

Notes made at the Annual General Meeting of the Harmony Residents Group Inc. on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 in the Virgil Arena Mary Snider room.

This meeting began at 7:00 PM.

People began to arrive at 6:30 and helped themselves to coffee and butter tarts which were available early. Printed programs were available at 6:45 and were given to those already seated. The total present was 34 including 7 HRG Board members and some of their spouses

The meeting began at 7:08 PM as F.Madsen bid the audience welcome and noted the attendance of MP Nicholson's Secretary Stewart Graham and Regional Council Chairman Gary Burroughs, then introduced the Speaker, Jarred Picher, Parks Canada Field Superintendent for South West Ontario. His topic was "What is Management" which he defined as a decision making process, and which, for Parks Canada, will culminate in a report to the federal parliament. This will consist of a foreword by the responsible Minister, an assessment of all 7 sites for which he is responsible, recommendations, options and a summary. He spoke from 7:09 to 7:17 and invited questions, which were many, ending at 7:27.

Asked was how the public will be consulted, which will be by invitation and advertisements. When will a Draft of recommendations and options be available?, which will be after consultations are complete, the target date for approval by parliament May 2015. Are there aboriginal concerns?, none at the present. Their assessment of the local DND land is the least complex of their 7 sites for it is virtually untouched since the withdrawal of military activities. The Carolinian forest is their first concern in the preservation of Species at Risk, but the entire property is protected by various agencies but does not extend offshore for erosion protection. They are committed to the preservation of wetlands but retention of the lagoons is an issue to be resolved with Regional Government. Detoxification of the property is almost complete, the final step being transfer of the land from the Dept. of National Defence to Parks Canada.

A representative of the Horticultural Society said it would participate in the preparation off the Parks Canada Management Plan,. Mr.Picher's final remark was that the future use of the property will be the result of community discussion and decision. There was general applause from the audience.

There was an Intermission from 7:27 to 7:45 for more coffee and cakes, following which F.Madsen thanked M.Picher for his presentation, briefly related HRG Directors activities during the 12 months past and asked for support of all individuals and organizations sympathetic to the HRG Purpose to create a Natural Heritage Park in the DND lands.

At 7:27 Treasurer S.Sparrow provided a brief financial report for the period May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. Income \$480., Expense \$1269.02, Bank Balance \$1797.96. Secretary C.James then briefly reviewed the election procedure on the printed Program, then for past service, thanked R.Busbridge for 6 years of dedication and inspiration as HRG Chair (President), Directors Doug Campbell and Joanna Gorski for their great contribution during our formative years and volunteer Anita Hardison as temporary Treasurer, all of whom retire effective today, and Tom Busbridge for his continuing service at the reception desk.

The Secretary asked for a show of hands from those entitled to vote , that being 14, advised that 8 of the 9 Directors were elected for a 2 year term in 2013, so that the sole candidate was Peter Harvey to be elected until 2015 AGM, having been appointed July 10, 2013, thus serving almost 2 years. There being no nominations by the audience, he declared nominations closed and asked for a show of hands to elect P.Harvey, which was unanimous. He

named the present Board members as Meredyth Cowling, Peter Harvey, David Hennessey, Cliff James, Finn Madsen, Ken Morrison, Shirley Sparrow, all present tonight, and Bill Charnetski and Ryder Payne unavoidably absent. Nature's Last Line of Defence is the Voting Public. Us !!

This Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM with some remaining to see, on screen, beautiful aerial photographs of the DND property, presented by Peter Harvey.

Cliff James, Secretary