

**Preserve Our Wrecks (Kingston)  
Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 24 January 2009,  
14:00,  
Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston.**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Hill M, Groll D, Neilson R, Barker M, LeBlanc K, Prince B, Bazely S, Grondin G, Vandenberg H, Vandenberg B, Chew S, Grenville J.

**Regrets:** Bird F, Haslip C, Haslip D, Drackitch N.

1. Call to Order 14:00, M Hill.

Introductions of all individuals present were made. M. Hill extended appreciation to the photographers who had provided images for display at the AGM. Thanks to **Tom Rutledge and WarrenLo**.

2. Approval of the Agenda.

M. Hill asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. None were put forward.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the POW AGM 2008

The minutes of the 2008 POW AGM were reviewed:

In 2008 the Thibault Award recipient was Barb Carson. There have been no nominations for 2009, thus there is no 2009 recipient.

Mooring Director, Harold Vandenberg will continue in that position for 2009 – thanks were offered for all his hard work in 2008.

POW donation boxes and membership information was requested by the charter operators. This was not followed-up in 2008,, but will be a priority in 2009.

The POW website continues to be updated, and more member input on the blog is encouraged.

The POW newsletter continues to be produced quarterly, with another edition coming out soon. It is distributed electronically to members.

A POW phone number for inquiries is 613-767-7446. The Marine Museum continues to allow POW to use their address for mail.

Motion to Accept POW 2008 AGM minutes: S. Bazely, Seconded: B. Prince. Carried.

#### 4. Officers Reports

President – Mike Hill see attached report

Vice President – Chris Haslip –Report not submitted

Secretary – Report not submitted due to illness

Treasurer – attached

Mooring Director – Harold Vandenberg - attached

Approval of Officers Reports: Motion: Kevin LeBlanc, Seconded: Diane Groll. Carried.

#### 5. Election of Officers

The following individuals were nominated for the Board of Directors:

Dianne Groll, Marg Barker, Mike Hill, Harold Vandenberg, Steve Chew, Kevin LeBlanc.

All individuals accepted the nominations.

Motion to accept the above named individuals to the Board of Directors of POW for 2009:  
Moved: Brian Prince. Seconded Rick Neilson. Carried.

#### 6. Outlook for 2009

- a. Bicentennial of the War of 1812
- b. NAS Course to be conducted in the spring in conjunction with Parks Canada
- c. Survey work in Kingston – an archeological license is being taken out for survey work in Lake Ontario. Will be affiliated with Parks Canada.
- d. Further work on shore dive enhancements in the form of written guides and diver facilities
- e. Educational Outreach to community bodies and schools using POW developed videos and materials.

#### 7. Other Business

S. Bazely made three comments:

CARF and many other individuals and organizations were coordinating a commemoration for the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and that it was hoped POW would be interested in playing a role.

There is an Archaeology Outreach program that CARF conducts in the summer and part of the program includes underwater archaeology. They currently use a video produced by SOS (Save Ontario Shipwrecks), but would be interested in seeing the POW "Life beneath the Lakes" video and using components from it.

CARF has a display unit for public presentations that they could make available for use by POW if desired.

No other business was brought forward

8. Motion to adjourn. Moved: Mike Hill. Seconded Marg Barker, Carried. Meeting adjourned 14:55.

Submitted by Dianne Groll (Acting Secretary), January 24, 2006

#### Presidents Report – by Mike Hill

2008 was a good year for POW

Re-invigorated website

Blog

Partner in the generation of the first Kingston Underwater Show

Renewed association with the Marine Museum

Positive relationship with Save Ontario Shipwrecks

Installation or refurbishment of guidelines on local shore dive sites

Successful fall recruitment event – dine and dive

Educational / informational presentation produced

Moorings – to be covered by the mooring director but developed web status report

Mooring Report – by Harold Vandenberg

There was a lot more support for the mooring effort this year than in past years. Many more individuals and organizations wanted to get involved, and did get involved. Many variables affected the ability for all to assist including timing and cost of things such as fuel, but overall it was a very successful year.

In addition to repairing lines and replacing buoys when needed, the lines and blocks for the Frontenac and the Annie Falconer were moved and placed in better locations with respect to the wrecks.

In 2009 we plan to fix the Wolf Islander II mooring that was damaged during the year – likely by the tug to Wolfe Island. We also plan to continue inspecting lines, changing them as needed, and improving the tag lines from the blocks to the various wrecks, as needed.

Mike Hill  
President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_