

CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATION CHALETS LAC CLAIR  
SUNDAY 04 August 2024  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to order** at 1:05 pm – 30 in attendance
2. **Adoption of Agenda.** Moved by Al Hardiman, 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 06 August 2023. Moved by Catherine Bacque, seconded by Christian Levesque to accept the minutes as posted. Approved by All.
4. **Treasurer / Membership Reports.** Joyce Jolley presented a financial report outlining expenditures of \$ 330.00 (bank charges, website firewall, administration costs,, etc.) with a balance of \$2004.66 as of 04 August 2024 (Plus \$173.00 credit on CLCA Staples Card).

Total paid up members (2023-2024) : 43

Total paid up members ( 2024-2025) to date: 20

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

5. **President's Report.** President Howie introduced guests, West Nipissing Mayor Kathleen Thorne Rochon and councillor Kaitlynn Nicol and thanked them for attending to field questions from members. Howie thanked the members who volunteer their services and everyone who turns out to meetings. He also reported on the unfortunate passing of local residents Rheal Levac and Blaine Quist.  
Members were advised that the Lake History project continues to progress with a view to compiling results later this year. He reported that West Nipissing Council has passed a Short Term Rental by-law , indicating the extent of rentals on our lake is unknown to CLCA. His report concluded with encouragement to protect our lake and remember our slogan “ If you wouldn't eat or drink it...please do not put it in our lake!”
6. **Lake Partner Program** – Al Faubert provided a comprehensive report on lake water testing, explaining the procedures used and results in four categories:

Clarity: Generally, our lake remains clear to an average depth of 4.1 meters. With an approximate annual decrease of only -0.01 m it remains is a little clearer than average for area lakes.

Phosphorus: An increased presence of this element can lead to algal growth ,decreased water clarity, and affect the taste and smell of water. Clear Lake has a low concentration (5,8 micrograms / litre ) Our lake has less of this element than 83% of other area lakes. Changes

over time have been minimal, but any introduction of nutrients could change the situation .  
Members were reminded that runoff could change things very quickly.

Calcium: Lake dwelling organisms , including some food sources for fish rely on this element. Calcium occurs naturally. It has decreased over the years but remains at 3.6 mg/L which is just below average for area lakes . No aquatic species are at risk.

Chloride: Dissolved salts are always present in freshwater, but elevated levels can be toxic to aquatic organisms. West Nipissing has reduced use of road salts to a minimum in rural areas to prevent runoff. Clear Lake levels of 2.7mg/L are just above average for area lakes and do not represent any environmental concern.

All in all, Alain says we are fairing well , but please remember we all have a responsibility to manage sewage, grey water and runoff into the lake. Think GREEN.

7. **Neighbourhood Watch** -.Bob was not able to get any updates on police events over the winter. He suggested OPP systems have made it much more difficult to communicate than it was with a local service. Mayor Rochon agreed that OPP reliance on central (Orillia) telephone response and use of email appears less efficient. She will raise the issue with the local Police Services Board and see what can be done to improve the situation.
8. **Spring Clean-up-** Howie reported that the 2024 clean up of area roadways and the beach area went well. He thanked everyone for the great turnout.
9. **ELECTIONS** - Howie reported that 5 of 9 Board members are completing their terms of service. and the floor was opened for nominations for 6 open positions.

Joyce Jolley - nominated by Howie Longfellow, seconded by Alain Faubert

Marie Terrien - nominated by Bob Jolley, seconded by Christian Levesque

Alain Faubert - nominated by Howie Longfellow, seconded by Judith Legault

Catherine Bacque - nominated by Bob Jolley, seconded by Jean Anawati

Christian Levesque nominated by Howie Longfellow, seconded by Mary Dobson

Four candidates were present to accept their nominations. Marie Terrien had previously submitted written acceptance. All candidates were acclaimed.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DIRECTOR	TERM EXPIRES
HOWIE LONGFELLOW	2026
BOB JOLLEY	2026
AL HARDIMAN	2026
MARY DOBSON	2026
JOYCE JOLLEY	2027
AL FAUBERT	2027
MARIE TERRIEN	2027
CATHERINE BACQUE	2027
CHRISTIAN LEVESQUE	2027

2024-2025

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

Short Term Rental Bylaw - Bylaw 2024/23 has been implemented in West Nipissing.

Recreational Trailer Bylaw - Mayor Rochon reported council will take another look at this controversial issue again in fall 2024.

Hardcopy vs mailed CLCA correspondence - There is general agreement that email correspondence should be used to reduce regular mail costs. At present there are only a few members who do not have access to email. These mailouts will continue.

Lake History Project - Howie reminded members that the committee welcomes any photos or memorabilia. Members can contact Howie, Bob, Catherine Bacque or Al Hardiman with inquiries.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

Closure of Potable Water Pipe - Mayor Rochon reported that the water pipe at Coursol Rd/ John St Sturgeon Falls will be moved to the the municipal yards off of Hwy 17 near the Comfort Inn. A coin operated system will be installed. Users must bring their own hose. In addition, the Field water pipe service will be discontinued. Members were also reminded of natural springs in the area.

Area Trees Toppled - Howie reported that CLCA volunteers have cleared the debris from one fallen tree on Camp Island and a second tree on Blueberry Island would be removed in the fall. Note: A member reported they had no ability to remove a large tree that had floated into their cottage on CLR. Councillor Nicol agreed to speak with public works regarding potential removal.

Zebra Muscle Rumour - Bob called the Invasive Species Agency (Sault St Marie) who advised that there have been no reported sightings of zebra mussels near Clear Lake and no inspections have disclosed a concern.

Turtle Nesting Sites - There was discussion on possible actions that could be taken to protect nesting sites on the shoulder of local roads. Howie suggested that he would advise the grader operator that locals may be placing protective devices over sites when it is safe to do so.

Camp Island - Members reported that campers had left a small fire on the island, and residents have raised concerns about general abuse of the area. The Island is Crown land and not the responsibility of the municipality. Agreed that MNR enforcement is not a viable option. At present volunteers have posted signs, keep vigil and on occasion clean the area.

Trash Cans Beach/Launch - Members reported excessive garbage near the boat launch. There is no garbage receptacle there and members inquired how often public works cleared the four existing receptacles at the beach. Councillor Nicol will contact Public Works to look into the situation.

Members were reminded they can seek assistance by submitting a Service Request online at: <https://www.westnipissing.ca/residents/service-request/>

Beach Signage - Al reported the signage at the beach has been removed. Mayor Rochon reported that the new Beach Bylaw required new signage. Kaitlynn Nicol will look into the situation to see what is transpiring with public works.

Cogeco Fibre - Howie reports that contractors were surveying potential installation of fibre optics lines in the Clear Lake area. Mayor Rochon confirmed that Cogeco has a contract with the Province to install fibre to at least 1000 rural households in West Nipissing. Clear Lake is included in the project which could take a couple of years to complete.

12. **Adjournment** - Moved by Al Hardiman. that the meeting be adjourned at 2:28 p.m.. All in favour.

13. **Next Meeting Date: Sunday, 03 August 2025**



ADD: MEMBERSHIP DEPOSTS			<u>360.00</u>
			<u>2,334.54</u>
Expenses			
Staples Card		250.00	
Bank Charges		5.30	
Crimson Pepper (website)		<u>74.58</u>	
Total Expenses			<u>-329.88</u>
BALANCE July 31, 2004			<u>2,004.66</u>
Staples Card			
Balance on card	\$224.39		
Purchase	250.00		
	\$474.39		
Expenses to date.	301.22		
Balance available.	\$173.17		