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December 2015

30th AGM

Fifty-eight members in good standing and guests attended Ladysmith Maritime Society's 30th Annual. General Meeting on December 3, 2015.

A resolution to amend the Constitution was successfully passed by over 90% of those eligible to vote. This amendment adds educational aspects to our purposes. Once accepted by the Registrar of Companies, Section 2 (a) will state:

2. The purpose of the Society is to serve the community in the following ways:

(a) protecting and promoting Ladysmith's maritime heritage including

(i) the development and operation of a maritime museum

(ii) fostering expertise in the construction, maintenance, and restoration of heritage boats

(iii) providing education, educational programs and educational materials to the public.

For a complete read of the Constitution look under the members section of the LMS website @ www.lmsmarina.ca

2015-2016 DIRECTORS

Jim Phillips, who has served his 3-year term as a director, contributed substantially to the marina operations and safety protocols. Although he has stepped down as a director, and will be missed at the board table, Jim continues to bring his expertise to the group advising on the marina front.

Nine members put forward their names for the five board positions to be elected at the AGM. Welcome back Cliff Fisher, David Grimstead and Rod MacNeil. And welcome to two new directors: Gerry Beltgens and Paul Nowlan.

At the December 8th directors' meeting, the officers for the year were decided.

They are:

President:	Betty Pearson
Vice-President:	Allan Gould
Secretary:	Shirley Blackstaff
Treasurer:	David Grimstead

See page 3 for the complete list of directors

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DINNER

October 15 approximately 100 volunteers enjoyed a roast beef dinner catered by Fox & Hounds. The LMS Welcome Centre doesn't have that many chairs! Fortunately the weather co-operated and many sat down at the picnic tables.

This was an opportunity to say "thanks" to our army of dedicated volunteers. To the ones who were unable to attend, we are sorry you weren't there. LMS would not be able to provide the services to the community that our Constitution mandates without the assistance of all our volunteers. Our appreciation extends far beyond "thank you".

OCTOBER MEMBERS MEETING

Our Treasurer, David Grimstead, presented several good news stories of a monetary nature.

- Visitor moorage was over \$80,000
- \$100,000 was paid against the loan in Oct. – there is still \$77,000 owing.
- A balanced budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year was presented.
- There will be no increase in moorage fees next April.

Debbie Loewen gave a report on last summer's "opt-in" program. This was a program to share 50% of visitor moorage received when visitors were moored in annual moorers' slips. \$3,249.88 was distributed amongst those who "opted in"

New parking regulations were discussed. No overnight parking will be allowed in

the lower parking lot; and no parking will be allowed along the water side of the lower lot. These rulings came into being after a walk-about by Ladysmith's Fire Chief. You will see new signage to this effect.

MOORAGE CONTRACTS

For those members who are also moorers, contract season is coming up. There will be a few changes in the details – the good news is that the price will be the same as last year.

The contracts will be sent via email to as many as possible. Snail mail is slower and more costly. Expect them mid - end of January.

DID YOU KNOW

LMS was incorporated as Ladysmith Tall Ships Society on July 26, 1985.

The name was changed to Ladysmith Maritime Society in 1991.

95 members have served as directors over the 30 years.

From 3 pairs of purple martins in 1989 our colony now hosts over 80 pairs - the most successful colony in Georgia Strait.

In 2015 LMS achieved 3 anchors (out of a possible 5) from the Georgia Strait Alliance Clean Marine program.

The 2015-2016 budget is over \$700,000.

YOUR LMS TEAM

Managing Director: Rod Smith
Marina Lead: Debbie Loewen
Marina Staff: Marc Pettigrew
Marina Back-up: Brian Tilley
Bookkeeper: Gail Schuler
Directors: Gerry Beltgens
Shirley Blackstaff
Bob Cross
Cliff Fisher
Allan Gould
David Grimstead
Rod MacNeil
Paul Nowlan
Betty Pearson

Merry Christmas
and
a happy healthy 2016
from
your LMS team

If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2016

Send us a cheque or drop down to the LMS Welcome Centre

\$20 – single

\$35 – couple

\$50 - family

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