



ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Sunday, June 29, at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Public landing parking lot,
if the weather is good.
At the town hall, in case of rain.

Access: Chemin de la Grande Baie,
or by boat.

Don't forget your lawn chairs and umbrellas. Make a point of coming to the annual meeting and bringing along other cottage owners. By attending the annual meeting you are showing your support and encouragement for us to continue our work on your behalf. It's also an opportunity to give your opinion and make suggestions. You can also renew your membership at that time; all the necessary forms will be available.

AGENDA

1. **President's Report: The Year in Review**
2. **Treasurer's Report (financial statements)**
3. **Vice President's Report (Web site-info)**
4. **Water Quality (VLMN)**
5. **Drinking water analysis**
6. **Upcoming bylaws:**
 - shoreline
 - septic systems
 - garbage disposal
7. **Logging (2008-2013)**
8. **Beach at the south end**
9. **Hunting and fishing**
10. **Watershed (drainage basin)**
11. **Board of Directors' election**
12. **Question period**

WATER TESTS

This year again, members can have their tap water tested by an accredited laboratory, Geostar from Brownsburg-Chatham.

If you are interested, **reserve your sterilized bottle before June 21** at info@aplg.ca or call André Brossard at 819-428-8809 or Nicole Tousignant at 819-428-7441. We will bring the bottle and instructions to the June 29 annual meeting, at the Secretary's table, starting at 9:30 a.m. You will be asked to cover the \$30 cost for the tap water analysis. You take the samples on the same day (Sunday) and bring them to one of three selected spots, two at the lake and one at the village, **before 9:00 p.m. on Sunday**. The laboratory will test the samples on Monday, June 30 and mail the results to you during the following week.

BEACH AT THE SOUTH END

The clean up of the beach at the south end will take place on **Saturday, June 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Because of the high water levels this spring, we need a lot of volunteers. People who use the beach are particularly solicited. With 40 people, we can do the job in an hour. Exceptionally you can come with your ATV (with or without a trailer); the gate will be open. Bring rakes, work gloves, etc. The APLG will provide refreshments.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(in dollars)

	2006	2007
Revenues:		
Dues	5,650	5,370
Tickets sales	2,570	----
Other revenues		11
Total revenues	8,220	5,381
Expenses:		
Road signs	21	----
Water tests	424	301
Liability insurance	1,334	----
Office expenses	275	64
Event costs	2,352	264
Mailings	1,377	830
Bank charges	140	130
Inscriptions, associations	326	139
Buoys, outhouses, tables	242	321
Internet site	117	159
Taxes and permits	32	32
Total expenses	6,640	1,960
Surplus	1,580	3,421
Cash as at December 31	6,656	10,077

DUMP SITE

The planned closure of the dump site in December 2008 is a cause of concern, considering rising costs and the problem of disposing of dry waste. We will be asking your opinion at the annual meeting on June 29.

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Membership

The APLG's membership remains steady at about 350 members. This represents about two thirds of Lac Gagnon's property owners and compares very favourably with other similar associations. If you have not paid your membership fees, you can do so at the annual meeting.

If you sell your property, we would appreciate being notified of the name and address of the new owners. Also, don't forget to notify us if you change your email address.

APLG JOINS THE VOLUNTEER LAKE MONITORING NETWORK

The APLG has joined the *Volunteer Lake Monitoring Network* (VLMN) of the Quebec *Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs*.

Department biologists have identified two water sampling locations on the lake. The water will be tested for phosphorous, dissolved carbon and chlorophyll levels in the water from May to October.

Water transparency data will be collected every two weeks using a Secchi disk. This device measures suspended particles in the water and is a good means of assessing the lake's health.

As in the past, we will continue testing the bacteria levels in the water, which provides an indication of water quality for swimming purposes and will make it possible to react to any changes.

These measures will allow us to determine the health of our lake, compare it with others and have a baseline for future monitoring.

The results will be communicated in the fall.

A special thank you to Nicole and Jean-Pierre Jarry, Léonce Lessard and Normand Grenon who have volunteered to gather the data from May to October.

SHORELINE RESTORATION

In the past two weeks, about 20% of the APLG members participated in a re-vegetation program to restore the lake's shoreline.

About 1,200 trees (white birch, yellow birch, red oak, red spruce, ash and tamarack) were planted along the shores of the lake.

On Environment Day, 27 people came to pick up the 380 plants ordered, which included several types of bushes (willows, spirea, dogwood, elder, goat's beard), virginia creeper and two types of flowers well-suited for our area: irises and daylilies.

As part of its agreement with the APLG, M.C. Forêt has planted trees along the logging road on the west side of the lake. In the first week of June, the company planted 750 yellow birch and spruce and the APLG also planted a few red spruce.

We are therefore participating in measures to control erosion and reduce phosphorus carried by sediment.

Keep an eye on drainage around your property. Often, seemingly small measures produce big results.

We wish a full recovery to Louis Gravel who had to leave the Board of Directors as a result of a serious injury incurred at his cottage. Those interested in a seat on the Board of Director should contact the President. Two seats are presently available.

THE LAKE'S FUTURE IS UP TO US

The number of lakes in Québec infested with blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) has skyrocketed in recent years: 43 in 2004, 50 in 2005, 107 in 2006 and 180 in 2007.

The blue-green algae problem is a sign of a serious imbalance and cannot be cured using technology.

Helpful Actions:

- Maintaining a functional septic system
- Using phosphate-free products
- Keeping the vegetation along the shoreline (trees, shrubs, plants)
- Prohibiting the use of fertilizers, manure, pesticides, etc
- Reducing the speed of motor boats in shallow water areas
- Controlling lakefront development through strict guidelines
- Having a municipality that enforces its by-laws

BY-ELECTION

Our three new councillors are:

David Pharand
Gilles Payer
Daniel Berthiaume

Participation rate at lac Gagnon: 19%

We would like to remind all new property owners that you must fill in a registration form to be on the electoral list. Only permanent residents are automatically registered.