

**CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION  
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SUNDAY AUGUST 1, 2010  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 1:06 pm

Introduction of special guest - Guy Ethier, West Nipissing Council

2. Adoption of Agenda. Moved by Jerry Murnaghan seconded by Louise Stewart. Approved by All.
3. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Aug 2, 2009. Moved by Len Tighe, seconded by Lois Dobson. Approved by All.
4. Treasurer's Report. Moved by Claude McGrath, seconded by Jerry Murnaghan that the report outlining a bank balance of \$1,468.30 be accepted. Approved by All.
5. President's Report – Derek thanked all volunteers and Directors for their work over the past year. He reported that sending out bilingual minutes and notices had been favorably received and thanked Louise Stewart for her work to date. George Cockburn has agreed to provide translation services in the future. He reminded the members that CLCA is now a member of the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations. Bob Jolley later apprized the members of FOCA programs/activities and handouts were distributed. All members were encouraged to keep up their efforts to protect our watershed.
6. Membership- Jenny Navid reported that 62% of the members have paid membership fees. This represents a great improvement over last year. President Derek praised Jenny for her extra efforts in that regard. Jenny reminded members to keep her apprised of any address or phone number changes.
7. Lake Partner Program – Len Tighe reported testing indicates lake clarity continues to be very good. Clear Lake residents should be proud that their lake results are the best in the district. Despite this, Len encouraged everyone to keep up their good efforts and refrain from polluting the lake through fertilizer runoff, faulty greywater or septic systems and accidental spills of oil/gas when boating. Len & Claude recently removed a 17' X 18" log from the lake. Markings would indicate the log has been subsurface since the Booth Lumber days. Newspaper reports indicate the incidence of dead heads and floating logs has increased with low lake levels. All boaters were encouraged to be vigilant to this risk.

8. Marker Buoys – Derek Stewart thanked volunteers for assisting with buoys. Claude reminded members that additional buoys are available should one be required to post a hazard during this low level water period.
9. Neighborhood watch. All residents were encouraged to maintain their efforts to keep an eye for unusual activity in the area and report suspicious circumstances and licence numbers to the police as warranted. No break-ins were reported over the past winter.
10. Clean-up. Carole Anne Friedrich thanked volunteers for participating in this year's clean-up. She reported incidents of unlawful dumping in the vicinity of Clear Lake Rd and the Landfill road had been reported to the Municipality. Despite media coverage, the municipality had failed to clean up the sites. She also reported the fact that no one seems to take responsibility for cleaning up the roadside on the landfill Rd. Guy Ethier advised he would follow up with public works on cleanup of the unlawful dumping sites. He reported efforts are being made to include roadside cleanup of the landfill road in the attendant's job description.
11. Call for nominations to the Board.

Derek Stewart, Bob Jolley, Lois Dobson, Len & Pat will not complete their terms until 2011. Jenny Navid and Howie Longfellow were nominated to stay on and agreed to serve an additional term. Judy Legault offered to assist Jenny in her duties as required.

## 12. New Business

Bob Jolley provided the members with an update on a recent proposal by Denmar Construction (Sturgeon Falls) to open and operate a quarry at 588 Clear Lake Rd. Denmar owned and operated a gravel pit when stringent regulations were enacted in 2007 as a result; under a "grandfather provision" the pit was allowed to proceed without any environmental assessment. In March 2010, West Nipissing granted Denmar a "minor variance" on their rural zoning which had prevented them from operating a quarry. Since, Denmar has applied to the Ministry of Natural Resources for a licence to operate a 65 hectare quarry. Residents have until 12 August 2010 to submit written objections to the project.

After considerable discussion, members voiced concerns that the project will affect the environment, wildlife, quality of life and road safety for all residents. Members also voiced concerns that the notification process was inadequate. Councilor Ethier concurred and advised that he had only learned of this project recently through newspaper coverage.

Members questioned the contents of reports included in the Denmar application and suggested that a full environmental assessment was required to protect the environment. Members voiced concerns over noise; blasting and the heavy truck

traffic on Clear Lake Rd. Members advised Councilor Ethier that the truck traffic already presented a risk to public safety due to careless truckers and the configuration of the roadway. He was questioned on the notification process, appeal processes and road classification status for Clear Lake Road. He advised he was aware that there was a lot of objection to the project and had discussed legal avenues to address these concerns with CAO Barbeau.

Moved by Hector Mayotte seconded by Judy Legault that the Executive draft and deliver a letter of objection to the quarry project to: Denmar Construction and the Ministry of Natural Resources prior to 12 August 2010.

A second letter voicing CLCA objections to the “rezoning” , lack of public consultation, inappropriate decision making and hazardous conditions on Clear lake Road be sent to the Municipality of West Nipissing along with a copy of the “letter of objection submitted to the Ministry. CLCA to solicit the municipality’s support to stop the project from proceeding.

13. Next Meeting Date; Sunday, 31 July, 2011.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 2:16 pm.

Draws: Gail Tighe and Gail Murphy won a \$25.00 Canadian Tire gift card each.