

**Crystal Lake Community Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**June 14th, 2026 10:00 a.m. – Galway Hall and Zoom hybrid format**

John Fernandes, President, opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. there were 47 members in attendance at the hall and 7 unique sign-ins on the zoom

**Call to Order (John Fernandes):**

John Fernandes called the meeting to order. He welcomed all members, introduced the Members of the Board and acknowledged the efforts of our Committee members (Events and Bouy) John outlined the agenda, meeting format and housekeeping rules.

**Current Board members:**

John Fernandes – President  
John Hubbard – Past President  
Christine Brickman – Vice President  
Carol Ing – Treasurer  
Linda Mielewczyk – Membership  
Sharon Brickman – Secretary  
Rainey Weidauer– Board Member

Lake Steward; Paul Camozzi

John acknowledged that Shawn Baldwin has been our Lake Steward for several years and thanked him for his work w CLCA.

**Previous Minutes (Sharon Brickman):**

Sharon Brickman advised that the 2025 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 Sharon Brickman and seconded by Ursula Wengler that the minutes from the 2025 AGM be adopted as posted on the CLCA website. The motion was carried with no objections.

**Partners:**

John .F. acknowledged the importance of our Partners and gave a thank you for their support. The revenue from our partner advertisements is a significant source of income supporting CLCA initiatives.

**Financial Report: (Carol Ing. Treasurer):** Copies of the Treasurer’s report were sent to the membership in advance.

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.

Carol Ing reviewed and explained the financial documents (2025 actuals and 2026 budget). Carol advised that the CLCA annual operating costs were \$9k+/- and revenues are \$8k+/-.

The CLCA financial documents are audited annually by a CPA.

Carol outlined the 2026 budget proposal outlining approximately \$8.2k in revenue and \$9.0k in spending.

Moved by Carol Ing and seconded by Mary-Beth Jones that the 2025 financial report and 2026 budget report be adopted, the motion was carried with no objections.

**Membership rate increase;**

- Carol Ing outlined that spending continues to increase with umbrella organization memberships, insurance, events and general operating costs going up
- A membership increase is being proposed from \$20 to \$25, effective January 1, 2027
- Any memberships that were prepaid prior to the June 14, 2026 AGM will not be impacted
- Any memberships that are prepaid following the June 14, 2026 AGM will be prorated with a \$20 fee for 2026 and a \$25 fee for subsequent years

Moved by Carol Ing and seconded by Neil Miskell that a membership fee increase of \$5.00 from \$20.00 to \$25.00 effective January 1, 2027 be approved, the motion was carried with no objections

**Membership: (Linda Mielewczyk)**

The 2026 Membership total to date is 182 (including those paid at the AGM). Membership is important in order to represent the lake and community with external agencies.

CLCA benefits to members; Welcome signs and planters, White's beach chair and book library, affiliation with other agencies, liaise with Council, donations, events, lake stewardship, buoys, FOCA membership and benefits.

Members are encouraged to discuss the benefits of CLCA with neighbours.

**Communications (Linda Mielewczyk)**

CLCA uses the website, newsletters, emails and social media to communicate with members and the broader community regarding news, events and other issues of importance

The CLCA website gets over 100,000 hits and googles searches on a monthly basis

CLCA maintains an e-mails dist. list of almost 500 addresses used for various communications throughout the year

**2024 Actions of Board (John Fernandes):**

- John highlighted the actions of the Board over the past year;
- Financial audit of 2025 financials
- 2026 budget proposal
- Membership in "umbrella" organisations (CEWF, FOCA, NORKLA)
- Donations to Community organisations; (food bank, Woodlands Wildlife, Ontario turtle, Music in the Park, Kawartha water testing program,
- CLCA events
- Buoy program
- Welcome sign repair

Moved by John Fernandes and seconded by Stuart Bentley that the membership approve the Actions of the Board, this motion was passed with no objection

### **Elections of Board of Directors (John Fernandes);**

John advised that the following current board members were willing to stay on the board for a further 2 year term; John Fernandes, Chris Brickman, John Hubbard, Linda Mielewczyk, Carol Ing, Rainey Weidauer, Sharon Brickman

Moved by John Fernandes and seconded by Carol Hood that the above members be elected to the board, this motion passed with no objections.

John Fernandes asked if there were any other nominations from the floor, John Hubbard, nominated Kevin Quinlan, Kevin accepted the nomination. Moved by John Fernandes and seconded by Neil Miskell that Kevin Quinlan be nominated to the Board, the motion passed with not objections.

It was noted that John Fernandes will not seek re-election to the position of President and will remain on the Board as Past President. John Hubbard will remain on the Board as a Board member.

The membership was advised that an election of the Executive will take place following the AGM.

### **Lake Stewardship Program (Paul Camozzi);**

Paul provided an overview of the 2025 testing and lake survey results (clarity, PH, calcium, temperature, rainfall and water quality). The test results indicate that the lake is relatively stable from a water quality perspective. It was noted that phosphorous levels are slightly above the average, septic care, use of fertilizers and natural shoreline alteration can impact phosphorous levels.

Paul will be working with several lake partners in 2026; FOCA, Kawartha Conservation, NORKLA, Trent University, CEWF.

