

Crystal Lake Cottagers Association
Annual General Meeting
June 7th, 2015 10:00 a.m. - Galway Hall

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by President, John Hubbard

There were 62 people in attendance at the meeting

John Hubbard, President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone

Previous Minutes:

Moved by Carl Brickman and seconded by Bill Phillips that the minutes from the 2014 AGM be adopted as posted on the CLCA website.

Financial Statements: (Don Langlois)

Don Langlois, Treasurer, provided copies of the financial statements to December, 2014 (copy attached).

Moved by Don Langlois and seconded by Adrian Van Monsjour that the 2014 financial report be adopted as presented.

The 2014 financial procedures and processes will be reviewed by the financial review committee during the summer of 2015.

Lake Stewardship (Michael Olejnik)

-Michael has now taken over as Crystal Lake's steward following Bill Lee's retirement from the position after many many years of dedicated work. Welcome Michael!!!

-Michael provided a very interesting overview of the meeting that he attended on Lake Stewardship as well as his work to date as our lake steward

-Crystal Lake currently has a 4 metre clarity range which is in the mid-range (Scugog has less than 1 metre while Kennisis has 6 metres).

-to date we have not had zebra mussels surviving in Crystal Lake. The more shallow, nutrient rich lakes to the south have a very significant zebra mussel population

-Michael will prepare a summary of his experience to date and this will be posted on the CLCA website

Membership: (Sarah Petrik)

We currently have 110 members. 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.

It is great if members talk to their neighbours and new cottagers about the CLCA and encourage membership.

There was some discussion about the need for membership reminders for all members including the multi-year memberships.

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 and talked about a new restaurant that has recently opened.

Permitting and logistics have caused a delay in the construction of a gas station in Kinmount but, we understand that it is still a viable project.

Triathlon – Sunday August 23, 2015: (Carol Ing)

-Carol updated the group on the status of the triathlon;

2014:

-it was a great success and people have asked for a repeat

-there were 80 participants and 35 volunteers

2015:

-this is a community fun event and we encourage everyone to come and join in the fun

-there will be four events this year, a sprint, a sprint relay a tri-a-tri and a new tri-a-tri relay (geared toward kids)

-details of the routes, fees, FAQs, etc. will all be on the CLCA website

-It is important that people sign up for the triathlon well in advance so that we ensure that we have enough people to proceed with the event.

-If the numbers get to high, we may have to restrict the registration in order to ensure the event is safe and manageable

-cost is \$25 per person or \$63.00 for the relay. It is anticipated that all funds will go back into expenses and prizes for the event

Website and Facebook (Christine Brickman)

- our Facebook group has been a great success with 205 members
- A buy and sell page has been added
- the CLCA website continues to get a very high rate of traffic each month

Crystal Lake and Galway Area Dance – June 27th, Galway Hall (Christine Brickman)

- \$10.00 admission
- 19 plus event
- cash bar run by the Galway Hall Committee
- door and spot prizes
- music by a local band; Flood Water Rising
- late night snack (pizza \$2/slice)
- some discussion that teenagers may want to make some money driving folks back safely to the lake. It was suggested that people post a note on Facebook and see if anyone is interested in providing this service

Waste Management

- It is very important to recycle as much as possible
- Household Hazardous waste day will be held in Bobcaygeon for 2015 – July 25, 2015
- At this time there is no disposal of mattresses anywhere in the Municipality of Trent Lakes – these must be transported to Peterborough

Elections for Executive Positions:

- John Hubbard opened the floor for nominations and advised that John Beatty was resigning from his position as a board member
 - No nominations were received
- It was moved by Eliabeth Kirkness and seconded by Don Langlois that the nominations be closed
- John advised that all of the existing executive were prepared to stand for their current positions
 - It was moved by Steve Simpson and Seconded by Neal Miskell that the existing executive be acclaimed for another term

Municipal and local Matters: (Carl Brickman)

