

Clear Lake Cottagers' Association  
Board Meeting  
20 June 2016

Minutes

1. Call to Order – President Derek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
  
Present           Derek Stewart, Howie Longfellow, Serge Giroux, Luc Tardiff, Claude McGrath,  
                          Yvette Morrison, Bob Jolley  
Regrets           Brad Laird, Len Tighe, Lois Dobson
2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved by Claude, seconded by Yvette that the agenda be accepted .  
Carried
3. Review of Minutes – The minutes of the 2 August 2015 AGM were reviewed and tabled for approval at this year's AGM with no suggested amendments.
4. Treasurer's Report – Yvette reported a present bank balance of \$594.89 + \$20.00 received from Derek in relation to membership dues. Moved by Howie seconded by Serge that the Treasurer's report be accepted.
5. President's Report – Derek reported that he and Louise intend to sell their home on the lake to return to British Columbia to live near family. He thanked the Board members for the assistance they had provided during his tenure on the Board and said he had enjoyed his involvement very much. He will stay on with the Board and chair the AGM before submitting his resignation. He encouraged other Board members to consider taking on the role of President.
6. Membership – Yvette reported that it has been a very quiet winter, as most members had previously paid ahead on dues. Several new families have moved to the lake over the past year. There was considerable discussion on the need to approach new residents and promote CLCA membership. Agreed that this issue will be addressed in the Spring Newsletter, and hardcopies of the letter will be delivered to all lake residences.
7. Marker Buoys – Claude confirmed four buoys have added to cover new locations and buoy ropes have been upgraded. All buoys are in position. At present, Claude, and Luc are sharing this task..
8. Neighbourhood Watch – Bob reported that Chief Seguin, West Nipissing Police has confirmed that no break-ins were reported in the CLCA area over the winter.  
Loon Watch - Mary Laird had previously volunteered to take on the Loon Watch Study. Derek will contact her for an update on that study before the AGM.

9. Spring Clean- up – Carole Ann Friedrich was unable to attend this years' cleanup but a large group of volunteers turned out. Derek thanked all of those involved. Only one illegal dumping site was identified within the CLCA area. ( Clear Lake Rd between Southshore and power line). This site was cleaned up and the West Nipissing CAO, Mr. Barbeau was advised. The area roads seem to be staying cleaner than in the past, but the beach continues to be a problem. This year it was noted that the Kiosk roofing was in a state of disrepair, and the signage had been damaged. Mr. Barbeau was advised and the situation was corrected quickly.
10. Old Business    Removal of Dead Trees – As promised, public works has attend and knocked down the dead trees that CLCA marked for removal. As agreed, local owners will be responsible for removing these trees from in front of their residences. There was much discussion on the fire hazard that is presented by large swaths of dead trees on private property. Agreed that this issue will be addressed in the spring newsletter, along with a suggestion that CLCA volunteers could be available to assist owners with large projects.  
Ditches – Northshore Rd – Public Works has only replaced one of several culverts required on Northshore Rd. A reminder letter will be directed to Mr. Barbeau.  
Signage- Camp Island – Once again a small fire broke out on the island due to a smoldering fire left by campers. This fire was doused by residents. The fire department attended but was unable to gain access to the lake. Luc advised that he has already provided authorization for the fire department to launch from his lot. Bob will also call the fire Chief to offer boat access from his residence. Much discussion ensued in relation to the need to warn campers to respect the area. West Nipissing and MNR will not erect signage. It was suggested this situation could be addressed locally. Planning is ongoing.  
Noise Complaint – Clear Lake Rd - Derek reported that the noise complaint regarding a large viewing screen erected on the outside of a local residence. This situation was appropriately resolved with the help of the West Nipissing By-Law officer.  
Denmar Quarry – Derek reported there has been no action taken by the contractor to fulfill the restrictions placed on him by the OMB. It would not appear likely that this project will proceed in the near future.  
Landfill Hours Change – Derek reported that West Nipissing had committed to change Sunday openings from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. This has not been done. A reminder letter will be sent to Mr. Barbeau.  
Locking of Beach Gate – It would appear that West Nipissing Council has followed through on its commitment to keep the gate locked, despite some community interest in leaving it opened.
11. New Business
- 2016 Spring Newsletter - will address all of this issues raised above and be hand delivered to all residences to encourage membership in CLCA
- Notice for AGM will be issued in the newsletter.
11. Next Meeting DATE: 31 Jul 2016
12. Adjournment    Moved by Claude, seconded by Howie that the meeting be adjourned.