

**CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**ASSOCIATION CHALETS LAC CLAIR**  
**12 May 2020**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order : President Howie called the Google meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.  
Attendance: - Howie Longfellow, Bob Jolley, Yvette Morrison, Claude McGrath, Al Hardiman, Luc Tardiff, Angele St George, Serge Giroux , Alain Faubert
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Moved by Al , seconded by Yvette . Approved by All.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES - Moved by Al, seconded by Claude that the minutes of 03 August 2019 be accepted subject to the approval of the general membership. Approved by All.
4. Treasurer's Report. Yvette reported a bank balance of \$1,006.69 as of 30 Apr 2020.  
Moved by Bob, seconded by Serge that the report be accepted. Approved by All.
5. President's Report – Howie reported that CLCA had been invited to attend the public consultation regarding a proposed West Nipissing Trailer By-law and subsequently submitted a letter outlining CLCA recommendations. No results have been reported by the municipality. He extended his thanks to those who have volunteered for Spring clean-up , those who have been setting safety buoys on the lake and those conducting water testing.  
Howie reported that Brad Laird has tendered his resignation from the Board for personal health reasons.  
Howie also indicated his intention to step down from the position of President at the end of this term. He will remain on the Board to assist with the website, etc. but encouraged others members to consider accepting the appointment to President . Due to other commitments, he would be willing to step down before the end of the term, should another member be willing to take on the role.
6. Elections - Due to “social distancing” guidelines during the COVID pandemic, Howie suggested a change in procedures. After some discussion the Board agreed to a change in procedures as outlined in the following motions.

***Motion by Luc, seconded by Al that the 2020 AGM be cancelled in light of the Covid pandemic, with a return to regular procedures in 2021. All in favour.***

***Motion by Al , seconded by Alain that the 2020 election be deferred until 2021 and all Directors be appointed to continue their existing term of office until the 2021 elections at the 2021 AGM. All in favour.***

7. Membership - In light of Brad Laird's retirement from the Board, Bob reported that Joyce Jolley would be willing to accept an appointment to the Board and assume the role of Membership Coordinator.

***Motion by Yvette, seconded by Angele that Joyce Jolley be appointed as a Director and designated to perform the role of Membership Coordinator until the next official election in 2021. All in favour.***

The Board maintains a Membership Report on-line. Bob reported a review of the updated report revealed the following totals:

2018-2019 - 41 paid up members

2019-2020 - 28 paid up members

2020-2021 - 7 paid up members to date.

Yvette reported that most members pay membership fees at the AGM and the 2019 AGM was not as well attended as past meetings. It was noted that many of the original members who were active when CLCA had a membership level of over 60 members have since left. Newer residents have not shown the same level of interest or commitment to CLCA.

Howie reported that he had been considering increasing interest by approaching residents personally .

Al has also expressed an interest in developing a membership pamphlet.

In light of COVID, Howie suggested that "snail-mail" packages to residents at all of the 90 properties on the lake may be the best option.

Luc , Serge and Alain volunteered to deliver any mail-outs to save the mailing costs.

Al suggested he would work with Howie to complete a pamphlet to include in the mail-out.

8. Lake Partner Program – Serge reported he has commenced water testing . Initial testing would indicate good clarity results. He will work with Alain to conduct further testing throughout the year.
9. Marker Buoys – Luc updated the Board on the present situation. The 37 buoys, lines and weights are wearing out. Replacement with the proper type of buoy would be in excess of \$100.00/per. After considerable discussion, Luc agreed to discuss the options available with Claude and report back to the Board.

\*\* Claude telephoned Howie immediately following the meeting. He advised that due to audio problems during the meeting he was unable to fully update the Board. Claude clarified that the 37 buoys are in poor shape and said costs had increased meaning at present CLCA lacks the funds to affect repairs. He reported his days of coordinating the buoy placement were limited and he would be requesting someone else take on the role in the future. He said he would discuss the issue further with Luc and get back to Howie with recommendations. On 13 May he reported back to Howie. Claude & Luc have recommended that no buoys be set out on the lake in 2020 due to a lack of resources , and members be advised through newsletter. Howie will review this recommendation with the Board for final decision.

10. Neighbourhood Watch - Bob reported that OPP had been approached, but had not yet returned any data on police calls around the lake over the winter months.

11. Spring Clean-up- Howie reports the cleanup was completed. He thanked all those involved.

12. OLD BUSINESS

Lac Tonnerre - Bob reported that concerns regarding a need for more signage and parking enforcement on Clear Lake Rd. near Lac Tonnerre. had been reported to council. Counsellor Fisher had confirmed that all the issues raised by CLCA had been discussed at municipal council and forwarded to CAO Barbeau. No response has been received to date.

Beach Area - ( As above)

Trailer By-Law - Bob confirmed that the had attended the public consultation Mr. Barbeau held in relation to a proposed trailer by-law. Howie had sent a letter with recommendations. No response or results to date.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter - Bob reports a draft newsletter has been developed. He will share the draft with Board members before it is developed for hand delivery around the lake.

Beaver Dam - Ditch / Beach - Bob reported that beavers had built a dam in the ditch at the beach. After considerable discussion it was agreed that there was no impending danger of flood at the local residences. In light of that the situation will be monitored without any further action.

14. Adjournment - Moved by Serge that the meeting be adjourned. All in favour.

15. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, 1 August 2021

