

**CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**ASSOCIATION CHALETS LAC CLAIR**  
**WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2024**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
(video conference)

1. Call to order at 7:05 p.m. – Howie Longfellow, Bob Jolley, Joyce Jolley, Catherine Bacque, , Al Hardiman, Christian Levesque , Al Faubert, Mary Dobson
2. Adoption of Agenda. Moved by Mary, seconded by Al Hardiman that the agenda be approved. Approved by All.
3. Review of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 06 August 2023. Moved by Al Hardiman, seconded by Joyce Jolley. Approved by All.
4. Treasurer / Membership Reports. Joyce Jolley reported that our banking institution, Caisse Populaire has been renamed Caisse Alliance. Since the 2023 AGM withdrawals were limited to administrative costs ( banking charges, mail etc. ) CLCA has a bank balance of \$2,257.46.  
Moved by Christian, seconded by Al Hardiman that the report be accepted, and a \$250.00 Staples Card be purchased to pay 2024 mail-out costs . All in favour.  
  
Membership - CLCA had 43 paid up members ( 2023-24). To date, only 9 members have prepaid for 2024-25. New Membership forms will be sent out prior to the 2024 AGM.
5. President's Report. Howie thanked the Board member for their service and reserved further comments for the business portion of the meeting.
6. Lake Partner Program – Al Faubert reported there was a minor delay in receiving the Lake Partner Program testing package , however he has sent samples off to the lab, and continues to do “clarity testing” twice monthly in the deep area of the lake (approx. 40-50') between the east shoreline and Blueberry Island area. Clarity readings have increased from 4 meters to 5.4 meters below surface (normal) since spring. Water temperature is up to 67F. LPP should provide water test results within 2 weeks.
7. Neighbourhood Watch - Members were not aware of any police related incidents over the winter. Bob will consult with the OPP prior to the AGM.
8. Spring Clean-up- Howie reported that the 2024 clean up was conducted earlier this year. He thanked everyone for the great turnout.

9. ELECTIONS - Bob reported that Joyce, Catherine, Marie, Christian and Al Faubert will complete terms of office this year. Those who were present advised they would be prepared to stand for an additional term . Bob will contact Marie to ascertain her intentions.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Short Term Rentals Howie confirmed that West Nipissing has implemented a new bylaw. Bob reported owners who wished to rent out their home/cottage for 28 days or less would be required to obtain a municipal licence. Licences would be limited and only issued after the municipality was satisfied that sewer, fire and safety issues were addressed. Owners would be subject to penalty and or suspension when the “code of conduct” was breached. Only 1 rental per kilometre of roadway. The bylaw will be subject to future review.

Recreational Trailers - This issue is very controversial and although it remains before council it will be some time before a controlling by-law is implemented. CLCA concerns relate to protection of the environment and quality of life for property owners. Members were advised that the municipality had recently looked into a situation with several trailers parked on a lot on Southshore Rd. Reportedly, occupants were required to remove temporary holding tanks which had been buried in the vicinity of a waterway and ordered to conduct regular pumping of each trailer holding tank.

Lake History Project - Howie gave an update on this project. Interviews continue, and several people have volunteered old photos. He advised that Jo Somers had recently provided a digital listing of all properties based on old records left to her by her father (Clive) from his CLCA days. Howie suggested that later this year would be a good time to begin putting things together for the website. In the interim, he will provide all Board members with “read only” access to the History records that are maintained by the Committee.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Inquiry re Zebra Muscles - Howie became aware of a rumour that zebra muscles had been sighted in our lake. Bob followed up with the Invasive Species Centre in Sault St Marie who advise they have no knowledge of any problems in this area. Members agreed that they had seen no evidence of this.

CLCA Communications - Only 2 members have indicated a desire to do away with mail-outs. We will continue to use regular mail for the membership report and Spring Newsletter and send other correspondence by email.

Mosquito Buzz - This company is offering programmed spraying of insecticide to reduce ticks and mosquitoes. The MOE has approved use of this synthetic pyrethrin next to waterways provided a buffer zone is kept when spraying. While some residents may remain concerned for the environment, there is little that CLCA can do to interfere once the practice has been approved by MOE.

Emerald Ash Borers - Howie reports there are several stands of Ash that have already been affected by this insect. Under controlled and limited conditions there are some actions that can be taken to stop the damage, but in this northern rural setting removal of affected trees seems to be the only practical option.

Door Prizes - The practice of providing these prizes at the AGM was reviewed. In light of limited attraction value and scant CLCA resources it was agreed that this practice would be discontinued. It was suggested that it would be more practical to reimburse members for out of pocket expenses incurred while volunteering their services to CLCA.

Potable Water - Mary reported that West Nipissing has announced that free potable water access previously located on Coursol Rd. will be moved; to another area near the Comfort Inn and fees will be implemented for users. It is unknown how many CLCA members actually will be affected.

Downed trees - Howie reported that 2 large pine trees had been downed on Camp & Blueberry Islands during the recent storm. Agreed that CLCA should take some action to remove the trees from the islands. Al Faubert offered to check things out and report back.

Turtle Nesting - Members discussed efforts to protect local wildlife. Howie reported the grader operator has suggested the municipality will do their best to avoid disturbing areas along the roadside if concerned residents are willing to erect a small flag or notice. One resident has already done this on NSR.

12. Adjournment - Moved by Mary Dobson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m..
13. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, 04 August 2024