

Clear Lake Cottagers' Association
Board Meeting
29 MAY 2018

Minutes

1. Call to Order – President Howie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present Howie Longfellow, Brad Laird, Luc Tardiff, Angele St George, Claude McGrath,
 Yvette Morrison, Bob Jolley
Regrets Serge Giroux, Len Tighe, Alan Hardiman
2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved by Claude, seconded by Angele that the agenda be accepted .
Carried
3. Review of Minutes – The minutes of the 06 Aug 2017 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 \$274.93. Moved by Yvette, seconded by Howie that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Bob reported that in addition to the cash on hand, CLCA had a balance of \$80.80 (Staples Card) which he uses when purchasing stationary supplies for CLCA work.
5. President's Report –Howie welcomed everyone and covered various topics including the need to provide "environmental stewardship" and to protect the lake from contaminants including many products that are labeled "biodegradable". He thanked volunteers for work with safety buoys, roadside cleanup and water testing. He updated the group pointing out that email reports have risen from a start at approx. 30 to 57. Some discussion ensued over use of the website to announce fire bans. It was agreed that posting fire bans was appropriate...and there was no need to post cancellations. Howie also updated members on the results of a December 2017 residential fire on Southshore Rd. Yvette reported that CLCA had donated \$50.00 to the family involved.
6. Membership – Yvette did not provide a specific report, but she indicated that less than 1/2 of the residents are paid up members in CLCA. She reported that some members pay multiple years at a time. Some years revenue is high, while others are low, making it difficult to budget. She reported that most people simply pay dues at the AGM now. Members discussed how new families had taken up residence on the lake. Board Members who live close to these new residents will contact them to see if they want to be listed on the Lake Registry and/or join CLCA.
7. Marker Buoys – Claude and Luc updated the Board on setting out of marker buoys. All are in place. The Board discussed potential liabilities and agreed that the pitfalls of not setting out the buoys outweighed any concerns over potential liability. It was reported that a municipal sign at the beach, clarified that people use the lake at their own risk. Claude indicated he still has two new buoys on hand in addition to those already set. Buoy prices are now in excess of \$100.00 each.

8. Neighbourhood Watch – Bob reported that Chief Seguin, West Nipissing Police has confirmed that there was one break-in at a seasonal residence on CLR near Southshore.

Loon Watch - Brad reported that Mary Laird continues to represent CLCA with Canadian Bird Studies and she has been monitoring loon activity etc. She donates her time and pays the fee as a commitment to CLCA. She encourages everyone to report information on fowl around the lake. Members reported that the large loon had returned to the lake along with a bald eagle. Brad suggested that bird sightings could be reported on the Facebook site set up by Alan Hardiman.

9. Spring Clean- up – Howie reported that the cleanup on 12 May 2018 was well attended and went without incident. He thanked all volunteers for turning up. He will have garbage bags for next year and will approach Jason Sullivan, West Nipissing to see if gloves can be provided next year. It was reported that the landfill office has been broken into on several occasions. Brad advised that Gaston had requested we advise members to report any suspicious activity they see near the landfill entrance after hours.

10. Old Business

New Sign Works - Bob reported that the new sign at the CLCA bulletin Board on Northshore Rd was working. People were signing up for the website. In addition, Bob reported that he and Joyce had shingled and painted the bulletin board since the 2017 AGM.

Culverts - Northshore Rd - Members discussed problems with the culverts. Some are being pushed up affecting traffic, others have been shedded by the grader. Agreed that this would be reported to Public Works for their action.

Beach Washout - Howie updated the members on the damage caused to the beach in October 2017. A beaver dam upstream had broken. causing excessive runoff and erosion at the beach. West Nipissing reported that nothing could be done about the beaver situation. Howie will monitor the situation to see if Public Works completes repairs.

Leaning Hydro Pole - CLR - Howie reports that his efforts with Hydro ! were successful. The pole near Fortin's has been repositioned.

Seadoo Problems - Howie has received complaints about seadoos on the lake. Members indicated that the problems appear to be restricted to two non-residents who visit with yellow seadoos. The boats are operated erratically. Agreed that this was an enforcement issue outside of the prevue of the Board.

Lac Tonnerre Issues - Members reported that West Nipissing did follow through on complaints re unsafe parking. Two signs have been erected and a larger parking area is being opened up on the east side of the road.

11. New Business

2018 Spring Newsletter - Bob had distributed a draft to members. Agreed that the newsletter should be amended by adding reference to the new membership dues and English only correspondence.

French Translation - No one has volunteered to provide french translation services. Members report that it would be more respect-full to French speaking members to just issue English only correspondence that rely on computer generated translation.

Membership Dues - Claude reported a need to increase membership dues. He indicated that dues had not been increased since CLCA was formed. Members discussed annual costs and agreed that a minimum of \$500.00 could be required each year. Membership reports indicate approx. 38 paid up members.

Motion by Claude, Seconded by Yvette that effective 29 May 2018. annual membership dues be raised from \$10.00 / yr to \$15.00 /yr. This increase being necessary to keep up with costs. All in favour.

Notice for AGM will be issued in the newsletter. Bob will also provide separate notices to Claude and Brad to deliver to new residents.

Stop / Yield Sign - Landfill - Yvette inquired if the Municipality could install a sign warning vehicle operators not to simply pull out into traffic on CLR. She states the problem seems to be with people who are turning right onto CLR, vs those turning left. Agreed that a request would be submitted to public works.

11. Next Meeting DATE: 05 Aug 2018

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