

CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
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Tuesday 03 June 2025
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
(video conference)

1. Call to order at 6:30 p.m. – Howie Longfellow, Bob Jolley, Joyce Jolley, Catherine Bacque, Al Hardiman, Christian Levesque , Mary Dobson
2. Adoption of Agenda. Moved by Mary, seconded by Christian that the agenda be approved. Approved by All.
3. Review of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 04 August 2024. Mary requested clarification of membership numbers.
4. Treasurer / Membership Reports. Joyce reported July 31 2024 balance of \$2,256.66. With subsequent membership deposits of \$170.00 the existing balance is \$2,426.66. Moved by Mary , seconded by Christian that the report be accepted, and a \$200.00 Staples Card be purchased to cover upcoming administration costs . All in favour.

Membership - CLCA had 36 paid up members (2024-25). To date, 12 members have prepaid for 2025-26. New Membership forms will be sent out prior to the 2025 AGM. Bob & Howie will highlight that membership fees are due in the spring newsletter and the email broadcast announcing website posting of the minutes. The spring newsletter will request that owners who no longer live on the lake please submit notice to allow us to amend he CLCA mailing list.

Since CLCA discontinued maintenance of lake safety buoys, annual expenditures have decreased. Board members agreed the fees are reasonable and should remain unchanged to provide more flexibility when implementing future projects.(i.e. potential beautification, adding trees or signage at beach, etc.) .

5. President's Report. In lieu of a report, Howie reserved his comments for the Business portion of the meeting.
6. Lake Partner Program – Al Faubert was not available to report 2025 results. See New Business
7. Neighbourhood Watch - OPP investigated two break-ins on Clear Lake Rd adjacent to the lake and there was an incident in late Fall involving skidoos at the beach - see Old Business.
8. Spring Clean-up- Howie reported that the 2025 clean up went well. Lloyd Burton, West Nipissing's new Manager of solid waste asked CLCA to consider conducting the

Spring Clean up on Sunday vs Saturday. He also advised that rather than supplying garbage bags, he would attempt to obtain them from another volunteer source. Agreed that Mr. Burton be advised that Saturday cleanup works better for CLCA. Moved by Al Hardiman, seconded by Mary that a CLCA member continue to purchase bags and be reimbursed costs.

9. ELECTIONS - The nine incumbent's will retain office until 2026. At the AGM the Board will open nominations to fill one existing opening for a 10th director.
10. OLD BUSINESS

Communication / Liaison with OPP At the 2024 AGM, Bob reported difficulties getting the OPP to respond to requests for information. Councillor K. Nicole indicated she would look into this and she only recently obtained contact information. CLCA has submitted a request to the OPP contact for info for the AGM. No response to date. This inquiry will be repeated in early July if necessary.

Downed Trees - Howie thanked members and volunteers for cleaning up Camp and Blueberry Islands. At the 2024 AGM councillor Nicole had advised she would see if Public Works could assist a Clear Lake Rd resident with removal of a tree that had floated into their lakefront. A second inquiry has been sent to Councillor Nicole requesting status of that situation.

Trash Bins - Beach Debris - This issue was raised with Councillor Nicole at the AGM. There doesn't appear to be any changes. Agreed that the issue will be raised again with an emphasis that bins are required at the boat launch where most of the partying takes place.

Beach Signage - The municipality has yet to install Beach Bylaw signage. Al Hardiman pointed out that the "no camping" sign is covered by new growth and should be relocated to the boat launch area.

Short-Term Bylaw - Bob reported the new bylaw is in place and will soon be reviewed by Council. Indications are compliance and enforcement are lacking.

Trailer By-Law - Council has yet to address this controversial subject. The Board learned that the trailer encampment on Southshore continues. A letter will be forward to West Nipissing raising concerns that CLCA and area residents should be more aware of actions taken by the Municipality.

Lake History Project - Howie reported the narrative and photo collection has been completed. He thanked committee members for their actions to date. It was agreed that rather than delay posting of the narrative, it could be posted, and work with posting photos done later as time permits. Al Hardiman was very laudatory of the narrative suggesting it is very interesting and should be well received by residents. Howie agreed that the project has the potential of increasing interest in the lake and CLCA. Al

Hardiman raised concerns over security of files, and Howie clarified any digital information is well backed up.

11. NEW BUSINESS

West Nipissing Official Plan - West Nipissing Council is creating a new Official Plan to address the Ontario Government's push for more housing. Howie & Bob updated members on the submission submitted on behalf of CLCA and reported our concerns to respect the ecology and the need to limit Additional Residential Units seem to have been incorporated into a new draft. The new draft and the existing Zoning Bylaw will be subject to another council review, and public presentation before anticipated adoption by 2026 .

Lake Partner Program - In April 2025, FOCA raised concerns that Lake Partner Program funding ended in March 2025, and the province had not yet approved continuation of the program. FOCA is encouraging Associations and individuals to send letters. Bob reported a CLCA submission had already been made. Catherine suggested that the minutes include a request that individual members submit letters. Agreed that the minutes would include a link to the site enabling individuals to make such submissions.

Potable Water - West Nipissing will implement a program at the Bridge St yard in Sturgeon Falls to provide public access to drinking water. CLCA will seek information to update members at the AGM.

Roadside Trash Pickup -Howie reported that the rumours of roadside trash pick up around the lake were unfounded. The municipality has ruled this impractical.

MNR Fire Policy - Howie followed up on reported camp fires on the ATV trail off of Northshore Rd. West Nipissing Fire Department will assist by providing a contact for MNR that has jurisdiction over Crown Land. Report to follow at the AGM. West Nipissing Fire Dept has acquired a small boat and motor. Members agreed for record keeping purposes, the Fire Department should be advised of all fires, even if they are extinguished by volunteers without the need for Fire Department attendance.

12. Adjournment - Moved by Al Hardiman that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m..

13. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, 03 August 2025