

March 20, 2025; Meeting of the Board and Executive Committee of the Crystal Lake and Community Association, 7:00 p.m. Zoom format

Present:

John Fernandes, President
Chris Brickman, Vice-President
Carol Ing, Treasurer
Linda Mielewczyk, Membership Co-ordinator
Sharon Brickman, Secretary
John Hubbard, Past President/Board member
Rainey Weidauer, Board Member

Events Committee Members:

Suzanne Olejnik, Zina Bolak and Allison Gorgichuk

John Fernandes called the meeting to order

Members of the Events Committee laid out proposals for 2025 events for review and consideration by the Board;

#1 AGM; Sunday, June 1st 10:00 to 1:30 (including social time)

- change AGM format to an in-person meeting at the Galway Hall with a lunch and social time to be provided following the business portion of the meeting.
- make “sign up” sheets available for people to express interest in various activities ie; hiking, cycling, crafts, music, reading, etc. contact information will be shared and interested parties will then have the option to follow-up and “make connections” with other like-minded people
- Chris will review FOCA topics to see if there is anyone that would be able to come and speak at the AGM

#2 “Canada Day” event; June 28, 2025:

- a recycled craft project event for kids 12 and under at White’s Beach
- the project “theme” would be provide 7 to 10 days in advance and would be judged on June 28, in the afternoon (likely around 2:00)
- Suzanne will follow-up with the required approvals through the Municipality, Sharon will Provide details of past approvals
- small “medals” for winning entries
- Chris advised that she and Mike would do hot dog prep.

#3 “Haunt the Docks – August 23rd, 2025

- the usual format as followed in previous years

Other Annual Events:

- road side clean-up – we will encourage people to clean up a section of road on the Mothers Day weekend May 10-11, 2025
- annual Fall food drive on Thanksgiving weekend, Linda has lead this initiative annually
- toxic tackle – John F. will reach out to Shawn B. to determine if he is interested in doing this again in 2025, there was a very positive response in 2024
- all events would be promoted through FB and Linda’s extensive distribution lists

The events portion of the meeting was adjourned and the Events Committee Members signed off the call

Minutes:

-Minutes from the February 5, 2025 Executive meeting were adopted (moved by Carol and seconded by John H. , all in favour, passed) and will be sent to Jim R. for posting on the CLCA website

Events:

-the Executive team supports the proposals put forward by the Events Committee and approved a maximum budget \$500 for each of the Canada Day and the AGM luncheon.
-further follow-up will be done through e-mail for the most part

Budget/Financials:

-Executive members are to review the budget information that was forwarded to us from Carol for discussion and approval at the next meeting
-The annual financial review for 2024 and 2023 is currently being carried out by CMA. Note; Following our meeting the CMA has made some suggestions regarding documentation of expenditures, to be discussed at next meeting
-for budget purposes – Chris has made a commitment that at least one welcome sign will be upgraded in 2025

Membership:

-there is currently 180 prepaid members with 73 payments coming in following the sponsorship promotion campaign

Corporate Constitution update (ONCA):

-Chris has submitted the required documents to file the Articles with Service Ontario – the status is currently “under review”. Chris will follow-up on status. Note; following our meeting the on-line status remains as “under review” – Chris will try to determine how this status can move forward.
-Chris has amended the Officers to ensure that all current Directors, Officers and corresponding e-mails are included

Sponsorship Promotions:

-several sponsors came forward with generous member discounts for 2025
-these promotions have been very successful in attracting paid membership

Water Quality, testing, etc:

-John F. will reach out to the determine willingness of the current team to continue this work

Next meeting – April 17th, 2025 – majority of time will be dedicated to AGM and newsletter

On-going Items - provide updates as needed:

AGM: speaker ideas; Cottage Life contributors, water quality expert

Advertising: no update

Welcome sign repairs: no update

Emergency equipment/training: no update

Newsletter: no update

Lake Health/Environment/Water Levels: no update

Buoys: no update

-Chris will complete the map and distribute it as soon as she is able

Executive/Board:

-communication within the Board and Executive Committee; this topic will be brought to a future meeting

Policies:

-Chris and Carol have developed an accounting and travel policy which Chris that has been shared with the Exec./Board– we will move this forward to a fall meeting

Library Box:

-consider south shore location in future (ie; store, boat launch)

Welcome to Crystal Lake Brochure:

-the original document that Sarah created is now in dropbox

-Linda is going to review this for required updates and get input for revision