

**CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATION CHALETS LAC CLAIR  
SUNDAY 01 August 2021  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 1:02 pm – 16 in attendance
2. Adoption of Agenda. Moved by Yvette Morrison, seconded by Jean Anawati that the agenda be approved as amended by the group. Approved by All.
3. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 04 August 2019. Moved by Catherine Bacque, seconded by Peter Bain to accept the minutes as posted. Approved by All.
4. Treasurer / Membership Reports. Joyce Jolley presented a financial report outlining expenditures of \$ 774.22 (bank charges, website firewall, safety, administration costs, gift cards, etc.) since 22 June 2020 and a balance of \$1,922.47 as of 31 Jul 2021.

Joyce reported a total of 43 paid up members. She indicated that “e transfers” which were introduced over the last year have been productive and simplified the process for many members. Moved by Judith Legault, seconded by Christian Lévesque that the Treasurer / Membership Coordinator’s report be accepted. Approved by All.

5. President’s Report – Howie thanked members for attending the meeting. His opening remarks included publicly acknowledging the contributions that Lois Dobson had provided to CLCA prior to her unfortunate passing in 2020. Al Hardiman also offered thanks for the many years of commitment that Jenny Navid had offered during her tenure on the Board.

Howie commented that Board activity had been constrained due to Covid-19 restrictions since March 2020. He advised members that despite the necessary cancellation of the 2020 AGM the Board had continued to monitor activity around the lake and conduct Lake Partner water testing. Newsletters were employed to maintain members’ awareness of lake issues.

He raised concerns that some boats/ jet-skis operators are not considering the affects that wake from excessive speed has on wildlife and others using the lake. During his comments. Al Hardiman pointed out that some boaters seem to be travelling too close to shore. Over that past year, a boater struck has waterline marker. Peter Bain indicated his cottage waterline had been severed by a boat travelling too close to shore. (See Old Business for more on this issue) Howie completed his remarks by asking everyone to “spread the gospel of lake stewardship”

6. Lake Partner Program – Al Faubert reported that Serge Giroux had completed water testing and provided a copy of the report for the meeting. Al explained the process employed to determine water clarity, and pointed out that clarity in 2021 is better by almost a metre in depth as compared to the 1990s. Other tests (phosphorus, nutrient levels, etc.) were only slightly changed from 20 years ago still very good. Serge Giroux had indicated a desire to

resign from the Board. Howie thanked Serge for his past service and announced that Al had agreed to take over testing and reporting for the Board.

Members are reminded that the CLCA website has links to other information on protecting lake water quality. [www.clearlakecottagersassociation.ca](http://www.clearlakecottagersassociation.ca)

Lake Partner Test results are available at: <https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>

*Note: to review results open the listed excel documents and search under Clear Lake (Bain) Field station 6954.*

7. Neighbourhood Watch - Bob Jolley reported that the OPP does not report any reported incidents around Clear Lake since the last AGM. ( Members were reminded there have been some incidents of firewood going missing from piles next to the roadways). Members were encouraged to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to police.
8. Spring Clean-up- Howie reported that the 2021 clean up was augmented by volunteers from the West Nipissing Beautification Committee. Due to Covid restrictions, CLCA volunteers were encouraged to clean areas on their own time. This worked out quite well. ( He and members of the Beautification Committee note an abundance of “Maximum Ice” empty beer cans again this year!)
9. OLD BUSINESS

Discontinued Marker Buoy Program - Howie reported that he had not received any complaints regarding problems encountered by boaters since the 2020 announcement that CLCA could no longer post buoys due to the costs associated to obtaining insurance coverage and Federally approved buoys.

Membership Recruitment Initiatives - Howie Longfellow commented that the Board has found that members are more apt to respond to membership forms sent by regular mail than on-line requests. As a result the Board will continue to employ regular mail for recruitment. Members are encouraged to recruit other lakefront owners who have not yet joined CLCA to do so.

Internet / Telephone - Howie reported that despite the fact that Bell will not introduce fibre optics to the area, other providers (Netspectrum) have enhanced speeds. Jean Anawati reported concerns that Bell landline service was substandard. Other members confirmed that they have discontinued the Bell service due to regular problems with a “hum” on the line. Many rely solely on cell phone service. Claude McGrath reported good service through Rogers. Al Hardiman and Jean Anawati report that Rogers signal is reduced in their areas of Northshore Rd. Al confirmed that simply using the phone outside of the residence fixes the problem created by geography.

