

Clear Lake Cottagers' Association
Board Meeting
30 MAY 2017

Minutes

1. Call to Order – President Howie called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Howie Longfellow, Brad Laird, Luc Tardif, Angèle St George, Bob Jolley
Regrets: Len Tighe, Serge Giroux, Alan Hardiman, Claude McGrath, Yvette Morrison
2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved by Luc, seconded by Angele that the agenda be accepted. Carried
3. Review of Minutes – The minutes of the July 31st, 2016 AGM were reviewed and tabled for approval at this year's AGM with no suggested amendments.
4. Treasurer's Report – In the Treasurer's absence, this report and a report on membership will be tabled for the AGM.
5. President's Report – Howie reported that the position of president is new to him, and that he is slowly learning the ropes. He expressed appreciation for the support he is receiving and updated the Board on actions he has taken since the 2016 AGM.

Hydro One Complaint - Howie followed through on the complaint registered by Yvette at the AGM. He noted that the approach taken by the complaints department was very unprofessional and unsatisfying. Basically Hydro One can only follow through on complaints of this nature when the plaintiff can provide the identity of the Hydro One worker involved.

Removal of Dock - Howie reported that the complaint regarding placement of an unauthorized dock in the north bay of the lake has been resolved. Although he did not know the specifics, the dock had been disassembled and put in the landfill.

Noise complaint - Howie had received a complaint regarding noise. He provided advice and recommended that the plaintiff contact the West Nipissing By-law Enforcement Officer if the noise persists.

Outstanding safety concerns from Denmar OMB hearing - Howie sent a letter to council, and followed up on two occasions. Mr. Barbeau (CAO) indicated that he would respond, but no response has yet been received. A further letter will be forwarded outlining concerns and stressing the need for signage at Tanner Lake area.

6. Marker Buoys – Luc reported all of his buoys have been set out and Claude has also completed his area. Luc reported there may be a need to repaint some of the buoys before 2018.

7. Neighbourhood Watch – Howie contacted Chief Séguin, of the West Nipissing Police and learned, while there had been one winter break-in on a neighbouring lake, Clear Lake was report free.

Loon Watch - Reporting on behalf of Mary Laird, Brad reported 2 adult loons have been observed on the lake . To date there is no indication of any offspring. Brad did however report that the adult Bald Eagle that had been observed on the lake in 2016 has returned this year. He suspects it may be living in the area of the hydro line

8. Spring Clean- up – Howie reported that the clean-up this year has been completed. Despite a heavy rain on the scheduled day, many residents had conducted cleanup of specific areas prior to that date. This year no large scale illegal dumping sites has been located. Howie reported that Carole Anne Friedrich had asked to be relieved of oversight of the event, but would still help out. He praised her for her many years of service. He further reported that Tim Hortons Donuts no longer provides “T” shirts for such activities. West Nipissing Twp promised to assist us with bags etc. this year but failed to follow through. Howie will consult with environmental services next year.

9. Old Business –North Shore Rd Ditches - West Nipissing Public Works have not yet completed the repair of northshore Rd culverts that began in 2016. This will be the subject of follow up by the Board.

Safety Concerns - Clear Lake Rd - The Board will continue to pursue a meeting with Mr. Barbeau (CEO) to address the outstanding issues raised at the OMB hearing several years ago.

Beaver Pond – North Shore Rd. - Although the pond appears to be larger this year, there is nothing to indicate it represents any environmental concern. This situation will be monitored further.

Leechs in Lake - The presence of leechs in the lake was raised at the 2016 AGM. The Board is not aware of any remarkable change in the lake in recent years, however the situation will be monitored.

10. New Business

2017 Spring Newsletter - The Board discussed issues related to translation of Board communications into the French language. It was agreed that the “google” translation device does not accurately reflect local French. Luc will attempt to solicit assistance in “fine tuning” communications before they are released. Notice for the 2017 AGM will be issued in the newsletter.

Website Sign - Brad Laird suggested that residents be advised of CLCA and its website address by posting a sign at the North Shore Notice Board. Howie will look into this.

11. Next Meeting DATE: 06 Aug 2017

12. Adjournment Moved by Brad, seconded by Angèle that the meeting be adjourned.