

Crystal Lake Cottagers Association
Annual General Meeting
June 3rd 10:00 a.m. - Galway Hall

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by President Barry Abelson

There were 72 people in attendance at the meeting

Financial Statements:

Don Langlois, Treasurer, presenting the following financial information:

- On the advice of a Chartered Account, CLCA has changed from a cash to an accrual accounting structure, this has meant a slight change in how our annual financial information is presented
- CLCA currently has approximately \$17,000 cash on-hand with \$10,000 of this in "laddered" GICs
- the membership was provided with copies of the financial statement to review
- some of the more significant changes from 2011 are; reduced mailing costs due to use of e-mail, \$1,088 liability insurance, travel costs for CLCA executive at .30cent/km, pay pal administration costs

A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Sandy Osborne and seconded by Carl Brickman

Membership:

Sarah Petrik, Membership Secretary, advised that in 2011 we had 170 members and to date in 2012 we have approximately 50 with many people paying at the AGM.

CLCA executive are trying to increase membership. It is very important that CLCA is seen by Government and other agencies as representing a significant number of the cottagers on Crystal Lake in order to be considered as having a "voice" to influence decisions making, etc.

Beautification Project:

Chris Brickman provided an update on this project:

- Malcolm Dudman of Dudman construction in Burnt River is donating all of the rocks and equipment time to place the rocks. This is a significant value to the Association in the neighbourhood of \$12,000
- Carver Creek signs are lined up to do the sign work
- Township Council is supportive of the project and may provide some financial support once plans are finalized and we can determine if CLCA is able with the Township to meet some other the objectives that they have for marketing and branding the area
- White Lake and Salmon Lake Cottagers Associations are providing financial support
- The Pearson Family has donated \$250.00 to the project
- Township Road Superintendent, Dan Luke, currently has the plans for final approval
- It is estimated that the total cost of the project would have been will be \$17,000, with Dudman Construction donating the rock and labour and approximately \$1,200.00 in cash donations, CLCA will be paying approximately \$3800.00 depending on any additional donations.

Lake Report:

Bill Lee provided the following report:

- Bill was unable to do invasive species testing in 2011 as the kits were unavailable
- Bill will do testing in 2012 for goobie, spiny flea and zebra mussels
- CLCA should continue to push the Twp. for the septic tank testing program to ensure our lake health
- Crystal Lake clarity has been improving over the years and weed growth (caused by phosphorous loading) has been reduced
- Crystal Lake is considered to be a mesotrophic lake. Rice Lake is considered oligotrophic and deep far Northern lakes would be eutrophic
- Crystal Lake has a phosphorous count of 7.2 to 15.5 with an average of 12.5. On average lakes are between 10 and 15
- The main contributors to phosphorous loading are: poor septic, fertilizer, outdoor showers and bathing in the lake
- It is suggested that when renting ensure that you educate your renters on respect for the lake health

Waste management:

- July 28, 2012 is hazardous waste day – it is suggested that people should ensure that they take advantage of this opportunity or we may not have it in the future
- The Twp. Council is going to revisit the decision to cancel the free tipping day this decision was brought about due to increased disposal of construction material. While we may not get back a free tipping day for 2013 there may be some concessions made on this subject. It is suggested that members write to council to have them revisit this decision
- local politicians will be in attendance at the GARAI meeting on July 14th at 10:00 and this will be a topic of conversation

President's Report:

Barry Abelson introduced the Executive and Board:

Barry Abelson – President and Chairman

John Hubbard – Board Member

Carl Brickman – Board Member

Mike Leblanc - Board Member

Chris Brickman – Vice President

Sarah Petrik – Membership Secretary

Sharon Brickman – Secretary

Don Langlois – Treasurer

Barry outlined the following activities and projects that the CLCA is engaged in:

- obtained liability insurance
 - proposed a donate of emergency equipment to the Fire Hall but the proposal was rejected due to budget issues
 - purchased GICs
 - updated Incorporation and income tax documents
 - had financial records reviewed by a Chartered Accountant
 - updated the bank signing officers
 - working of putting new large buoys on Gulls Island
 - proceeding with the beautification project as described above
 - ensuring that rocks are marked with buoys through volunteers Wayne and Gerald Vanderlinden and Harold Philips
 - trying to increase membership to ensure CLCA has a “voice” with Government and Agencies
 - made contributions to the Kinmount Gazette articles
 - provided input into the CEWF and Parks Canada
 - conducted lake monitoring – volunteer Bill Lee
 - working with Twp. Officials to try to initiate a septic tank testing program
 - dealing with OPP on a protocol for approaching boats at night
 - maintaining the website
 - monitoring the forum
- Barry presented an offer to a “President’s cocktail party” for all members who are able to get at least one new member – September 2nd from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Ice Cream float day will be July 1 in the mouth of Clear Bay
- Barry invited people to write to the executive members with suggestions that they might have on other activities that we should be focussing on

A motion was made to support the actions of the CLCA Executive and Board this was moved by Norman Kirkness and seconded by Sandy Osbourne

Miscellaneous:

-A suggestion was made from that floor that CLCA should post a common sense approach to being a good cottage neighbour on the website or in a newsletter some suggested items are; music, swimming safety, light pollution, dogs and cats running loose

A motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting was moved by Carl Brickman and seconded by Sharon Brickman

Guest speakers:

Linda Ray of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Peter Waring and Leah Stephens from Kawartha Conservation gave interesting and informative presentations on permitting requirements.

Some of the highlights from the presentations are:

- apply early, giving reasonable lead time when proposing a project to ensure that permits will be granted when you wish to proceed
- recognize that spawning time frames (fall for trout and spring for bass) will be taken into consideration when permits are issued
- permits will be easier to obtain for proposed projects that are environmentally and structurally sound ie;
 - use of river rock
 - maintaining a 2 in 1 slope
 - floating or “pole” docks (under 15 sq metres = no permits)
 - if your shoreline does not have natural sand it will not stay – use pea gravel
 - avoid proposals that involve vertical walls made of concrete
- the flood plain of Crystal Lake is considered to be 1 metre above the current, regulated high water mark, projects within this zone will get additional consideration. This measure is currently under review

A small supply of permits applications and information related to these presentations was left at the Crows Nest Store on the Crystal Lake Road.

In addition, information is available on-line at:

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/STEL02_168319.html?CSB_ic-name=browseByTopic&CSB_ic-info=land_Eng

or

<http://www.kawarthaconservation.com/index.html>

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 – Thank you to all who attended hope you found it useful!!!!