

**Crystal Lake Community Association  
Annual General Meeting  
June 1st, 2025 10:00 a.m. – Galway Hall**

President, John Fernandes opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. there were 68 members in attendance

**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 (Buoys and Events) John outlined the agenda, meeting format and housekeeping rules.

**Current Board members:**

John Fernandes – President

John Hubbard – Past President (absent)

Christine Brickman – Vice President

Carol Ing – Treasurer

Linda Mielewczyk – Membership

Sharon Brickman – Secretary

Rainey Weidauer– Board Member

Lake Steward – Shawn Baldwin

**Previous Minutes (Sharon Brickman):**

Sharon Brickman advised that the 2024 AGM minutes had been posted on the CLCA website ([https://CRYSTALLAKECOTTAGERS.CA/#CLCA\\_Meeting\\_Minutes](https://CRYSTALLAKECOTTAGERS.CA/#CLCA_Meeting_Minutes)) and asked if anyone had any questions or concerns, no one voiced any concerns.

Moved by Margo Phillips and seconded by Cheryle Fernandes that the minutes from the 2024 AGM be adopted as posted on the CLCA website. The motion was carried with no objections.

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John .F. acknowledged the importance of our Sponsor/Advertisers and gave a thank you to all for their support

**Financial Report: (Carol Ing, Treasurer); 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 (2024 actuals and 2025 budget). Carol advised that CLCA targets to maintain a “buffer” of approximately \$10k and that the annual budget is around \$11k each year.

The CLCA financial documents are audited annually by a CPA.

Moved by Jeff McInnis and seconded by Terri McKinnon that the 2024 financial report be adopted as shown, no objections were brought forward, the motion was carried.

**Membership: (Linda Mielewczyk)**

The 2025 Membership total to date is 233 (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 discounts; there will be follow-up on this topic in the future to advise members how to access this.

**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.

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

- completion of all ONCA requirements as approved by the membership at the 2024 AGM
- financial audits completed
- preparation of 2025 budget
- Membership in “umbrella” organisations; (CEWF, FOCA, NORKLA)
- Donations to Community organisations; (food bank, Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, Kinmount Pickleball, Music in the Park, CLCA events and buoys)

Moved by Suzanne Olejnik and seconded by Penny Clayson that actions of the Board of Directors in 2024 be approved, no objections were brought forward and the motion was carried.

### **Lake Stewardship Program (Shawn Baldwin):**

Shawn gave a very informative outline of testing and surveys that are conducted on the lake (clarity, PH, calcium, temperature, rainfall and water quality). The test results indicate that the lake is relatively stable from a water quality perspective.

Shawn Baldwin works in conjunction with several lake partners; FOCA, Kawartha Conservation, NORKLA, Trent University, CEWF

A “get the lead out” event (lead tackle exchange) will be carried out at the dam boat launch on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The 2024 events were a great success, it is an opportunity to share educational material with fishermen and other lake users about the dangers and impacts of lead-based tackle. There will be a draw for a new rod and reel donated by Baldy’s

### **General Programs and Events:**

Events of interest for 2025;

- Music in the Park Thursdays in July and Aug
- Get the Lead out – June 21 – Dam boat launch
- Recycled Creations - June 28 – Whites Beach more details to follow
- Haunt the Docks – Aug. 23
- Fall Food Drive – Oct. 10-13
- Pickleball – 3 days a week after July long weekend join Kinmount Pickleball FB
- Crystal Lake’s Got Talent; Aug. 9

-Crystal Lake Road Welcome sign is being repaired.

### **There was open discussion and many topics were discussed:**

- nesting turtles – watch the roads
- danger trees floating in the lake from the ice storm - be careful on the lake
- danger trees on roadsides – contact Trent Lakes roads department
- styrofoam beads – people are encouraged to switch to encapsulated styrofoam and remove old docks with unencapsulated styrofoam from the lake, there were offers of support for those unable to handle this type of removal project alone
- impacts of lead on loons and other wildlife (ducks and herons) – purchase only non-lead tackle
- a suggestion was made to post signs “do not fish with lead tackle” – Shawn will follow-up on this
- zebra mussels – they are in the lake and generally run in cycles, it is impossible to remove them, all lake users should be vigilant when moving watercraft between water bodies
- a question was raised about the ownership of the dam boat launch – Carol Armstrong has followed up and confirmed that this property remains in private ownership
- need for education regarding wake; education and conversations. Jenny Thorne volunteered to source information on the topic
- Appreciation was expressed for all those that volunteered during the ice storm aftermath

**Adjournment of formal meeting;**

-Moved by Terri McKinnon and seconded by Bill Phillips that the 2025 AGM be adjourned no objections were brought forward, motion carried

**A lunch and social event followed the meeting**