



Annual general meeting

Saturday, June 18, 2022, 9:30 AM

Hermitage Club, 200 rue de l'Hermitage, Magog QC J1X 0M7

MINUTES

Presence of MCI administrators and employees

<u>Administrators</u>	Presence
Robert Benoit, president	Yes
Peter Lépine, vice-president	Yes
Olivier Barsalou-Provost, treasurer	Yes
Louis-Philippe Cyr	No
Santiago Doyon	Yes
Douglas Coutts	Yes
Gisèle Lacasse Benoit	Yes
Johanne Lavoie Board Chairman	Yes
Pascale Bédard, Secretary	Yes
<u>Observers</u>	
Eric Phendler	Yes
Maxime Veillette	Yes
<u>General manager</u>	
Ariane Orjikh	Yes
<u>Administration</u>	
Lucie Dépôt meeting secretary	Yes
<u>Patrol and project management</u>	
Frédérique Thibault-Lessard	Yes
Sarah Carroll	Yes
Fanny Deblois	Yes

Approximately 30 members are present at the meeting.

Meeting President: Mr. Robert Benoit

Meeting secretary: Mrs. Lucie Dépôt

1. Opening of the Annual general meeting

Mr. Robert Benoit welcomes the attendees to the 55th annual general meeting of MCI, and thanks the members for their presence at the annual general meeting.

To begin, Mr. Benoit notes the presence of Mrs. Vicki-May Hamm, ex mayor of Magog.

Mr. Benoit notes the status of MCI's accomplishments and commitments over the past year. All the objectives have been met.

Mr. Benoit thanks MCI's personnel, its board, its volunteers and the local universities and municipalities for their significant involvement.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Proposed by: Mrs. Pascale Bédard
Adopted.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 19, 2021

Proposed by: Mrs. Karina Palmorino
Adopted.

4. President's report

Mr. Benoit notes MCI's accomplishments in various files, such as the position paper on the MRC Memphremagog's management plan, with 81 recommendations, the Coventry file and the 4 year moratorium, MCI's improved communications, the increasing presence of MCI in various groups and committees, the acquisition of a new motor for the boat, etc.

As well, Mr. Benoit congratulates and thanks the following people for their recent ecological donations:

- Molson Island – Mr. Andrew Howick: Donation to the Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Property of 18.5 Hectares in Fitch Bay belonging to the Fluet family: Donation to the Fondation Marécages Memphrémagog

As part of the patrol's 50th anniversary, we note the presence of Mr. Graham Taylor, who was the first MCI patroller. On this occasion, a small reception will be held after the meeting, bringing together many former patrollers.

Mr. Benoit introduces Mr. Clément Brada, speaker on environmental issues. As well, a first bursary will be awarded this summer from the funds accumulated for this purpose.

5. Membership report by Peter Lépine

Mr. Peter Lépine presents the annual membership report. Donations have doubled over the past 10 years. An increase in memberships is noted.

6. Presentation and approval of the financial statements as of March 31, 2022

Mr. Olivier Barsalou-Provost presents the financial results for the year ending March 31, 2022.

He underlines the excellent financial situation of the organization and the government support we received.

Mr. Barsalou invites anyone wishing to obtain more details or explanations regarding the financial statements to contact MCI in writing, and he will be happy to answer them.

7. Appointment of accountants

Mr. Yann Philibert, CPA's mandate is renewed.

Proposed by: Mrs. Karina Palmorino
Seconded by: Mr. Peter Lépine
Adopted.

8. Report on 2021-2022 activities

Mrs. Ariane Orjikh, MCI's general manager, introduces the teams for the different projects:

- Summer 2022 patrol

The 2022 patrol is made up of an experienced and dynamic team.

- **Fanny DeBlois**, Bachelor's in biology
- **Eric Phendler**, finishing his bachelor's in ecology
- **Sarah Carroll**, Bachelor's in geography and holder of a diploma in coastline ecology
- **Frédérique Thibault-Lessard**, patrol coordinator, Bachelor's in environmental studies

- Strategic planning 2022-2026

MCI's 2022-2026 strategic plan has been prepared by a group of MCI board members. The plan contains 7 strategic choices:

