to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 virus, this Annual General Meeting was held virtually.]

On July 17, 2021 the Chair circulated three documents by email to all members: the Minutes of the 2019 AGM, the 2019 Treasurer's Report (in two parts), the Chair's Report, and the Park Superintendent's Report.

Members were given until July 31 to email comments on these reports to all other members for discussion. There were no comments.

On Aug 2, the Chair sent an email to all members, asking them to vote on two motions, by Aug. 9;

1) Moved by Cliff Redman, seconded by Mary Jo Sibbald "That the Minutes of the 2018 AGM be approved."

2) Moved by Yolande Lapointe, seconded by Cliff Redman "That the 2019 Treasurer's Report be approved."

In the same email, the Chair also asked members to vote to approve/disapprove the following as Directors of the Friends:

Wayne Ashford Cliff Redman Doug Bickerton

Mary Jo Sibbald Janice Hallam Jim Wallbridge

Yolande Lapointe Steve Page Claudette Weststrate

Motions #1 and #2 were approved unanimously.

All Directors named were approved unanimously.

Chair's Report

As you have read in Park Superintendent Mike Coppello's report, the Park had a surprisingly successful year in 2020, despite the pandemic.

Unfortunately, as you have read in our year-end financial statement, the Friends did not.

- Ontario Parks restrictions did not allow us to monitor the trails during the summer.
- The special events that we usually sponsor (including the very popular Seniors Day in the Park) were cancelled.
- The uncertainty about the Park's opening led us to decide to cancel our raffle, even though we had already purchased the canoe. The venues at which we have sold tickets in the past (Gananoque Craft Fair, Lyndhurst Turkey fair, Athens Corn Fest) were all cancelled.

In August, the 2019 AGM was held virtually, and elected the Board of Directors.

For the remainder of 2020, the Board conducted its business by email.

Steve Page
Chair

Park Superintendent's Report

2020 at the park was a challenging year, as it was for everyone. We were completely closed for most of the spring, and not even allowing anyone into the park. We first opened for day use during the height of the lockdown, and we had many people come to the park looking for some time outside of their homes. Protocols put in place at all levels helped us adapt to the new reality while being able to open the gates and allow campers in. It was a late start to camping season, only opening on June 22, a day that saw us go from empty to full in just hours. Our staff in all departments truly did an amazing job adapting to the new procedures and keeping a positive attitude through the entire summer. Despite the challenges and the late start, we saw an increase to the number of visitors and a season that felt even busier than normal.