

**CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION  
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SUNDAY 06 August 2023  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 1:05 pm – 25 in attendance

President Howie introduced newly elected West Nipissing Mayor Kathleen Thorne Rochon and thanked her for accepting his invitation to attend the AGM and field questions from members.

2. Adoption of Agenda. Moved by Al Hardiman, seconded by Dan Taillefer that the agenda be approved as amended by the group. Approved by All.
3. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 31 July 2022. Moved by Jo Somers, 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 \$ 526.58 (bank charges, website firewall, administration costs, recognition of service gift, gift cards, etc.) with a balance of \$1,974 as of 31 July 2023.. ( Plus \$224.39 credit on CLCA Staples Card)

Total paid up members (2022-2023) : 49

Total paid up members (2023-2024) to date: 32

Moved by Al Faubert, seconded by Mary Dobson that the Treasurer / Membership Coordinator's report be accepted. Approved by All.

5. President's Report. Howie commenced his report by reminding all persons using our lake to abide by the legislated speed limit of 10 km/ph when operating motorized vessels within 30 meters of shore and to operate vessels in a manner that does not jeopardize the safety of other people, local wildlife and waterfowl.  
He reported Clear lake remains free of any Blue Green Algae, but encouraged everyone to continue to take all reasonable steps to keep pollutants out of the lake ; protect the lake and discourage the growth of invasive species. see  
<https://clearlakecottagersassociation.ca/resources/protection-of-the-lake.html>  
He announced that all members should be proud that CLCA was recently designated as a "Watershed Hero" by the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority for lake stewardship initiatives undertaken by members between 1987 and the present.  
He thanked members for all of their past work and encouraged everyone to "preach the gospel of water quality" and remain mindful of our slogan "If you wouldn't eat it or drink it...please don't put it in our lake"!

6. Lake Partner Program – Al Faubert reported in 2022, he agreed to take on lake water testing from Serge Giroux who was retiring from the Board. CLCA has been involved in this program since its inception in 1996. For program information and testing results please see:  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/water-sampling-and-testing-inland-lakes>  
<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.*

Al explained testing is conducted on a regular basis ( every 2 weeks) in summer months and a sending a water sample to the lab for analysis. Water clarity testing is achieved by measuring the distance a white secchi disc can be lowered into the water until it is no longer visible. He also documents when dates when the lake becomes ice covered and ice free. Clear Lake has remained reasonably consistent over the years. Due to the actions of many, the lake continues to test "oligotrophic" (low in nutrients) thus reducing the potential for blue green algae.

7. Neighbourhood Watch - Nipissing West OPP report the following incidents in the Clear Lake area over the winter months.

Police responded to traffic , suspicious person, and bylaw related complaints. There was one impaired driving arrest as a result of a RIDE check. There have not been any reported break-ins.

Police remind everyone to remain vigilant to fraud and scams and think twice before giving out personal information. OPP now operate a “Safe Trade Location”from the parking lot on Cache Bay Rd ( when concerned about safety or security, residents can complete online transactions involving unfamiliar persons at that location)

Bob Jolley thanked Chrystal Jones for her research assistance

8. Spring Clean-up- Howie reported that the 2023 clean up of area roadways and the beach area went well. He thanked everyone for the great turnout.
9. ELECTIONS - Bob reported that 4 of 9 Board members are completing their terms of service. and the floor was opened for nominations for 5 open positions.

Howie Longfellow - nominated by Bob Jolley , seconded by Jo Somers

Bob Jolley - nominated by Al Hardiman, seconded by Dan Taillefer

Al Hardiman - nominated by Joyce Jolley, seconded by Catherine Bacque

Mary Dobson - nominated by Howie Longfellow, seconded by Al Faubert

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
DIRECTOR	TERM EXPIRES
HOWIE LONGFELLOW	2026
BOB JOLLEY	2026
AL HARDIMAN	2026
MARY DOBSON	2026
JOYCE JOLLEY	2024
AL FAUBERT	2024
MARIE TERRIEN	2024
CATHERINE BACQUE	2024
CHRISTIAN LEVESQUE	2024

2023-2024

10. OLD BUSINESS

Hydro Pole Repair - Hydro 1 responded to our request and replaced the leaning hydro pole on Clear lake Rd between the landfill site and the Hwy 64.