Paul is keenly interested in bringing awareness about the hazards of various plastics in our lake environment, indicating that one of the main contributors is deteriorating foam dock billets.

Paul is seeking volunteers to help scope the issue on Crystal Lake and to develop a program to deal with the removal of hazardous materials.

Other area lakes have had success in developing a foam billet removal program and an intensive study has been carried out on Kashabog Lake (a similar size lake east of Burleigh Falls).

### **General Programs and Events (Chris Brickman)**

-Chris provided an outline of the many CLCA and other events and activities around the community (see slide deck for details)

-CLCA works with several organizations; FOCA, CEWF, Trent University, Kawartha Conservation

-Crystal Lake Road Welcome sign is being repaired in 2026, thank you to Mike Leblanc

### **Open Questions;**

There was an open discussion and the following topics were discussed;

-condition of roads

-membership promotion

-volunteers for lake clean-up

### **Adjournment of formal meeting;**

Moved by John Fernandes and seconded by Margo Phillip that the formal portion of the meeting be adjourned,

this motion was passed with no objection.

The slide deck and associated reports will be available on the CLCA website; [crystallakecottagers.ca](http://crystallakecottagers.ca)

**Guest Speakers:**

Carolyn Richards (KATVA) -

- Carolyn provided a very interesting overview of the programs and activities of the Kawartha ATV Association.
- This is a very active community organization that raises funds for many causes; ATVs and side x sides to local municipalities, hospital (\$100k), local animal sanctuary
- they are responsible for patrolling and the maintenance of a huge network of trails throughout Trent Lakes and Kawartha Lakes.
- KATVA promotes awareness and environmental responsibility, holds safe -driving clinics and full training programs for OPP, MNR, and kids
- KATVA aims to provide a safe enjoyable opportunity for outdoor recreation
- There are over 3000 members
- advised everyone to download “what 3 words” on their phones in order to be found in the bush easily by first responders

Janice Freund (Crystal Lake resident) –

- Janice provided an in-depth presentation related to the use of rodenticides in our society and how these chemicals affect wildlife, pets and the environment
- “black boxes” seen around many commercial, residential and retail buildings contain rodenticides, these chemicals do not kill the rodents immediately and the rodents do not stay in the black boxes. The rodents ingest the chemicals and they are then vulnerable as prey to many species in the food chain such as hawks, owls, foxes, racoons, eagles and pets (cats and dogs).
- these chemicals are passed to the prey species and leads to organ failure, a slow and painful death follows
- wildlife sanctuaries are regularly dealing with poisoned animals and there is no treatment
- many pet owners have lost beloved animals to these chemicals
- Janice is part of a small organization that is creating awareness of this issue (a brochure has been uploaded to the CLCA website)

**The meeting was adjourned and a light lunch was served**

**The Board members adjourned to a separate room to conduct the election of officers, see results below;**

**The elected board held a meeting on-site to elect the Executive team;**

**John Fernandes nominated Kevin Quinlan as the President,** Kevin accepted the nomination

-moved by John Fernandes and seconded by Carol Ing that Kevin Quinlan be appointed as the President

-the motion passed with no objection

**Sharon Brickman nominated John Fernandes as the Past President,** John accepted the nomination

-Moved by Sharon Brickman and seconded by John Hubbard that John Fernandes be appointed as Past President

-the motion passed with no objection

**Carol Ing nominated Chris Brickman as the Vice President,** Chris accepted the nomination

-Moved by Carol Ing and seconded by Linda Mielewczyk that Chris Brickman be appointed as the Vice

President,

-the motion passed with no objection

**Linda Mielewczyk nominated Carol Ing as the Treasurer,** Carol accepted the nomination

-Moved by Linda Mielewczyk and seconded by Chris Brickman that Carol Ing be appointed as Treasurer,

-the motion passed with no objection

**Rainey Weidhauer nominated Linda Mielewczyk as the Membership Coordinator,** Linda accepted the nomination

-Moved by Rainey Weidhauer and seconded by Chris Brickman that Linda Mielewczyk be appointed as

Membership Coordinator

-the motion passed with no objection

**John Hubbard nominated Sharon Brickman as the Secretary,** Sharon accepted the nomination

-moved by John Hubbard and seconded by Kevin Quinlan that Sharon Brickman be appointed as the Secretary

-the motion passed with no objection

**Kevin Quinlan nominated John Hubbard as a Board Member,** John accepted the nomination

-Moved by Kevin Quinlan and seconded by John Fernandes that John Hubbard be appointed as a Board member,

-the motion was passed with no objection

**Kevin Quinlan nominated Rainey Weidhauer as a Board Member,** Rainey accepted the nomination

-moved by Kevin Quinlan and seconded by Sharon Brickman that Rainey Weidhauer be appointed as a Board

Member

-the motion passed with no objection

Events Committee; Allison Gorgichuk

Lake Steward; Paul Camozzi

Bouy team; several members taking care of various parts of the lake

Moved by Sharon Brickman and seconded by John Fernandes that the meeting be adjourned,

Motion passed with no objection

A recording on this meeting is available for a limited time upon request