

# MLAOC Annual Meeting & Swap Meet, Oct. 15

**Report: Ken Kirk**

**Photos: Sandy Kennedy, Ken Kirk & Dana Torch**

It was a damp, dull and dreary day in Aurora but that didn't deter the hardy members of MLAOC from showing up and having a great time. More than 50 members were on hand and some 15 vendors were set up in the Legion parking lot wheeling and dealing in spite of the constant threat of rain.

After the frenzy in the swap meet was over everyone moved inside for the Annual General Meeting followed by lunch and of course, those home made deserts.

President Ron Stevenson opened the meeting expressing our thanks and appreciation to Scott Waites for organizing the day. Ron also thanked the volunteers from the Aurora Legion for hosting MLAOC and providing lunch.

First order of business was the Fiscal 2022 Financial Report prepared by Treasurer Margaret Weigel. The net result of activities for the year is that revenues exceeded expenses by \$1,068.00. A copy of the Treasurers Report was distributed to all members in attendance. If anyone would like of copy of the F'22 Financial Report, please contact Margaret at 905 404 5156 or [gmweigel99@gmail.com](mailto:gmweigel99@gmail.com)

*Cont'd pg. 12*



**L-R: AGM organizer Scott Waites & Sandy Kennedy at Swap Meet entrance.**



**L-R: Ken Glover, Nick Monastero, Bob Muston & Doug Muston. Looking for treasure.**



President Ron once again thanked Dave Teasdale for his generous \$200. donation to MLAOC and its positive contribution to the bottom line. Dave received a round of applause from his fellow Members.

Next on the Agenda were Nominations for the 2023 Steering Committee. All 2022 Steering Comm. Members were nominated for the 2023 year with the exception of Jeff Stevenson who did not wish to continue at this time.

One new nomination was received. That nomination was for Adam Gibb. As the number of people nominated for the Steering Comm did not exceed the number set out in our Constitution, no election was required. Following the AGM the Steering Comm. Elected and appointed the following Executive, Committee Chairs, Coordinators and Support people.

Cont'd pg. 13

### 2023 MLAOC Steering Committee & Support Team



<b>President</b>	<b>Ron Stevenson</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Glen Weigel</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Margaret Weigel (Support)</b>
<b>Peter McDowell</b>	<b>Membership Chair</b>
<b>Sandy Kennedy</b>	<b>Website Coordinator</b>
<b>Ken Kirk</b>	<b>Newsletter Editor</b>
<b>Heidi Palij</b>	<b>Newsletter Publisher (Support)</b>
<b>Dana Torch</b>	<b>Social Media Coordinator</b>
<b>Scott Waites</b>	<b>ACBS Liaison</b>

**Rob Abbott, Sean Goodman, Steve Silverthorn, Adam Gibb**



L-R: Ron Stevenson, Peter McDowell, Rob Abbott & Steve Silverthorn.



L-R: Dave Hastings, August Sapernat, Dana Torch & Chris Modotto.



L-R: Peter Gamblin and son Chris.



**Cont'd: MLAOC Annual Meeting & Swap Meet**

Peter McDowell delivered the Membership Report indicating that we were currently at 200 fully paid-up members. Peter stressed the importance of members responding promptly when notified that their membership was expired or about to expire. He communicated a certain level of frustration with those who's membership have expired but continue to attend Club events without renewing their memberships. Peter encouraged all of us to follow the "Honour System" and keep our membership up to date. (Subsequently our membership has risen to 212). Peter also reminded us that due to our positive Financial position there was no need, at the present, to raise membership dues from the current \$20./yr for those with an email address.

Our Social Media Coordinator Dana Torch reported that we have over 600 followers on our extremely active Facebook page. Further Dana communicated that our objective was to convert A significant number of our Facebook participants to dues paying members of MLAOC. To this end Dana reported that we would be putting in place a two-tiered Facebook plan. Entry level Facebook will continue, open to all but with reduced scope of content. Level two will be created providing enhanced access and content available only to those who are fully paid up MLAOC Members. Enhanced content will include access to videos previously created at Technical Seminars conducted by Ron Stevenson, Steve Silverthorn, Peter McDowell and others.

It will also include access to our MLAOC Historical and Technical Archives largely consisting primarily of articles from past MLAOC Newsletters.

Sandy Kennedy reported on the status of our Website that continues to enjoy positive feedback from the Membership Sandy stressed the importance of the website and our Newsletter in sustaining our membership during the time that we could not get together for Club events.



**New members Radu and Joy pose with Ron Stevenson and their new MLAOC apparel!**



**Tim Schmidt, The Happy Hipi, took home a few treasures from the Silent Auction.**



**The buffet awaits as the AGM is about to adjourn.**



**Cont'd: MLAOC Annual Meeting & Swap Meet**

Ken Kirk expressed thanks to all those who provide pictures and event report content for publication in the Newsletter. Without interesting, relevant and informative content there can be no Newsletter. Ken also invited ideas and suggestions for enhancing and improving the Newsletter. Several members expressed positive comment and thanks to Ken for his work as Newsletter Editor.

Mike Kreckel was once again in charge of the Silent Auction which was conducted in the Swap Meet area and preceded the AGM. Mike reported that the

Silent Auction was a great success with sales totaling \$875. This was an outstanding result with this money going into our Treasury for the 2023 Fiscal Year. President Ron, on behalf of all Club members, expressed a huge Thank You to all those members who generously donated so many quality items to the Silent Auction and to those who bid aggressively and generously as well.

The AGM was subsequently adjourned, and the buffet lunch was attacked with gusto