

MLAOC AGM & Swap Meet

Report: Ken Kirk Photos: Sandy Kennedy & Ken Kirk

ON Oct. 16, twenty-five members braved a chilly morning and the threat of rain showers for our MLAOC AGM & Swap Meet in Aurora.

The Swap Meet was extremely active. The early birds were on hand at 7:00 AM. Almost everyone brought something to sell or trade. The weather did not deter the enthusiasm of the buyers.

The Tag Auction, to raise funds for the MLAOC, was organized by Mike Kreckle. The Auction raised \$160. for the Club. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Auction and thank you Mike for organizing.

A great lunch was laid out by the ladies of the Aurora Legion. Plenty of food and deserts for everyone and seconds were offered up.

After lunch our AGM business meeting got underway. President Ron Stevenson welcomed all and extended a well deserved thank you to Scott Waites for organizing the day.

Ron then reviewed potential future MLAOC events for 2022 and invitations for displays that were currently being considered by the Steering Committee.

Ron proposed to organize a Technical Seminar in Whitby some time in November. (It was subsequently determined that there was not enough member participation to warrant doing this event.)

Ron advised that MLAOC had been invited to participate with ACBS Toronto in a display at the Toronto International Boat Show in January. Ron indicated that he would be the Chairperson for the MLAOC display. Those wanting to exhibit motors and or spend time in our display should contact Ron.

(Subsequently the Toronto International Boat Show has been CANCELLED due to Covid.)



Scott Waites (left) presents ACBS Toronto "Spirit Award" to Ron Stevenson

Ron indicated we had also been asked to display outboards at the Spring Sportsmens Show at the Toronto International Centre. Ron asked for a volunteer or volunteers to take on the role of Chair for this event. Volunteers should contact Ron.

Ron then introduced the various Committee Chairs for their Reports.

Ron reported on behalf of Membership Chair, Peter McDowell, that the current number of paid-up members was a healthy 205.

Treasurer, Margaret Weigel reported that Club revenues for the 2021 Fiscal Year had exceeded expenditures by \$257. Revenue was derived totally from Membership Dues. Expenses were primarily the Newsletter, Website & Insurance. Hard copies of the Treasurers Report were distributed to the members attending. Any Member wanting a copy of the Treasurers Report can contact Margaret at gmweigel99@gmail.com

Ron reported on behalf of Apparel Coordinator, Jeff Stevenson, that Club Apparel was virtually sold out and that the few remaining golf shirts and caps were On Sale and available at the AGM.

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Adam Gibb with AGM organizer Scott Waites. Peter McDowell is on the right.



August Sapinet, Dave Ferguson & Mike Kreckel having a good time.



Ted Moss about to dig into Sean Goodmans trailer of treasures.



Glenn Weigel checks out Wain Trotters Merc parts.

Webmaster, Sandy Kennedy, reported sustained heavy traffic to our Website even though there had not been any events to promote or report on for 18 months leading up to our Eastern Ontario Swap Meet in Sept

The Trading Dock was the most active component and interest in the Outboard Racing Videos was also high. Sandy encouraged Members to post their "For Sale" and "Wanted" items indicating that items were getting a lot of exposure and action.

Ron then reported on behalf of Social Media Chair, Dana Torch. We have more than 460 active MLAOC Facebook participants. The Facebook page is extremely active with one or two new posts almost every day. An effort will be made to convert those participating in our Facebook page who are not currently members, to join MLAOC.

Newsletter Editor Ken Kirk thanked those who had contributed pictures and content for the Newsletter during the time period when there had been virtually no events to report on. Ken invited members to forward any interesting stories, histories, photos, technical or restoration articles to him in order to keep the Newsletter content full. Ken also invited suggestions from the Membership for topics they would like to see covered in the Newsletter.



Approx. 25 members turned up on an overcast fall day for the MLAOC AGM. This was our first in-person AGM in two years.

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Secretary Glenn Weigel advised that no new nominations had been received for the Steering Committee positions for 2022. All of the current Steering Committee had been nominated. Therefore, the current Steering Committee was elected by acclamation for the 2022 Year.

Steering Committee, Executive and Chairs

for 2022 are as follows:

President: Ron Stevenson

Secretary: Glenn Weigel

Treasurer: Margaret Weigel

Membership: Peter McDowell

Website: Sandy Kennedy

Newsletter: Ken Kirk

Apparel: Jeff Stevenson

AGM & ACBS Relations: Scott Waites

Social Media: Dana Torch

SCM at Large: Rob Abbott, Sean Goodman

Steve Silverthorn

Scott Waites, representing the Antique and Classic Boat Society, presented Ron Stevenson with the ACBS Toronto "Spirit Award". This Award is in recognition of Ron's organization and participation over many years, in the Antique Outboard Motor displays at both the Toronto International Boat Show and the ACBS Annual July Antique & Classic Boat Show at Gravenhurst. Congratulations Ron.

The final order of business was the presentation of the MLAOC "Spark Plug" Award. Ken Kirk made the presentation to this year's Award winner, Sandy Kennedy. A full account of Sandys long record of contributions to the MLAOC over many years is set out in a separate article on Page 7 of this Newsletter.

President Ron thanked all those in attendance for coming out and expressed the hope that we would soon be able to resume our aggressive schedule of Swap Meets and Events. The AGM was adjourned.



Peter McDowell proudly shows off three of his immaculate 1950's Johnson restorations.



Billy Hazlitt and Adele admire two vintage Champion outboards for sale.



Mike Kreckel & Vic Priestly look over some hard-to-find outboard parts offered for sale.



Lots of outboard "paper" for sale at Adam Gibb's table.



Joe LoPresti and Wain Trotter inspect a Mercury Mk10A powerhead.