Lake Tonnerre signage - The lack of appropriate signage and parking enforcement on Clear Lake Rd at Lake Tonnerre was raised with Mayor Savage at the 2019 AGM. Since that time, no additional signage has been posted and the problem parking continues. Members agreed

that a letter be sent to request OPP enforcement in the area. (Members reported that increased parking seems to be a weekend event)

Beach Damage - At the 2019 AGM members reported concerns that boaters were entering the swimming area at the beach and tying off at the floating dock and shore. It was agreed that the Board would direct an inquiry to council on what actions are anticipated at the beach ( ie. possible buoy line) and to the OPP requesting increased enforcement.

Proposed Trailer Bylaw - Bob Jolley reported that his last inquiry with West Nipissing Council indicated that considerations of the issues raised by CLCA regarding parking and the beach, and a proposed by-law to control trailers near waterways have been deferred due to covid restrictions. Agreed that an additional inquiry will be directed to the Mayor for an update.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

Hydro/ OEB removal of “seasonal class” billing rate - Bob Jolley reported that Hydro 1 and the Ontario Energy Board continue to discuss the ramifications of the OEB decision to remove the “seasonal class” bill rate. It is anticipated that old seasonal ratepayers will soon be billed at a Residential rate. This will affect approximately 80,000 customers who will pay up to \$54.00/mo more for service ( effective 2022?) CLCA members who will be affected are encouraged to follow the issue in the media and through the Ontario Federation of Cottagers’ website <https://foca.on.ca>

Landfill lifespan - Howie Longfellow advised that the latest direction from West Nipissing indicated the landfill ( anticipated to last -15yrs? ) will never be closed to CLCA residents. Once the existing site is full, the location would remain a trash drop off point for residents and West Nipissing would then regularly truck trash to an alternate location.

Repairs at Beach - Members report that the ladder on the floating dock at the public beach is broken. The Board will rely this information to West Nipissing officials requesting action.

History Project - Howie Longfellow reported that he, Al Hardiman and Bob Jolley had undertaken a project to collect and document information on the history of our Lake. He encouraged support for the project and asked that residents who are interested in providing information or taking part in a recorded interview should contact a committee member. To date four (4) interviews covering as far back as 1927 have been conducted and several items have been identified to be photographed. It is anticipated that the final product for the CLCA website will be comprised of a narrative, select audio recordings of portions of interviews and photographs. The project will remain ongoing. Bob Jolley reported that initial interviews have made two things quite clear.....1) Cache Bay and the timber industry were an integral part to the opening up of our lake, and 2) Clear lake residents continue to enjoy the benefits thanks to the work of past members and the CLCA. Anyone who can provide input for the history project is encouraged to call.

## 15. Elections

Director	Nominator	Term
Howie Longfellow	Bob Jolley	2 years
Bob Jolley	Howie Longfellow	2 years
Yvette Morrison	Howie Longfellow	2 years
Claude McGrath	Bob Jolley	2 years
Alan Hardiman	Joyce Jolley	2 years
Alain Faubert	Claude McGrath	3 years
Joyce Jolley	Howie Longfellow	3 years
Marie Terrien	Al Hardiman	3 years
Catherine Bacque	Al Hardiman	3 years
Christian Lévesque	Howie Longfellow	3 years

\*moved by Jean Anawati that 2 or 3 years tenure be set to overcome succession problems encountered with missed 2020 AGM The above Directors where voted into office.

### Appointments as follows:

Howie Longfellow - President,  
Joyce Jolley, Treasurer / Membership Coordinator  
Bob Jolley - Secretary

17. Door Prizes ( \$25 CTC Card) Judith Legault, Claude McGrath
18. Adjournment - Moved by Al Hardiman. that the meeting be adjourned. All in favour.
17. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, 31 July 2022.

## Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2021

	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
<b>Bank Balance June 22, 2020</b>			1,001.69	
<b>Add:</b>				
<b>Deposits - from June 1, 2021 Board report</b>	1,560.00			
<b>June/July 2021 deposits</b>	<u>135.00</u>		<u>1,695.00</u>	
			2,696.69	
<b>Less:</b>				
<b>Mail-outs - Supplies - Staples</b>		379.13		
<b>Website - Crimson Pepper</b>		187.58		
<b>Recorder Purchase for History of the Lake</b>		90.95		
<b>Bank service charges for year</b>		16.56		
<b>Gift Cards CTC</b>		50.00		
<b>Petty cash for meeting</b>		<u>50.00</u>		
		774.22	<u>774.22</u>	
<b>Bank Balance July 31, 2021</b>			<u>1,922.47</u>	