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Special Meeting of Clear Lake Cottagers' Association, June 28 2013

Directors Present:

Gary Deathe, Ron Algate, Brian Ternoway, Suzanne McClennan

Gary reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.

He then asked for a minute of silence for the several individuals who had passed away during the past winter Delphine McClennan, John Frame, Bill Cleverdon, Bob and Charlie Kenwright and Marie Plock.

Gary also mentioned that the church next to the community center was having it's annual bar-b-que, and any who wish to do so were invited.

The purpose of the special meeting was to elect one more person to the directorship of the association to bring it back to quorum, as three directors had resigned in the past few months.

Alex Korn nominated Michael Silver, Carolyn Swartz 2nd carried.

Mary Lee Koyle nominated Dennis Cartwright, John McGinn 2nd carried.

Phil Syme asked about the imposition of a limit to the number of proxy votes one member could bring to the meeting. Answer is "no limit", as long as they are duly assigned, any number is valid.

Gary read the section of the by-laws pertaining to the quorum.

A discussion followed concerning the meaning of the term 'vacancy'.

Each nominee presented a brief overview of why he wanted to be on the Association's Board of Directors.



Sandy Gribbon moved to close nominations, Carolyn Swartz 2nd carried
A vote was taken. Dennis Cartwright was elected by a vote of 57 to 27
for Mike Silver.

Gary made a request for those present to conduct the meeting without
disrespectful behaviours or comments and to work together
cooperatively to find a common ground upon which the solutions to any
problems can be resolved.

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Sharon Cleverdon now holds the position of Membership Coordinator.

Bob and Sharon Cleverdon will continue to be responsible for the
continued testing of the lake water.

Ron Algate presented the financial statement.

Income \$ 4,321.00 expenditures. \$4,556.00

Dick Lister moved to accept financial statement, Cathy Pegg 2nd carried.

Bob Cleverdon presented the water testing report (details were provide
in the annual Newsletter).

Membership was unable to approve last year's A G M minutes because a
copy was not available to be reviewed. They will be posted on our
website.

The 2013 Regatta will be held this year on August 3rd at McClennan's
dock. Anisa Chernecki has volunteered to organize the event, but she
will need volunteers to run it.

A suggestion was made to move the start of the boat parade to more in
the middle of the circle of the lake.



Mike Silver asked if we did any testing for hard metals. Answer "no".
Charlie Wilkins asked if the camp does any water testing. Answer "yes"
, more to follow when Coel Balmer speaks.

Gary Deathe made general request to all cottagers to get their septic tanks cleaned out every two years to help maintain water good quality.

Coel Balmer (Camp Pine Crest) presented the camp's program of water testing and treatment. He invited anyone who is interested to visit the camp and learn more. It is possible to economically remove phosphorus before used water gets to the septic tank. He will be happy to explain in detail to anyone interested, and act as an advisor.

He said that Camp Pine Crest pumps out their kitchen septic tank twice annually, and their main tank once annually. The water returned to the lake is not chlorinated.

Camp Pine Crest has asked the municipal council for a variance to expand the winter dining hall. All construction will be under the existing roof, using the same building code and for the same number of people, just more spacious.

The matter is to go before council on July 11 at COW.

Camp is still at capacity-- not over.

Gary presented the fishing report.

MNR has stopped stocking the lake with rainbow trout.

Pike are eating small fish (shiners) not bass.

There are lots of big pike and big small mouth bass in the lake. Are they reproducing?

Please catch and release what you will not eat (except for Pike, they should be disposed of on land) !!! Do not keep small bass.

If bass are released immediately after they are caught they are more likely to return to the nests.

DO NOT FISH OVER BASS BEDS!!

Ron Algate presented the Cottage Watch report.

OPP have reported a quiet year. Please remain vigilant concerning any unusual persons or events.



Gary presented the wildlife report. Last year's two year old bear cubs have gone, so the mother bear likely has new cubs this year. Do not get in between the cubs and the mother!!!!

Please do not use bird feeders. Bears love to eat birdseed!!

Put your garbage out the morning of pick up to discourage any bears from eating from the garbage cans.

Paul Traves presented the marker buoys report.

The buoys are out---- please DO NOT TIE UP TO ANY BUOY!!

Please put good sized markers on any rafts left out in the water.

New Business

The township is going to repave Clear Lake Road this summer. It will be a "tip and tar" high float surface of one application. This upgrade has been scheduled for some time and is in no way connected to either Camp Pine Crest or any ramp concerns.

Update on Ramp -- presented by Brian Ternoway

The mayor called a town hall meeting on May 18th – at the Torrance Community Centre. It was well attended and very well managed by the Mayor- she had an opportunity to hear first hand the issues involving the closing of the existing ramp on McBain's property.

There was a COW (Committee of the Whole) meeting in Port Carling on June 18, that was a fact- gathering meeting pertaining to the ramp issue of Clear Lake, including presentations made by cottagers from our lake. Brian Ternoway spoke on behalf of the CLPOA.

Summary Up to This Point

The Board of Directors has indicated to the Mayor and councillors that the majority of cottagers need a ramp and that the majority of cottagers at the Town Hall meeting indicated to the mayor that they would be agreeable to a "once in in the Spring, once out in the Fall" policy of use,



and that a controlled situation (reducing negative effects on environment, traffic and neighbours) for any ramp would be preferable.

The mayor has requested that the staff of the municipal council come back to the meeting on July 16 with some answers to questions concerning this issue--- is it possible to have the municipality build a ramp, and allow it to be controlled -usage limited to cottagers and to certain times of the year? (barring emergencies and repairs)---what would the costs of such a ramp be? Legal considerations should be brought to COW at next meeting July 16th.

Dale Syme made a short presentation requesting that the township NOT put a public ramp on the lake.

Mike Silver has offered to explore the possibility of putting a ramp on his property to be used by all cottagers on a controlled and limited basis.

Mayor Murphy was present at the AGM and thanked all those who participated appropriately and informatively at the last COW. She and council are aware that the issue is a sensitive and complicated problem. She pledged the council's assistance to go through a thoughtful process on the matter, taking into consideration both the needs and concerns of cottagers and respecting the by-laws and the OP (Official Plan) of the township. She would like to see a permanent solution that negatively impacts the fewest individuals the least amount. The township cannot consider a public ramp on private property. She stated that the issue would have to "go through" an environmental assessment. The waterbed is owned by the Crown, and the respective processes must be adhered to. She encouraged cottagers to work together, as any solution will involve compromise. The issues are well understood by council, and any solution must involve a) the need for a ramp b) the process of the use of public land, and c) the quality of the water and the quality of life for those effected. The Mayor clarified that council is aware of the complexity of the situation regarding any effect that this decision could have on other cottagers on other lakes.



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The issue of the increased traffic on Clear Lake Road was discussed.

Mike Silver presented his plan to put a ramp on his property. He added that he cannot guarantee the outcome of any environmental assessment done on a possible ramp.

Laurie Monkman thanked the Board of Directors for their continued work on behalf of the cottagers on the lake.

Cathy Pegg moved that the meeting be adjourned, Dorry Korn 2nd carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.