

Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association Executive and Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., October 12, 2013 (2013 meeting #7)
Brickman/Leblanc Cottage – Crystal Lake

In attendance:

John Hubbard; Chair of the Board and President
Carl Brickman; Board member
Mike Leblanc; Board Member
Chris Brickman; Vice-President
Sarah Petrik; Membership Secretary
Don Langlois; Treasurer
Sharon Brickman; Secretary

Guests;
John Dale
Bill Lee, Environmental monitoring volunteer

Absent; John Beatty; Board member

Environmental and Water Testing:

Bill Lee gave an overview of the testing that he has been collecting on Crystal Lake for the past many years.

The main concern on Crystal Lake is phosphorous and the current testing program that Bill carries out includes phosphorous and water clarity. Phosphorous is important in knowing if a lake will support zebra mussels. Phosphorous levels and water clarity have remained fairly consistent over the years. In addition, Bill participates in a testing program for invasive species such as zebra mussels and spiny water flea.

A more comprehensive program, such as that conducted in Muskoka, (testing includes; e-coli, heavy minerals and chlorophyll), will take many volunteers and a capital investment for equipment purchasing, etc. There is currently no government or agency guidelines for testing programs and the final use of the data is up to the group collecting the information (i.e.; E-coli testing will not prompt the Health Unit to take action related to possible septic tank leakage).

As a headwater lake, with no industry, golf courses or resorts, Crystal Lake is not subject to the same type of pressure as some other lakes (i.e.; some Muskoka Lakes).

It is anticipated that Gord Boughner will attend a future meeting to provide his views on a more comprehensive testing program for Crystal Lake.

The government website "Fish On-line" provides specific fishing information (species, depth, access) about area lakes, this may result in increased use of lakes, particularly those within 2 hours of Toronto that have public access.

Crystal Lake has 3 pairs of nesting loons and there were two young loons on the lake this summer.

Membership:

Guest presentation:

John Dale provided input to the executive and board outlining that he felt that the CLCA needs to become a more political, issues driven organization and provide a voice for cottagers related to such things as taxes, roads, waste management.

John H. explained that CLCA addresses these issues through its liaison with GARAI as they have a political mandate. Carl is the CLCA liaison with GARAI and ensures that relevant GARAI issues are available through the CLCA website.

Further consideration of John suggestions will be discussed further, CLCA continues to welcome new ideas and suggestions.

Membership:

CLCA currently has 186 members paid for 2013.

Membership ideas for 2014:

- encouraging local businesses to offer a discount to CLCA members
- plaques for driveways to indicate length of membership
- early bird draws or a discount for early sign-up or prepayment
- go dock to dock and leave a zip-lock baggie with CLCA membership information, this would involve a large group of volunteers as lot reps.
- logo wear – Chris is going to follow-up on this to get some ideas and pricing
- Social event, i.e.; family golf, picnic, etc.
- “building a bicycle” contest to donate for charity
- continue with the annual Soiree; perhaps consider making it a more family friendly event (i.e.; building sand castles)

Welcome Signs:

- recognitions signs are not yet ready
- fall decorations have been added at each of the Welcome signs

CLCA Triathlon:

- Carol Ing is the Triathlon Chairperson
- CLCA website PayPal resources will be required
- Chris will act as the liaison between the Triathlon committee and the CLCA

Financial Report:

- up to date summary attached
- current balance is \$15,064
- we have supported CEWF, FOCA and GARAI

Social Media:

- we currently have 105 members on face book

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. by telecom

CRYSTAL LAKE COTTAGER'S ASSOCIATION
 STATEMENT OF ASSETS, RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 FOR THE 9 MONTH PERIOD ENDED October 3, 2013

	2013
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 3,700.00
ADVERTISING REVENUE	\$ 2,750.00
DONATIONS	\$ 150.00
SUNDRY	
BANK INTEREST (G.I.C.)	\$ 137.17
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,737.17</u>
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 907.50
MAILINGS	\$ 559.88
COMMUNITY SUPPORT	\$ 970.93
WEB MAINTENANCE	\$ 449.90
NAVIGATIONAL AIDS	\$ 205.84
SUPPLIES	\$ 211.76
SPECIAL EVENT	\$ 825.25
PROJECTS	\$ 7,291.89
ANNUAL MEETING	
TRAVEL	\$ 109.25
BANK CHARGES	\$ 37.85
INSURANCE	\$ 1,542.24
PAYPAL COMMISSION	\$ 111.66
TOTAL	<u>\$ 13,223.95</u>
 EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	 <u>\$ (6,486.78)</u>
 NET WORTH DECEMBER 31, 2012	 21551.61
 NET WORTH JULY 31, 2013	 <u>\$ 15,064.83</u>

	2013
<u>ASSETS</u>	
BANK CHEQUING	\$ 3,709.93
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$ 487.68
ACCRUED INTEREST	\$ 67.22
INVESTMENTS	\$ 13,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 17,264.83</u>
 PREPAID MEMBERSHIP	 \$ (2,200.00)
 NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ 15,064.83</u>

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