

February 18, 2026; Meeting of the Board and Executive Committee of the Crystal Lake and Community Association, 7:15 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

John Fernandes called the meeting to order.

2026 events;

- Zina Bolak and Allison Gorgichuk were in attendance for this subject
- 2027 Name that Tune; follow-up will be done to try to book this event after Fathers Day in 2027 – a deposit will be sent to the Candice (DJ/event Coordinator) to secure this event for 2027
- AGM luncheon; there was a discussion on various options, the events committee will do some research and prices and make a presentation to the board for input and approval
- Canada Day Flotilla – July 4th – various options and ideas will be reviewed and presented to the Board
- Haunt the Docks - August 22/26

Minutes;

-adoption of January 7/26 minutes; moved by Sharon B. and seconded by Linda M. that the minutes be adopted. Sharon will send them to Jim for posting.

Financials;

- Carol presented the draft 2026 budget for review, there was a lengthy discussion, Carol will update the budget document and forward it for input prior to the next meeting
- community support options; many options were discussed – a final decision will be made at the next meeting
- food bank support will be through food drives rather than financial

AGM; June 14th, 2026

- the Hall has been reserved 9-3:00
- keynote speaker ideas; fire/emergency management, KATV/OFSC, turtle guardian, woodland sanctuary, Parks Canada – Water Levels
- it was agreed that we would maintain the in-person format with possible hybrid zoom/in person option; would need to determine the logistics of this option.
- 2026 will be an election year.
- 2025 AGM follow-up; Safe and Quiet lakes volunteer; Jenna?

Lake Ice out 50/50; (see other revenue generating ideas below)

-this was briefly discussed and Linda will come back with some options to the next meeting

The following items were not discussed due to time constraints and will be brought to the next meeting;

Insurance;

-John H. is going to determine if there are savings related to a higher deductible and see if the cyber insurance expert would be available to provide a brief outline for the Board.

Advertising/sponsorship promotion; - decide on a name (Patrons?)

- we currently charge \$275.00 for a year of advertising on the CLCA website which also provides the opportunity to post on the Crystal Lake and Community (CL&C) group facebook page.
- some suggestions were made to promote additional advertising/sponsorships;
- Chris advised that as the CL&C FB admin. she would give some thought to how best to facilitate promoting our advertisers/sponsors when someone posts looking for services
- an advertiser/sponsor collage could be posted to FB a few times a year with a note ie, "don't forget to use CLCA advertisers/sponsors whenever possible"
- Carol will provide Chris with the wording that she uses for new advertisers/sponsors and ensure that it is in the 2026 newsletter
- John F. said if we had a promotional flyer, he would circulate it to local businesses
- possibly put a shout out to all our advertisers/sponsors in the gazette?

Revenue generating ideas;

- increase membership fees to \$25. At existing membership #'s this extra \$5 would cover the cost of cyber insurance
- if we were to initiate this change it would have to be done at the preceding AGM. Therefore, it was agreed that we would present a motion to the membership at the 2026 AGM seeking support. to increase the membership fee by \$5 when the need is determined by the Executive, depending on revenue generation, in order to cover the rising cost of cyber insurance.
- raffles and 50/50 contests; ie, guess the date that the ice goes out, guess number of docks that go loose around the lake in the spring. We all agree to give this some thought and come back with logistics and ideas at the next meeting

Membership; Linda Mielewczyk

- there is a total of 249 for 2025.
- Linda will send out requests for membership renewals in late winter
- awaiting information from Cottage Life related to a promotion for 2026. Linda advised that many members took advantage of the show discount in 2025.
- suggested that the prize for the annual Membership draw be a free membership for 2027
- looking for ideas on promotional "swag" for the 2026 membership drive; mugs, pens...?

-Welcome signs;

- Mike Leblanc feels he will be able to make the necessary repairs to the Galway Road/Hwy 121 sign.

-The Galway Road/Clear Bay sign does not require immediate repair

2026 Newsletter;

-Chris is seeking input/ideas

Next meeting; February 26, 6:30;

On-going Items - provide updates as needed;

Stewardship;

Emergency equipment/training;

-no update

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 future meeting

Library Box;

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

Buoys; Chris Brickman

-there is an outstanding request to have a buoy located at the mouth of Ironmine Bay