

Crystal Lake Cottagers Association  
Annual General Meeting  
June 2nd 10:00 a.m. - Galway Hall

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

There were 46 people in attendance at the meeting

Barry Abelson, President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone

Previous Minutes:

Moved by Carl Brickman and seconded by Gord Boughner that the minutes from the 2012 AGM be accepted as posted on the CLCA website

Financial Statements:

Don Langlois, Treasurer, provided copies of the financial statements to December, 2012 (copy attached).

The 2012 financial procedures and processes have been reviewed by the financial review committee (Carol Ing, CMA; Debra Powis, CMA; Chris Brickman, CMA and Don Langlois). The committee has found that the 2012 accounting practices and procedures have been properly followed that that the financial records are in good order.

The Ontario Annual Information Return has been filed along with the annual income tax return.

Estate Planning:

Peter Lillico will be speaking at the 2013 FOCA seminar on June 8, 2013 at the Coboconk Community Centre on the topic 'Keeping the Family in the Family Cottage'.

Signage Project:

Chris Brickman gave a report on the status of this project:

- The three signs are in place on the Crystal Lake and Galway Roads
- Several Cash donations were received toward this project
  - White and Salmon Lake Associations
  - Township of Galway Cavendish and Harvey
  - Pearson Family sleigh ride
  - Chatty Kellys Grill
- Dudman Construction has donated the rocks as well as the equipment and manpower for the installation of the signs and landscaping.
- landscaping rocks, plants and shrubs are to be installed in the next few weeks

Whites Beach (formerly Sandy Beach):

As this property was originally donated to the Township by the White Family with certain conditions, the Township is now in the process of making some improvements to the beach area including the creation of several parking spots, upgrading the pathway, poison ivy control and a plaque recognizing the generous donation of the land from the White Family.

A dedication ceremony and plaque is to take place on July 19 at 3:00. This beach will officially be known as Whites Beach.

Community News and Events:

Bill Lee advised that a local group called “Friends of Galway” has been created, the intent is to collect local stories and history from the past while people are still available and able to share their knowledge.

Environment:

Bill Lee gave the following report:

- the wildlife inventory is on the CLCA website
- the water quality of Crystal Lake is good and has not changed in the last year.
- spiny water fleas are present in Crystal Lake
- zebra mussels are not present in Crystal Lake
- frog species in Ontario are in decline
- The Lake Partners website has information on all lakes in Ontario that are part of the Lake Partners Program

[http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/local/lake\\_partner\\_program/index.htm](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/local/lake_partner_program/index.htm)

-Bill represented the CLCA at a conference in May “Caring for Our Shared Spaces” – the underlying theme was that each person is responsible to care for our lakes and rivers. There were many speakers, from a variety of organizations including the United Nations.

Bill Phillips advised that the “Digester Program” has been extended for 2013. For a cost of \$45 a digester will be installed on your property. Digesters are able “compost” all kitchen waste including, meat, bones, vegetables, paper towels, etc.

Yard Sale:

Chris Brickman advised that there is a Community Yard Sale planned for June 30th. If you wish to participate, put up a red balloon (dock or driveway) to let people know.

Elections:

Barry Abelson introduced the existing Board of Directors and Executive:

Carl Brickman; Board member

Mike LeBlanc; Board member

John Hubbard; Board member

Barry Ableson; President

Chris Brickman; Vice President

Sarah Petrik; Membership Secretary

Sharon Brickman; Secretary (absent)

Don Langlois; Treasurer

Barry Abelson advised that he is retiring as the President and that John Hubbard is prepared to stand for the position of President and that John Beatty will stand for a position as a Board member

Motioned by John Starkey and seconded by Brian Tassell that John Hubbard is the new President, John Beatty is now a board member and all other Board and Executive members will continue in their existing positions.

Membership:

We currently have 134 members. Barry Abelson expressed concern that if we do not increase the number of members that it is difficult to get recognition with regulatory agencies.

Adopt a Road:

Carl Brickman expressed thanks to all the adopt a road volunteers for keeping our roads clean. He asked that everyone pick up garbage that they see. Discussion was held about how to increase the number of volunteers.

Moved by Ron Bale and seconded by Bill Phillips that the business portion of the meeting be adjourned

Speakers:

Gord Boughner spoke about his perspective as a new cottager and the value of our lakes and water quality. Leaching septic and chemicals from farming, fertilizers, etc. kills lakes. As stewards of our lake, we must respect the lake and minimize what we put into it. It is critical that we identify leaking septic systems

Leora Berman from the Land Between gave a talk on the ecology of this area. Ms. Berman provided interesting insight into the unique ecology of this area. For more information, click on the following link.

<http://www.thelandbetween.ca/about.asp>