

**CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
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SUNDAY 31 July 2022
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 1:10 pm – 32 in attendance
2. Adoption of Agenda. Moved by Judith Legault, 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 01 Aug 2021. Moved by Margaret Williams, seconded by Catherine Bacque to accept the minutes as posted. Approved by All.
4. Treasurer / Membership Reports. Joyce Jolley presented a financial report outlining expenditures of \$ 401.64 (bank charges, website firewall, administration costs, recognition of service gift, gift cards, etc.) with a balance of \$1,774.99 as of 26 Jul 2022. Membership fees accepted at the meeting raised the final balance as of 31 July 2022 to \$ 2,009.99

Total paid up members to date: 42

Moved by Joyce Jolley, seconded by Christian Levesque that the Treasurer / Membership Coordinator's report be accepted. Approved by All.

5. President's Report. Howie thanked members for attending the meeting and reported the unfortunate passing of past Board member Brad Laird, and long time resident Barry Noland.

Members were advised that the municipality is considering bylaw changes in relation to "storage containers" "accessory dwellings" "short term rentals" "recreational trailers" and "beach safety". CLCA advocacy in relation to these issues is outlined in the Business section of these minutes.

Members were advised that the Lake History Project remains ongoing and encouraged to identify individuals who should be interviewed. Four names were submitted for consideration.

Howie completed his remarks by reminding members that lake water quality is best protected when everyone makes "lake stewardship" a personal priority.

6. Lake Partner Program – Howie reported that Serge Giroux has completed water testing and provided a copy of the report for the meeting. The lake remains healthy. Allain Faubert will assume full responsibility for lake testing in 2023. Lake Partner Test results can be viewed 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 advised that the OPP has not reported on any incidents around Clear Lake since the last AGM.
8. Spring Clean-up- Howie reported that the 2022 clean up of area roadways and the beach area went well.
9. OLD BUSINESS

Hydro / OEB removal of “seasonal class” billing. Bob Jolley confirmed that the Ontario Energy Board has directed Hydro 1 to implement changes in 2023. Related increases in cost will be phased in (no more than 10%/yr). Members commented that delivery costs make up the majority of quarterly billing.

Note: Members asked the Board to contact Hydro 1 requesting repair to the hydro pole that has once again fallen over the roadway on Clear Lake Rd between the landfill site and the Hwy 64.

Lake Tonnerre Signage - Howie reports that signage remains unchanged since our last discussion with Mayor Savage in 2019.

Beach Safety- Since the 2019 AGM the municipality has moved a sign closer to the beach area and a developed a draft “beach bylaw”. Many of the provisions of the draft will address concerns CLCA raised after our 2021 AGM. When implemented (fall 2022, or spring 2023) enforceable provisions will be addressed by the municipal by-law officer (not OPP). The Board will continue to monitor this issue to ensure CLCA concerns are addressed.

Proposed Trailer Bylaw - Howie reports this issue has been deferred at municipal level. The Board will continue to monitor, advocate and report.

Boating Safety - At the 2021 AGM members raised questions regarding boating safety. The OPP (West Nipissing Marine Unit) advises the following:

- While there is no set speed limit on Clear Lake, federal law limits power craft from travelling in excess of 10km/hr within 30 M (100ft) of the shoreline.
- Boaters who operate a power craft without due care and attention or fail to show reasonable consideration for others could be charged or held civilly liable for any contraventions
- Operators of Personal Watercraft must be 16 yrs or older and have proof of competency
- Spotters must be employed when towing people behind a watercraft, and there must be sufficient seating in the watercraft to house the operator, spotter and anyone being towed.
- Boating complaints should be reported to the OPP West Nipissing
- It is an offence under the Wildlife Conservation Act to use a boat to kill, injure, harass or capture wildlife. (These type of occurrences should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources)

10. NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Bylaw amendments -West Nipissing is reviewing the following potential changes:

Use of “freight containers” (Sea Cans) / old vehicles etc. for storage.

Bylaw may be expanded to include Lakefront properties. CLCA has advocated that this type of storage be restricted to properties in excess of 1 acre and that set backs from property lines and lakefront view be enforced. Municipal Planners will provide recommendations to council.

“Accessory Dwellings”

While accessory dwelling units within principle residence is presently permitted, the municipal planning committee is reviewing expanding the ability to maintain separate “accessory dwellings” on properties. CLCA has recommended that any such units should not be used for rental purposes on lakefront properties (to protect the environment & water quality). Municipal Planners have agreed that changes cannot be made until a short term rental bylaw is in place.

“Short Term Rentals”

Municipal Planners are conducting research. CLCA in conjunction with other community partners has drafted and submitted a draft bylaw for consideration. The draft calls for registration and licencing of STRs and a “Code of Conduct”. Licencee’s would be responsible for the actions of renters and subject to a complaint process and offences. CLCA will continue to monitor advocate and report on this issue.

Landfill Issues

Members raised concerns over the lack of composting and poor recycling practices at the landfill. Howie reported that the issue of composting has been raised in the past, and the municipality suggested it was best to continue to bury organic waste. As recycling is done on a voluntary basis it was decided that the best approach would be education. The Board will provide a link to the Municipal Waste Collection website on the CLCA website.

Postal Boxes

Christine Carswell made a short presentation to advise she has drafted a petition to Canada Post to have postal boxes installed on Clear Lake Rd and the intersection of Northshore Rd and Southshore Rd. Such boxes would be free to customers yet would not prevent them from maintaining a box at the post office. Those interested in discussing the issue or joining the petition can call Christine at 705-477-1152.

Small Lending Library

Carole Friedrich advises a small book box will be installed on the shoulder of Clear Lake Rd near Northshore Rd. Members are free to use this service at their leisure.

Bears

Members were reminded to consider restricting use of bird feeders and to secure trash due to an increase in bear sightings this summer.

11. Elections - Howie Longfellow reports that Claude McGrath has announced he will be moving away from the lake and will step down from the Board. Claude was a very active and committed Board member for several decades. He served as President and was also instrumental in heading initiatives such as corn roasts and maintenance of lake safety buoys for many years. His contributions are appreciated and we wish him and Monique all the best in their move.

In light of Claude's retirement, the Board has a vacancy. Anyone interested in becoming a Director is encouraged to call Howie Longfellow or Bob Jolley.

12. Door Prizes (\$25 CTC Card) Michael Bain, Andrew Cangiano
13. Adjournment - Moved by Howie Longfellow, that the meeting be adjourned. All in favour.
14. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, 06 August 2023

Treasurer Report July 26, 2022

	Deposits	Expenses	
Bank Balance July 31, 2021			1,922.47
Deposits Membership	250.00		
Redeposit Petty Cash	50.00		300.00
			2,222.47
Service charges		1.26	
Crimson Pepper (Website)		210.18	211.44
Reported Exec meeting June 2, 2022			2,011.03
Membership deposits to date	165.00		165.00
Expenses			
Staples card (mailouts)		250.00	
CTC gift cards		50.00	
Recognition for past service of board member		101.64	(401.64)
Balance July 26, 2022 per books			1,774.99
Membership reported for 2021-2022 was 44			
Membership to date July 26, 2022 for upcoming year			
2022-2023 Members 28			