

Crystal Lake Cottagers Association
Annual General Meeting
June 5th, 2016 10:00 a.m. - Galway Hall

The meeting began at 10:00 with President, John Hubbard introducing our guest speakers, Lily Hamill and Tara Stephen from the County of Peterborough Waste Management Department.

Due to time constraints, this year's meeting began with our guest speakers - Lily and Tara gave us an interesting overview of the County Waste Management program and details related to waste diversion options, including the use of digesters and composters.

There was a good discussion, with some people expressing concern for the elimination of the 52 punch card system for the transfer station – Lily and Tara explained that they work for the County and that is a Municipal (Trent Lakes) decision.

There was a discussion related to the fact that very few people experience any type of rodent or animal issues with the digesters if they are properly installed and maintained.

Following this presentation, the annual AGM was called to order by John Hubbard, President, John, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone

There were 67 people in attendance at the meeting

Previous Minutes:

Moved by John Hubbard and seconded by Carl Brickman, with no objections, that the minutes from the 2015 AGM be adopted as posted on the CLCA website.

Financial Statements: (Don Langlois)

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

Moved by Carl Brickman and seconded by Mike Leblanc, with no objections, that the 2015 financial report be adopted as presented.

The 2015 financial procedures and processes will be reviewed by the financial review committee during the summer of 2016. – is this correct?

Membership: (Sarah Petrik)

We currently have 75 members for 2016. There was a total of 200 for 2015, memberships continue to come in through the website and mail.

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 e-mails would be going to those people who have pre-paid to remind them of the status of their account.

CLCA is seeking “lot reps.” that would take responsibility for knocking on doors in their neighbourhoods to encourage others to join CLCA

New membership boxes will be made and put in place at the Crowe’s Nest and the transfer station to allow people to deposit a membership form and a cheque (no cash)

CLCA Membership Discount Program/local business: (Chris Brickman)

Chris provided an overview of the discount program available to CLCA members at local businesses. Specific details of the membership discount program will be posted and kept up to date on the CLCA website.

Chris stressed the important of supporting local businesses.

Trent Lakes Passport Program (Chris Brickman)

The Municipality of Trent Lakes has initiated a program whereby people pick up a “passport” which sends them to local businesses and scenic locations where they will receive a “stamp” once their “passport” is full they submit it to the Municipal Office and have a chance to win prizes through a draw in the fall.

The Crystal Lake Dam is one of the locations on the passport for 2016.

CLCA sponsored the Rockcroft schoolhouse museum site on Hwy. 507 for 2016.

Lake Stewardship (Michael Olejnik)

- Crystal Lake’s clarity remains stable and our phosphorous count went down a small amount
- Michael will provide a link to a website for further information related to the program – this will be available on the CLCA website
- Michael has requested the invasive species kit for 2016 and plans to conduct this testing
- A member pointed out that there is a new sign at the dam indicating the Crystal Lake has been stocked with fish

Fishing Derby

-following great success in 2015, the rock bass derby will take place again at White's Beach. The Lloyd Family take the majority of the responsibility for making this event happen with the support of the CLCA

-The 2016 derby will be held on July 31, 2016

Crystal Lake Triathlon (Carol Ing)

-2016 will be the third year for the triathlon – it is a popular event with participants, volunteers and spectators numbering about 200 people

-in 2015 Nevil Knupp provided a birds eye view of the event with his drone

-the goal is to ensure that all entry fees are used to purchase prizes. We also receive generous donations which are used for prizes and infrastructure (potty, banners, St. John's, etc.)

-We are currently working on this year "logo" wear product

-the Triathlon will be held on August 21st (Sunday)

-this year there is a plan to recognize the volunteers with a token gift of appreciation

Galway Hall (Bill Lee)

-expenses at the hall are increasing each year with insurance and fire suppression costing close to \$5000 and the Municipality has stopped paying for the internet service at the hall (which is available free to everyone) in the amount of \$260.

-Bill advised that there are events throughout the year that are fundraisers for the hall two of which are; the strawberry supper on July 2nd and the turkey supper on November 5th – CLCA will ensure that these event are posted on our website

Welcome Signs

-Holly Johnson has been hired for a few hours per week to provide some help with maintaining the Welcome signs

-The new solar lights are in place – Thank you to the Pearson Family for their generous donation from the annual sleigh ride, which made it possible to purchase the solar lights

Facebook

-there are currently 300 facebook users

Bell Tower

-this project has been delayed and will likely not come to Crystal Lake until 2018/19

Constitution (by-law) amendment

-a proposal was put to the membership to change the existing wording which states that the annual AGM must be held on the first Sunday of June to allow for the AGM to be held on a Saturday or Sunday during the month of June each year

-moved by Bill Phillips and seconded by Sue Butts, with no objections, that this amendment be made

Spring High Water Damage:

-the group was polled to determine if anyone had experienced damage due to this season's high waters, no one in the group identified that they had any problems. This result will be report to CEWF for their annual report

Executive and other Volunteers and the buoy crew:

-John Hubbard thanked the Executive members and all volunteers including those that take care of our buoys each season

Directors Actions:

-John proposed that the group support the Directors actions to date, this was moved by Gary Round and seconded by Steve Simpson with no objections

Other business:

-it was disclosed that the boat launch at the end of Cains Lane is on private land, the owner of this land is working with the Municipality to ensure continued use, enforcement of by-laws and to protect themselves from liability

Meeting adjourned at 12:00

