

**CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
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MONDAY 27 MAY 2013
MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm by President Stewart
2. Attendance, Derek Stewart, Bob Jolley, Jenny Navid, , Claude McGrath, Len Tighe
Howie Longfellow

Regrets: Pat Sayer, Lois Dobson

3. Review of 5 August 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes
4. Financial Report - Jenny reports a balance of \$1,431.64. Derek reported that the Association should update the signatories at the Caisse Populaire. Derek, Claude and Jenny will be authorized signatories. They will attend the credit union office to update signing forms. Agreed that Derek would be authorized to purchase two (2) \$25.00 gift cards for door prizes at the AGM.
5. President's Report – Derek gave a comprehensive report on the discussions he had with Melanie Ducharme, Clerk / Planning – West Nipissing. CLCA had sought to address council on issues related to the Denmar Quarry proposal and council's inaction. Ms. Ducharme was unreceptive and would not add a public presentation to the council agenda. Mayor Savage called Derek back, suggesting Ms. Ducharme was following the direction of council, who would not entertain public presentations related to an ongoing hearing, especially when it would be pitting CLCA against another taxpayer (Denmar).

Derek updated the Directors on the results of two OMB pre-hearings that have been conducted into the Denmar OMB Hearing. At the onset of the process, CLCA had to decide to register as a party, or participant. On the mistaken belief that CLCA was not yet incorporated, CLCA registered as a participant to avoid civil liability. Since, the Board has confirmed that CLCA has previously been successful in obtaining Incorporation status. Agreed that Bob would send notice to the OMB Hearing officer confirming CLCA is indeed incorporated.

CLCA is working in conjunction with the Arcand family in opposing the quarry application. The Arcands have obtained a report from a Hydrologist who refutes the reports that have been submitted by the Denmar hydrologist. Directors were allowed to review the CLCA submission report and photos that have been compiled for the hearing. Derek thanked Bob & Howie for all the work that had been put into the presentation. Agreed that Howie would assess the feasibility of obtaining a large blow up map of the area to assist with the presentation. This map (compiled in the Longfellow photo package) would assist presentors point out safety concerns related to Clear Lake Rd.

6. Membership – It is early yet, however Jenny reports approx 35 members have already paid 2013 dues.
7. Spring Clean-up – Carole Friederich returned to coordinate the clean-up this year. Those involved indicate there is less and less garbage to pick up every year. Thanks to all those who assisted in this very worthwhile endeavor.

8. Lake Testing – Len continues to conduct lake testing and submit results to the Ontario Lake Partnership Program. Up to date results may be reviewed through a link on the FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottage Association) website. Len reports the lake is approx 8” higher than this time last year and the water is less clear due to the weather in the past few weeks.
9. Old Business – The Board discussed the rough manner in which the Roads Department is conducting brushing next to the roadways. Howie commented that healthy mature hardwood trees have been downed on Southshore Rd, and ragged dying evergreens left standing. Derek reported that a stand of relatively recent healthy pine trees had been cut down on Northshore Rd. In light of CLCA’s 2012 request that the Twp conducted brushing, no action will be taken in regards to the past clearing, but the situation will be monitored.

Directors noted there has been extensive insect damage to area trees (especially balsam).

Directors also discussed the need for upgrading of Northshore Rd. The roadway needs to be raised to create ditching along the north shoulder. At present water runs across bedrock eroding the roadway after each rainfall. This situation could be addressed at the AGM.

10. Neighborhood Watch / Loon Study – Police Chief Sequin indicates there were no reported break-ins on the lake over the winter. Howie has not received any complaints re incidents requiring police action from residents. In relation to the Loon Watch Study, Howie should be receiving this year’s package in the near future.
11. Buoys – Derek & Claude report in excess of 30 buoys have been set out in the lake to protect boaters. CLCA has one additional buoy available and a limited amount of rope. Later this year, some new cement weights will be required to replace the aging weights in use. Derek and Claude will address this issue.
12. Newsletter –The Spring newsletter and membership form have been sent out to all residents. Thanks to Louise Stewart for her continued work at providing French translation.
13. Next Meeting – next formal meeting - AGM 04 August 2013 1:00p.m. in the K of C Hall – Notre Dame Victoires, Field. A notice will be hand delivered in mid July.