

**CLEAR LAKE COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATION CHALETS LAC CLAIR  
SUNDAY 05 August 2018  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 1:06 pm – 34 in attendance

President Howie introduced Joanne Savage Mayor of West Nipissing and invited her to address the group before the New Business portion of the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda. Moved by Gilbert Mayotte, seconded by Gerry Murnaghan that the agenda be approved as amended by the group. Approved by All.

3. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 06 August 2017. Moved by Gerry Murnaghan, seconded by Anne Lynch to dispense with rereading and accept the minutes as posted. Approved by All.

4. Treasurer's Report. Yvette Morrison presented a financial report outlining expenditures of \$ 887.02 (bank charges, website firewall, safety buoys, administration costs, donations, etc.) since the 2017 AGM leaving a bank balance of \$332.91 . This balance will be increased by an additional \$470.00.00 (membership fees) collected at the 2018 AGM to a balance of \$802.91. Moved by Yvette Morrison, seconded by Lois Dobson that the report be accepted. Approved by All.

5. President's Report – Howie thanked members for attending the meeting and the Board Members and other members who help meet Association commitments. He updated members on the situation with the beaver pond adjacent to Northshore Rd and reminded everyone to be vigilant in using only biodegradable or "green products" near the lake. He reminded everyone that "green" advertising can be deceiving so refrain from any activity that would put any soaps, cleaners, fertilizers, etc. in the lake either directly (ie. bathing, washing pets, etc.) or through run off. Everyone was encouraged to raise awareness of the need to protect our habitat. He asked everyone to do their part to encourage area residents to consider joining CLCA.

6. Membership - Membership dues were increased to \$15.00 this year. This is the first time the rate has been increased since CLCA was formed. Yvette Morrison indicated that a total of 39 members have paid their dues for the next year at the time of her report. This represents 44% of lakefront owners. Some of those members have paid ahead for future years. Members discussed methods of recruitment, including a mail-out to non-members. Howie reported that the Board would research this issue and take any practical action to raise the level of membership.

7. Lake Partner Program – Serge Giroux reported that Len Tighe was unable to attend the meeting , and regretfully he announced that Len would be retiring from the Board. Howie

reported that Len had played an integral part on the Board for many years. On behalf of CLCA he thanked Len and wished him the best in his retirement.

Serge confirmed he will continue to do water testing and submission of results to the Ministry. Results from 2017 were consistent with previous years showing good clarity and low phosphate levels. This year testing has shown an average clarity depth of 14' which is good. Members discussed how to keep our lake safe from algae. Issues such as maintenance of septic tanks and run off, use of green products and bathing in the lake were discussed. The Board also noted that clear cutting lots adjacent to the water's edge was counterproductive and not encouraged, as root growth systems help to clean any water before it enters the lake.

Howie reminded members to review the CLCA website to find links to other information on protecting lake water quality. [www.clearlakecottagersassociation.ca](http://www.clearlakecottagersassociation.ca)

Members are also reminded that they can review our test results back in excess of a decade at: <https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>

*Note: to review results open the listed excel documents and search under Clear Lake (Bain) Field station 6954. You will note that phosphorus levels have decreased considerably since CLCA actively encouraged members to protect our lake!*

8. **Marker Buoys** – Claude McGrath reported that he and Luc Tardiff had placed the buoys around the lake. Last year several new buoys were purchased and put into use. He reported that buoys have increased greatly in cost, but the use of stainless cable on them would help to provide more longevity.
9. **Neighbourhood Watch** - Bob Jolley reported that Chief Seguin, West Nipissing Police had indicated there was one winter break in of a cottage on Clear Lake Rd near Southshore Rd. Members were encouraged to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to local police.
10. **Spring Clean-up**- Howie reported that the 2018 clean up once again was well attended and went well. Volunteers cleaned area road allowances on Clear Lake Rd from Hwy 64 to the hydro power lines south of Southshore Rd. Volunteers also kept Southshore and Northshore clean throughout the year. Howie offered thanks to all involved, and commended the Municipality for the assistance in providing garbage bags and after hours access to the landfill.
11. **OLD BUSINESS**

Hydro Pole Repair - Howie confirmed that Hydro One had responded to the CLCA request to right the post at 1397 Clear Lake Rd. After some written requests, a photograph was submitted. This led to quick action on the Hydro's part.

Beach Damage - Howie outlined the actions that were taken to address the washout of the beach in October 2017. The municipality attributed the problem to a broken beaver dam up stream in the creek entering the lake near the beach. Public Works crews provided some

repairs in fall 2017 and finished bringing the beach back to normal in Spring 2018. Howie commended the workers for their actions.

Road Repairs - Northshore Rd - Bob Jolley reported that public works had replaced one culvert on Northshore Rd and repaired a second as a result of damage incurred over the winter.