- Continue to evolve our communications strategy;
 - Increase and diversify our membership;
 - Solicit financing in various ways, such as subsidies, sale of services and contributions from members and donors, from municipalities and governments;
 - Maintain and increase partnerships with organisms, municipalities and governments who carry out projects related to the protection of Lake Memphremagog;
 - Base our work on the acquisition of scientific knowledge;
 - Be present in the public space and at the forefront of the different issues affecting the environmental health of the lake;
 - Educate the public as well as property owners of the importance of protecting the lake and its watershed.
- The two year, bi-national study of sport fishing on the lake is now complete. Thousands of interviews with anglers on the lake were carried out in all seasons, summer and winter. The report will be available mid July 2022.
 - A new pamphlet on improving road maintenance practices, called *My road, my lake, my responsibility!*, financed by the Québec government, was produced and distributed in the Fitch Bay sector
 - Position paper on the Memphremagog MRC's Urban and sustainable development plan

Gisèle Lacasse Benoit, MCI Board member

Francine Hone, biologist specializing in conservation of natural landscapes

- Ariane Orjikh, MCI General manager
- Last April, MCI shared its position paper on the first draft of the Memphremagog MRC's new Urban and Sustainable Development Plan with the municipalities within the watershed. This was a long and complex analysis and specific recommendations regarding the protection of the lake were included.
- MCI sits on various organizations' committees, regional oversight committees, and boards of directors, as follows:
 - Québec-Vermont committee
 - Coventry landfill oversight committee
 - The City of Mago's consultative environment committee
 - Working group for the regional wetlands plan (MRC)
 - COGESAF's local watershed committee
 - Regional round table on exotic invasive species
 - Eastern Townships committee on the zebra mussel

- RAPPEL's board of directors
- Memphremagog Watershed Association's board of directors
- DUMP's board of directors
- Decibel Coalition
- Grouping of the Austin lake associations

Mrs. Frédérique Thibault-Lessard, 2022 patrol coordinator and project manager presents the report on last year's patrol activities and those ongoing this year:

- The patrol continues its inventory of adult zebra mussels and gastropods using snorkels.
- Water quality sampling: the patrol carries out regular water sampling in collaboration with the Québec government, the Memphremagog MRC and the City of Magog.
The following parameters are analyzed:
 - Chlorophyll a
 - Dissolved organic carbon
 - Total phosphorus
 - New in 2020: cyanobacteria
 - New in 2021: Station 246 every month.
- Again this summer, the patrollers worked cleaning up the Projected Michael Dunn Biodiversity Reserve after the its use by boaters. This summer, the patrollers will carry out an awareness campaign there and do regular clean up of the site, in partnership with the Québec government.
- Buoys showing ECOSENSITIVE ZONE have been installed at 5 locations on the lake to make boaters aware that they should approach these areas with caution.
- Social media communications via Facebook, Instagram, etc. have been improved and we already note increased activity on these platforms.
- Several other projects were noted and presented.

9. Nominating committee report

Mrs. Gisèle Lacasse Benoit presents the nominating committee's recommendation for the 2022-2023 board of directors. One board member, Mr. Louis Cyr, will be leaving us.

Mandats reconduits / *Mandates renewed*

		2021-2022	2022-2023
		Nb d'années/ <i>Nb of years</i>	
1	Robert Benoit	2	Robert Benoit
2	Louis-Philippe Cyr	1	Poste vacant
3	Santiago Doyon	2	Santiago Doyon
4	Pascale Bédard	1	
5	Douglas Coutts	2	Douglas Coutts
6	Gisèle Lacasse Benoit	1	
7	Johanne Lavoie	2	Johanne Lavoie
8	Peter Lépine	1	
9	Olivier Provost-Barsalou	2	Olivier Provost-Barsalou
10	Maxime Veillette	1	
11	Eric Phendler	2	Eric Phendler

Proposed by: Mrs. Kate Williams
 Seconded by: Mrs. Anne Boswall
 Adopted.

Three new observers are presented:

- Mr. Marek Nitoslowski
- Mrs. Marie-Josée Huot
- Dr. Yves Bergevin

10. Ratification of the corporation's activities

Mr. Peter Lépine asks the assembly to ratify the activities of the corporation, so that all activities, transactions and actions taken by the board of directors and the executive committee since the last general meeting be ratified and approved.

Proposed by: Mr. Michel Bourque
 Seconded by: Mr. Eric Phendler
 Adopted.

11. Conference – M. Clément Brada

Conference title: Thinking globally, acting locally: an overview of our environmental situation

Mr. Brada, passionate environmentalist, presents the issues currently facing us on the environmental front, the actions needed, the actors/intervenors/politicians to make aware of the issues regarding the protection of the environment now and for future generations!

12. Question period

Many relevant questions were asked, notably concerning:

- Coventry
- Last year's boating study
- Conservation of natural landscapes
- Various other subjects

13. Closing of the meeting

Closing of the meeting at 11:50 AM

Proposed by: Mr. Peter Lépine