

**CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION
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SUNDAY 31 July 2016
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 1:15 pm – 35 in attendance

President Derek introduced Joanne Savage Mayor of West Nipissing and invited her to address the group after the Old Business portion of the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda. Moved by Len Tighe, seconded by Gilbert Mayotte that the agenda be approved as amended by the group. Approved by All.
3. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 02 Aug 2015. Moved by Lois Dobson, seconded by Anne Lynch that the minutes be accepted.
4. Treasurer's Report. Yvette Morrison presented a financial report outlining expenditures of \$ 560.00 (new buoys, Kof K donation, admin) since the 2015 AGM leaving a bank balance of approx. \$650.00 (July bank statement not yet available) . This balance will be increased by membership fees collected at the 2016 AGM. Moved by Catherine Jewell, seconded by Heather Janveau that the report be accepted. Approved by All.
5. President's Report – Derek thanked all those who had assisted him over this 8 yr tenure on the Board and expressed the pleasure he had experienced working with and on behalf of lake residents. He confirmed that he would be stepping down from the Board at the conclusion of the AGM, as he and Louise have plans to move back to British Columbia to be with family. On behalf of those present, Anne Lynch thanked Derek for his service. Derek & Louise received a round of applause.
6. Membership - Yvette Morrison indicated 25 members paid their dues at this AGM. Records indicate 14 had previously paid dues for 2016-2017...indicating an existing total of 39 paid up members. Several of those members have paid ahead for future years.
7. Lake Partner Program – Serge Giroux reported that phosphorus and calcium levels were good in the lake. Water clarity had increased to approx 15' for the beginning of the season and had recently returned to approximately 13' which is still above previous year averages. Len encouraged residents to keep up the good work to protect our water source. Residents commented how the water level was lower this year due to reduced rainfall.
8. Marker Buoys – Claude McGrath reported that he and Luc Tardiff had placed the buoys around the lake. During the past winter, buoys were retrofitted with 9' stainless steel cables and new weights.

9. Neighborhood Watch / Loon Watch- Bob Jolley reported that Chief Seguin, West Nipissing Police had indicated there were no reported break-ins or police problems reported around the Lake.

Mary Laid gave a comprehensive report on her work on the Loon Study. She indicated that two young loons that were observed in 2015 seemed to have survived and moved on. During 2016, some residents have reported observing 2 adult loons with 2 little ones. More recently, it appears only one of the young ones have survived. Mary indicated that boaters and fishing can affect the Loon population, which at present seems to be remaining consistent throughout the province. She encouraged fishermen to be aware that discarded lead weights can be lethal to a loon if they ingest them. Mary indicated that Birds Canada is also interested in looking into any loon deaths and should be notified if any dead carcasses are found. In addition, residents were encouraged to report sightings of other birds in the area to her, as Birds Canada was interested in tracking this type of information. Residents already reported sightings of Bald Eagles, Osprey, Cormorants, Gulls, Heron, etc.

10. Clean-up. Derek thanked everyone that assisted with this year's clean-up. One illegal dumping site between Southshore and the power lines was cleaned up by volunteers.

11. Elections – Two members Angele St George and Alan Hardiman agreed to fill the existing vacancies on the CLCA Board and were acclaimed to the Board.

Elections were held to extend the tenure of 6 members for another 2 yr term.

Bob Jolley was nominated by Louise Stewart

Yvette Morrison was nominated by Claude McGrath

Claude McGrath was nominated by Alan Hardiman

Howie Longfellow was nominated by Claude McGrath

Len Tighe was nominated by Serge Giroux

Serge Giroux was nominated by Joyce Jolley

All members agreed to stand and were acclaimed to the Board.

The CLCA Board now consists of the following.

Howie Longfellow – President / website coordinator (see **)

Bob Jolley - Secretary

Yvette Morrision – Treasurer / Membership Chair

Claude McGrath - Buoys

Len Tighe – Water study

Serge Giroux- Water study

Brad Laird

Luc Tardiff – Buoys

Angele St George

Alan Hardiman

12. OLD BUSINESS

Beaver Pond Northshore Rd Derek reported that the pond has been examined by the municipality, and does not pose any risk to the landfill. Luc Tardiff reported that some beaver trapping had been conducted through the past winter. Agreed that the situation did not warrant any further action, but would be monitored.