Signage - Lake Tonnerre - Howie reported that public works had followed through on the commitment to place two “No Parking” signs near the boat launch on Clear Lake Rd. In addition, road allowance is being backfilled on the east side of the road to provide parking access. Members reported that despite these actions, parking still presents dangers to those using the roadway. The new parking area does not accommodate the number of vehicles using the boat launch and the “no parking zone does not prevent vehicles from being parked at the crest of the hill. Mayor Savage suggested that this issue be reported to the municipality with a view to obtaining better signage and/or enforcement. She reminded members that any immediate dangerous situations could be reported by calling 705-753-1170.

Community Facebook Page - Alan Hardiman reported that the facebook page continues to be used by residents to report issues and post pictures related to the lake. Members are reminded that this site does not fall within the purview of CLCA. Members wishing to contact the Board must use the official CLCA website.

Loon Watch - Mary Laird was unable to attend the meeting, but she continues to represent CLCA on this initiative. Members were not aware of any sightings of young loons on the lake this year, however the presence of osprey, a bald eagle, numerous mallard and merganser ducks and one single cormorant were noted.

CLCA Bulletin Board - The board at Northshore has been painted and enhanced with a colourful sign encouraging residents to join CLCA.

12. **MAYOR’S ADDRESS** - Jo-Anne Savage updated members on many issues affecting the Municipality. Members were briefed on the response to area forest fires, the planned change to OPP policing and planning for the International Plowing Match in Verner area in 2019. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist in planning or billeting for the IPM can call the municipality.

Howie thanked Mayor Savage for her presentation and ongoing support of CLCA.

### 13. NEW BUSINESS

Membership Fee Increase - Howie explained there was a need to increase membership fees to \$15.00 /year. Board members work for free but the costs related to maintenance of the services provided have increased over the years. Members were cooperative in accepting the change.

French Translation - Howie reported that the Board was in need of a volunteer to provide translation services so that Minutes and Notices could be sent out in both official languages again. Christian Levesque kindly volunteered to provide such services, This can be a difficult task and Howie commended Christian for stepping up.

Traffic concerns - Landfill - Members discussed the need to have a “stop” sign installed at the landfill site to ensure that those using the site are reminded of the need to check traffic on Clear Lake Rd before entering traffic. The Board will look into this.

Name that Pond Contest - Member present at the meeting reviewed 14 suggested unofficial names for the new pond located behind the landfill adjacent to North Shore Rd. The winning name “Beaver Pond”! Who would have guessed!

High Speed Internet - Members discussed the need for higher speed internet in the area. Bell has run fibre optic cable up Hwy 64 but this service will only be provided to areas where there is sufficient market. The Board will communicate with CRTC and Bell to see what can be done to address this issue. Howie also reported that the recent upgrade at Netspectrum has enhanced that service.

Road Repairs - Boat Launch - Members reported that this roadway near the beach is in need of repair. The Board will look into this situation.

Problems at the Beach - Members report beach users are letting dogs run at large, and boats are being moored in the swimming area and at the floating swim dock. None of these activities are safe. Mayor Savage clarified that beach safety was a municipal issue. Members did report that the municipal by-law officer had been observed on occasion, but more action may be required. It was suggested that the boating problem could be addressed by installing a buoy line around the swimming area. This situation will be addressed by the Board.

14. Donation to Knights of Columbus – President Howie thanked Claude McGrath for facilitating use of the rental hall. Moved by Gilbert Mayotte, seconded by Joyce Jolley that \$50.00 be donated to the Knights of Columbus. All in Favour.

## 15. Elections

Director	Nominator	Secunder
Howie Longfellow	Bob Jolley	Dr. Anawati
Bob Jolley	Lois Dobson	Margaret Williams
Yvette Morrison	Alan Hardiman	Gilbert Mayotte
Claude McGrath	Joyce Jolley	Howie Longfellow

Serge Giroux	Bob Jolley	Yvette Morrison
Brad Laird	Howie Longfellow	Claude McGrath
Luc Tardiff	Alan Hardiman	Claude McGrath
Angele St George	Serge Giroux	Anne Lynch
Alan Hardiman	Bob Jolley	Howie Longfellow

The above Directors where voted into office for a two year term with the following appointments.

Howie Longfellow - President,, Yvette Morrison- Treasurer  
Bob Jolley - Secretary

16. Adjournment - Moved by Gilbert Mayotte. seconded by Dr. Anawati that the meeting be adjourned. All in favour.
17. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, 04 August, 2019.

## Clear Lake Association of Field

**August 2018**

Balance as of July 31 2017

**\$ 704.93**

**Income/Revenue**

Membership fees (collected 31 July 2016-31 July 2017)	\$ 515.00
Total	\$ 1,219.93
<b>Expenses/dépenses</b>	
Bank service charges	\$ 79.03
CTC Gift cards	\$ 50.53
Donation to K of C	\$ 50.00
Donation to fire victims	\$ 50.00
Admin Costs	\$ 654.46
(Firewall,Canada Post, Staples, buoys and marine Supplies, bulletin board upgrade)	
Total expenses for 2017-2018	<hr/> \$ 887.02
<b>Balance as of July 31 2018</b>	<b>\$ 332.91</b>