

Crystal Lake Cottagers Association
Annual General Meeting
June 10th, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – Virtual Zoom meeting

President, John Hubbard opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., there were 62 unique attendees on-line which represents more attendees as there was more than one person at many of the screens that were logged in.

Call to Order (John Hubbard):

John Hubbard called the formal meeting to order. He welcomed all our members and introduced the executive group.

Previous Minutes (Sharon Brickman):

Sharon Brickman advised that the 2019 AGM minutes had been posted on the CLCA website and asked if anyone had any questions or concerns, no one voiced any concerns.

Moved by Emilio Mazzonna and seconded by Margo Phillips that the minutes from the 2019 AGM be adopted as posted on the CLCA website, no objections - carried

Financial Report: (Carol Ing)

Carol Ing read and explained the financial documents. Copies of the financial documents are contained within the slide deck for this meeting and will be posted on the CLCA website along with the minutes. In responding to a questions from the group – Carol advised that 3 sponsors have not renewed for 2020. – There are other potential sponsors who have inquired.

Moved by Shannon Jonas and seconded by David Rancourt that the 2019 financial report be adopted as posted, no objections - carried

Membership: (Sarah Petrik)

Sarah advised that we currently have 133 members to date for 2020. Memberships continue to come in through the website and mail, We have a goal to try and get 225 member for 2020 and members are asked to talk with neighbors, etc. to promote CLCA and increase membership.

CLCA continues to provide financial support for; marker buoys and lights, welcome sign maintenance, community events/organizations, local newspaper and umbrella organizations (FOCA, CEWF) as well as representing CLCA members to various levels of government.

John Hubbard made the point that it is very important to get our membership numbers up in order to ensure that we have recognition with regulatory agencies.

Sarah advised that all members have voting rights and that cards are generally sent by e-mail but can be sent by regular mail is requested.

General updates (John Hubbard and Christine Brickman):

John;

- spoke on the roles of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers (an umbrella organization which represents all Ontario Cottagers' Associations) and the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (represents all Trent System reservoir lakes, works directly with Parks Canada staff on water level issues and concerns)
- advised that CLCA made donations to the local food bank and community care in support of Covid related initiatives

Christine;

- thanked the buoy reps. for getting all of the buoys out in 2020 despite the current circumstances
- local updates related to municipal services affected by Covid are available on the Trent Lakes website at Trentlakes.ca
- discussed the fact that Trent Lakes staff and Council are once again working on a final solution for the Galway roads depot. CLCA continues to advocate for a new structure (which will mean demolition of the existing structure to rebuild) and improvements to the fire hall. A special advisory Committee has been formed and CLCA will have the opportunity to speak directly to this committee.
- Council meetings are now being held on-line and available to the public live
- CLCA was proposing a couple of possible events this year, however, everything is currently postponed and will likely be deferred to 2021
- Ethan Strong is still considering whether to hold his fishing derby or not in 2020
- Bell cellular tower is active and as far as we are aware Rogers has not yet leased space on this tower. Cell phones must be 4G and be Voice Over Internet compatible to utilize this tower
- Christine will follow-up with Township staff on the current status of the septic tank inspection program – this information will be posted once we get it
- The CLCA facebook page now has 1035 members and the website continues to have significant activity with over 4500 visits per month

Lake Health (Michael Olejnik); - unfortunately due to a technical glitch (on our end)

Michael's slides were not available during the zoom call. We will ensure that his full slide deck is posted with the minutes on our website.

- Michael gave a very thorough and interesting presentation related to the testing that he does on the lake
- Secchi disk readings (water clarity) have not changed much for 14 years. July and August are consistently the clearest times compared with those taken in June and September due to lake turn over
- Our lake remains in the healthy range for phosphorous, clarity and calcium levels
- Trent University students come each year and perform a variety of tests on the lake, their data for 2018 and 2019 show that phosphorous, chlorophyll and Sichi reading have improved
- Zebra mussels continue to be a threat to area lakes. While there has been no significant population in Crystal Lake we must continue to be vigilant including education and monitoring the lake. Michael advised that there are signs posted at the boat launches related to zebra mussel transfer
- Michael advised that he is unaware of any algae "blooms" that have occurred in Crystal Lake

Corporate name change and GARAI (Galway Area Ratepayers Association Inc.) amalgamation;

-Executive is seeking final support to move forward with the official name change to Crystal Lake Community Association and continue the process required to amalgamate CLCA and GARAI

-It is felt that these actions will reflect the current fabric of the community and will provide a strong cohesive association moving forward. Two members of the GARAI board have joined the CLCA board

-an on-line show of hands was requested with the majority supporting these actions

-a motion was made by Zina Bolak and seconded by Shannon Jonas to move forward with the change of name to Crystal Lake Community Association and the amalgamation with GARAI

Prizes;

-A random members draw members will be held and the winners will be notified shortly

Adjournment;

A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Round and Seconded by Ken Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

The Sliddeck and audio of meeting will be made available on CLCA website