Beach Safety- Mayor Thorne Rochon reported council has implemented a new Beach Bylaw to address safety concerns . for particulars see: <https://www.westnipissing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/By-Law-2023-52-Regulate-Public-Beaches49.pdf>

To report a breach of the bylaw call 705-753-2250 or email [support@westnipissing.ca](mailto:support@westnipissing.ca)  
For immediate emergency (OPP) response call 9-1-1

Zoning By-law - Amendments address the use of “Sea Cans” and other storage devices on residential property, for particulars see: <https://www.westnipissing.ca/notice-of-passing-zoning-by-law-2023-47/>

Short Term Rentals / Accessory Dwellings/ Recreational Trailers - Mayor Thorne Rochon reports council is studying all of these issues. Council recognizes the need for enforceable legislation however the subjects are all interrelated and must be studied in a coordinated fashion which will take some time. Council may seek additional public input before draft legislation can be proposed, passed and implemented. (CLCA has already provided input to council, however the Board will ensure to follow this situation closely on members’ behalf)

Lake History Project - Howie updated members on this project. Several interviews have been completed and various photographs have been submitted. The Board will continue to conduct research with a view to posting the results on the CLCA website. The project is intended to highlight the early development on the lake. Members who have suggestions on potential interviews, or have photographs or memorabilia that would assist are asked to contact Howie Longfellow. Catherine Bacque has agreed to play role in scanning of photos for the final presentation.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Service Requests - Mayor Thorne Rochon fielded some questions regarding road clearing etc in the area. She explained the challenges faced by public works and ensured members that they try to be vigilant. If however anyone wishes to report an outstanding issue that should be handled by the municipality, he or she should submit a Service Request by email at <https://www.westnipissing.ca/residents/service-request/> or telephone Town Hall for assistance.

CLCA Communications - Members discussed how to best communicate with members. While email is less expensive and more cost effective, it was reported that including a membership form in hard copy correspondence each Spring seems to obtain more buy in from members than an email that may go unnoticed. Agreed that the Board would maintain the status quo and continue to mail hardcopies of membership forms and Spring newsletters to all members each Spring. All other correspondence will be conducted by email. (minutes, notifications, etc.) Notwithstanding, any member who would rather receive all correspondence by email rather than regular mail can contact Bob Jolley, secretary at: [rajjolley@gmail.com](mailto:rajjolley@gmail.com)

12. Door Prizes ( \$25 CTC Card) Al Faubert, Mary Dobson.....Special book draws...Joe Somers, Bob Jolley
13. Adjournment - Moved by Al Hardiman. that the meeting be adjourned at 2:22 p.m.. All in favour.
14. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, 04 August 2024

Treasurer's Report - July 31, 2023

	Deposits	Expenses	Balance
BANK BALANCE JULY 31, 2022			2,160.03
ADD: MEMBERSHIP DEPOSTS			<u>565.00</u>
			2,725.03
Less: 0/s cheque reported July 31/22		401.64	
BANK CHARGES		<u>2.27</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>403.91</u>	<u>(403.91)</u>
BALANCE PER JUNE 18, 2023			2,321.12
Reported at Exec Meeting			
Membership Deposits June/July 2023			180.00
Staples Card		400.00	
Service Charges		2.00	
CTC Gift Cards Meeting		50.00	
Crimson Pepper (website)		<u>74.58</u>	
Total Expenses		526.58	<u>(526.58)</u>
Balance July 31, 2023			1,974.54
Staples Card (paid \$400 For \$480.00			
Expenses to date. (255.61)			
Balance on card \$224.39			