- Carl mentioned that we have a new council and for the first time there is no representative on Council from the Galway Area, Terry Lambshead is the Galway/Cavendish councillor and lives in Harvey Township
- GARAI (Galway Area Ratepayers) is having a difficult time attracting volunteers and it is currently being run by a special committee. GARAI shares some of the same concerns has CLCA (roads, waste management, etc.)
- there is discussion underway as to the ownership of the Dutch Line bridge (County versus Municipal) and this has delayed the required repairs to this bridge causing great inconvenience to the area resident
- the bridge over Union Creek on Galway Road is being replaced this during the late summer or fall of 2015 which will mean that Galway road traffic will be diverted thru Allen's Alley during this time

Moved by Mike Leblanc and seconded by Sharon Brickman that the business portion of the meeting be adjourned

Presentation by Ted Spence of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF)

-CLCA is a member of CEWF

CEWF:

- represents 35,000 reservoir and flow-thru lake residents
- provides on-going dialogue with Parks Canada (Trent Waterway staff)
- seeking long-range integrated water management planning for the Trent System
- attends meeting with Municipal Councils, Cottagers' Associations, 4 Conservation

Authorities, Federal and Provincial representatives

Ted provided a very interesting and in-depth overview of the management requirements of the Trent Severn Waterway, some highlights:

- the "Trent system" is extremely complex and has to take the needs of a vast number of users, resource management needs, eco-system requirements, flood management, safety, infrastructure limitations and personal property into account with every decision made
- Trent staff do an excellent job considering the complexity of the system and the resources that they have
- it is the largest watershed in Southern Ontario
- 45 locks and 41 reservoirs lakes, 386 km of waterway
- overall 75% of the flow of water at Kirkfield comes from the reservoirs, during the summer this increases to 90%
- some dams in the system have 100 logs to maintain and manage
- Crystal Lake is the 14th largest reservoir
- Crystal Lake has an 11 inch to 1 inch drainage ratio (average is 10 inches for the reservoirs)
- Crystal Lake has no significant river flowing into it
- Crystal Lake is the only reservoir lake that is in a Conservation Authority managed area
- no two years are the same; 2009 we saw shoreline damage due to extreme cold after the logs were placed in the dams (Trent staff were trying to capture the snow pack), 2010 almost no spring run off at all, 2014 extreme flooding throughout the system
- Among other things, Trent staff relies on the moisture content of the snow pack to make their spring water management decisions (inputting logs in dams)

Climate Change Issues:

- by 2040 it is anticipated that the freshet will be 17 days early with less rain in the summer and more in the winter and an early spring
- there is concern that the existing reservoirs cannot store enough water to last the summer if dryer summers become the norm
- there is a need for an integrated water management strategy to deal with low water years and the projection that there will be more extreme weather events

Ted has agreed to provide us with a copy of his presentation and it will be posted on the CLCA website

Presentation by Mayor Bev Mathews:

- a new fire hall is being built (\$2.3 million)
- seeking economic development opportunities, currently focusing on the Buckhorn area
- a study (\$3k) is underway to look at the possibility of a sewage system for Buckhorn. It is felt that a sewage disposal system is needed to encourage business development
- \$60k is being spent on a waste management study leading to a subsequent strategy which will hopefully address all waste management concerns (mulch, electronics, hazardous waste, mattresses, etc.)
- Bev sees solving the mattress disposal issue as being a top priority
- garbage reduction numbers continue to rise – this is very important to extend the life of the landfill site at Bensfort Drive in Peterborough which has only a 8-10 year lifespan
- Trent Lakes staff are working very hard to find a solution to the huge bill for policing services (\$1.6 million Up from \$900k)???. There appears to be a serious anomaly in the way that the formula calculates a “unit” ie; an apartment structure is 1 unit (even though there may be 50 apartments while a trailer site (not the entire park) is calculated as a unit.
- Road improvements continue to be a priority for the Municipality (\$5million)

Kawartha Conservation – Blue Canoe – two representatives were in attendance:

- Staff will be going dock to dock this summer for four days promoting sustainable stewardship and shoreline naturalization
- there is a contest for the most valuable shoreline naturalization

Meeting ended at 12:00