Road Safety Issues - Derek reminded those present how the OMB report into the Denmar Quarry Licence application had encouraged the municipality to meet with CLCA to address 5 areas on Clear Lake Rd in relation to safety concerns raised at the hearing. The municipality had yet to respond to CLCA requests for a meeting. Members expressed great concern over the situation at the Tanner Lake boat launch on Clear Lake Rd, expressing concerns that illegal parking and infrastructure made it “an accident waiting to happen”.

Northshore Rd - Derek reported that public works had conducted some repairs on Northshore Rd including ditching, but only one of three culverts destined for replacement had been replaced. He reported he and Bob Jolley had received assurances from Marc Gagnon, West Nipissing Operations Director that the issues would be addressed; however Mr. Gagnon is no longer employed by the municipality.

Website Usage – Howie Longfellow was commended for his work on the website. Mayor Savage was especially pleased that the site was opened to the general public and invited Howie to include a link to the West Nipissing website. Howie also accepted a suggestion to enhance the link to Birds Canada and West Nipissing Fire Department fire bans.

13. MAYORS PRESENTATION

Mayor Savage thanked residents for the invitation to attend. She reported the following.

Road Safety Clear Lake Rd – She clarified that these issues have not been addressed because of recent changes in municipal staffing, but indicated the issues will be considered a priority on her part. She will meet with staff to ensure the issues raised at the OMB and this AGM would be addressed quickly. She indicated CLCA should hear back from Mr. Barbeau, CEO.

Northshore Rd Culverts – Mayor Savage indicated replacement of the remaining two culverts has been delayed to await clearance from the Ministry of the Environment. Replacement should take place as soon as approval is received.

By-Law Enforcement – The Mayor reminded residents that Mr. Steve Clark has been appointed as a by-law enforcement officer. Any apparent breaches of by-laws could be reported to the Town hall line. Response time will be based on the nature of the complaint.

Denmar Quarry – No licence has been issued by the municipality. The Mayor clarified that as long as Denmar fails to meet the restrictions outlined by OMB, no licence will be issued. In the event that the property in question was sold with no licence in place, anyone wishing to obtain a licence would be required to go through the entire application process.

Landfill Hours – Mayor Savage clarified that despite last years' assurance that Sunday landfill hours would be changed to accommodate seasonal residents the municipality had failed to do so. She apologized and ensured the members that hours will be changed as soon as notification and signage can be arranged. It would appear Sunday openings will change to 10:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m.

New Signage – The mayor indicated new Field signs will soon on the highways entering the community.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Introducing New Residents to CLCA – Bob Jolley encouraged all residents to be proactive in encouraging new residence to join CLCA. Derek Stewart introduced Brian & Margaret Williams who have recently moved to Southshore.

Removal of Dead Trees. – Derek Stewart reported that dead trees from the spruce bug infestation remain standing on road allowance and private property. These dead trees represent a fire hazard and could fall. He asked Mayor Savage to report our concerns regarding road allowance to public works with a view to having the trees removed

In addition, the Board reported that residents wishing to remove these problem trees from their property could seek volunteer assistance by contacting the Board.

Leeches – Heather Janveau reported that small leeches seem to be appearing in the lake. This situation will be monitored.

Power Outage – Residents raised concerns over Hydro One's response to the power outage on 22, 23 July 2016. Yvette Morrison reported that a Hydro One employee had been questioned and simply responded "It's just a cottage area". Agreed that a letter of complaint will be forwarded to Hydro One. Mayor Savage asked that a copy letter be addressed to her, so council can be apprized of the situation. Claude McGrath encouraged all residents to ensure that have moved to permanent residency ensure that they are being billed at this rate vs. seasonal.

Donation to Knights of Columbus – President Derek thanked the McGrath's for facilitating use of the rental hall. Moved by Brad Laird, seconded by Gilbert Mayotte that \$50.00 be donated to the Knights of Columbus. All in Favour.

15. Attendance Draw – Walden Longfellow and Brad & Mary Laird won \$25.00 CTC cards.
 16. Special Presentation – Derek & Louise Stewart were thanked for their service to CLCA and presented with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Board and all residents.
 17. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, 06 August, 2017.
 18. Meeting Adjournment Moved by Bob Jolley, Seconded by Howie Longfellow that the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m. All in favor.
- ** Immediately following the AGM the Board convened a short meeting to appoint Howie Longfellow President.