

Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association Executive and Board Meeting
10:00, Saturday, September 29, 2012 (2012 meeting #5) – Abelson cottage, Crystal Lake

In attendance;

Barry Abelson; Chair of the Board and President

Mike Leblanc; Board Member

Don Langlois; Treasurer

Chris Brickman; Vice-President

Sarah Petrik; Membership Secretary

Sharon Brickman; Secretary

Absent;

Carl Brickman; Board member

John Hubbard; Board member

Coalition For Equitable Water Flow (CEWF):

Sharon has forwarded the revised preferred water levels document to CEWF for inclusion in their submission to Trent Severn Waterway officials.

Sharon represented the CLCA at the annual CEWF meeting Haliburton. CEWF continues to work with politicians and Trent Officials to create a comprehensive water management planning regime.

Due to Federal budget cuts operation of the Trent system will be experiencing some significant changes, it is unclear at this point how this may affect the reservoir lakes. It is important that we keep “tuned into” CEWF to ensure the CLCA is aware of all changes.

Rock and Island markers:

The new solar lights have been installed on Gull's Island.

Chris and Mike will wash and replace all of the reflective tape on the red buoys this fall.

Carl is to provide the names and contact information of the people who take responsibility for each grouping of buoys.

Beautification Project:

Chris and Mike attended the September 19th Township Council meeting and made a presentation related to the beautification project and funding. As a result of this presentation, council agreed to provide \$3,000 in funding and the Galway Hall committee has pledged \$1,000.

To date CLCA has received the following donations toward this project:

\$12,000 - Dudman construction (in the form of labour, machinery and landscaping rocks)

\$3,000 - Township of Galway, Cavendish and Harvey

\$1,000 - Galway Hall Committee

\$300 - GARAI

\$250 - Pearson Family sleigh ride

\$200 - White and Salmon Lakes Cottager's Associations

\$100 - Chatty Kelly's

Total donations = \$16,850 which will result in the CLCA paying approximately \$2000.00 toward this \$18,850 project.

CLCA financials:

The year to date financial statement was distributed and reviewed – copy attached

The revised Draft proposed financial procedures were reviewed, some amendments were suggested, it was moved by Mike Leblanc and seconded by Sarah Petrik that Don will finalize the procedures with the suggested amendments (final copy attached) and that these procedures be adopted by the CLCA.

Don advised that all information related to certificates of deposit are on-line and there is no need to keep the safety deposit box. Don will proceed with canceling this box and will provide Chris with the on-line password in order that two people know what it is.

President's Cocktail Party:

General agreement that this was a well received event.

Thank you to Barry and Marion for opening their home and hosting this event.

It was determined that two portable toilets would not be needed next year.

Invasive Species testing:

Bill Lee conducted the testing on September 8, 2012 along with Salmon, White and Fortesque Lakes, the results will not be available until May of 2013.

Species tested for include; spiny water flea, zebra mussels, round goby.

Historically, Crystal Lake has tested negative for invasive species.

Membership – 2012:

We now have approximately 210 members for 2012.

It was decided that CLCA will provide the opportunity for members to pay for multiple years, up to 5 years. Some modifications will have to be made to the website and to the membership form to provide for this.

It was determined that the membership fee will remain the same for 2013 at \$20.00 and that the idea of different levels of membership would not be pursued.

New Process for using the Crystal Lake dump:

It was determined that CLCA executive will defer sending a letter to the Township until we have had an opportunity to receive more feedback from the membership.

Website and Facebook:

Don advised that there is still some concerns with the wording related to the use of Paypal system on the CLCA website. Don will follow-up with John on this.

The idea of having a password protected members only section on the website was discussed as well as a members only section in the Forum where forum users would be required to use their own names. John will look into the process for setting up a members only area on the website. This item was deferred until John can attend the next meeting.

Diane Knupp has volunteered to review the CLCA website and make some suggestions to make it more “user friendly” and easy to navigate.

Chris is the administrator of the Facebook account and will seek direction on how to manage this site at a future meeting.

AGM – spring 2013:

It was determined that we need to ensure that speakers are upbeat and hold the attention of the group – Chris and Mike are going to follow-up with the woman who does a presentation on “The Land Between”. There may be an honorarium to have her attend and speak.

In addition, there may be an opportunity to have some new CLCA members speak on their lake experiences.

Zoning changes and Severances:

Barry is going to follow-up with County, Township and Provincial Officials to understand what the restrictions are as it relates to such things as multi-family dwellings trailer parks, and severances. Including an understanding of how Crystal Lake’s “at capacity” status from MOE affects these issues.

Next Meetings:

A meeting will take place in November and then monthly beginning in January on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00. These will be by conference call

The next face to face meeting will be the Saturday of the May long weekend in 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00