

**Crystal Lake Community Association
Annual General Meeting
June 3rd, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Virtual Zoom meeting**

President, John Fernandes opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., there were 37 unique attendees on-line (many screens had several members on-line).

Call to Order (John Fernandes):

John Fernandes called the meeting to order. He welcomed all our members and introduced the Members of the Board. John outlined the agenda, meeting format and housekeeping rules.

Previous Minutes (Sharon Brickman):

Sharon Brickman advised that the 2023 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 Fred Angelage and seconded by Zina Bolak that the minutes from the 2022 AGM be adopted as posted on the CLCA website. An on-line show of hands was conducted, no objections were brought forward and the motion was carried.

Sponsor/Advertisers

John .F. acknowledged the importance of our Sponsor/Advertisers and gave a big thank you to each of them.

Constitution and Articles of Incorporation:

The Ontario Not for Profit Act necessitated that we update our existing Constitution and Articles of Incorporation

A review was conducted over the winter months and drafts of the proposed documents were prepared and have been posted on the CLCA website

It was moved by Bill Philips and seconded by Mike Leblanc that draft constitution be implemented and the Articles of Incorporation be amended as per the documents posted, no objections were brought forward, the motion was carried

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 (2023 actuals and 2024 budget)

The CLCA 2023 financial documents will be audited shortly

Moved by Ira Peters and seconded by Harold Phillips that the 2023 financial report be adopted as posted. An on-line show of hands was conducted, no objections were brought forward, the motion was carried.

Membership: (Linda Mielewczyk)

Linda advised that for the 2024 membership year, we currently have 197 paid members, (compared with 135 at this time in 2023). Membership is important in order to represent the Lake and Community

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

Communications (Linda Mielewczyk)

CLCA is working on many of the recommendations put forward through the 2023 survey

CLCA keeps members informed through; website updates, e-mail "blasts", spring and fall newsletters

Actions of Board (John Fernandes);

It was moved by Fred Angelage and seconded by Mike Leblanc that actions of the Board of Directors in 2023 be approved, no objections were brought forward and the motion was carried

Election of Board of Directors (John Fernandes):

- nominations to the board were sought in advance of the meeting and John F. asked if anyone was interested in joining the board, no one came forward to volunteer
- each member of the existing Board expressed that they were prepared to stay on the board for an additional term
- it was moved by Ira Peters and seconded by Harold Philips that the following members be elected to the board; John Fernandes, Chris Brickman, Carol Ing. Linda Mielewczyk, Sharon Brickman, Rainey Weidauer, no objections were brought forward and the motion was carried

Lake Stewardship Program (Shawn Baldwin):

Shawn gave a very informative outline of testing that is conducted on the lake (clarity, PH, calcium, temperature, rainfall and water quality).

A “get the lead out” event was carried out at the dam boat launch on May 18, it was a great success with many pieces of lead tackle turned in and traded for lead free tackle. Another event is to be held on June 22. This is a great opportunity to share educational material with fishermen and other lake users

Our lake stewards, Shawn Baldwin and Nikita Siappas, work in conjunction with several lake partners; FOCA, Kawartha Conservation, NORKLA, Trent University, CEWF and MOE

General Programs

CLCA continues to support local events and organizations; food bank, Music in the Park and Pickleball

CLCA events for 2024;

- Get the Lead out – Saturday, June 22
- Name that Tune – Saturday, June 22
- Scavenger Hunt - Saturday, June 29
- Meet & Greet – Saturday, July 20(members only)
- Haunt the Docks – Saturday, Aug 24
- Fall Food Drive – Oct 4-6, Oct 11-14

Questions;

- a suggestion was made that a clear outline of the previous years actions be provided in future prior to voting on acceptance
- some clarity was provided regarding 2024 spending proposals

Adjournment of formal meeting portion;

-John Fernandes made a motion that the 2023 AGM be adjourned, this was seconded by Bill Phillips, An on-line show of hands was conducted, no objections, motion carried

Guest Speaker – Kevin Pepper

A stunning presentation and photo display was shown by Kevin Pepper

Kevin is creating rescue teams and kits and can help lake Associations set up groups on their lakes. He works with Woodland Wildlife @ 705-286-1133, on rescues

Facebook; The Loon Whisperer

Some fun facts;

- loons are their own species (gaviidae); there are 5 types; common (our loons), pacific, red throated, black throated, yellow-billed
- loons from the east side of Canada winter in the Carolinas, from the West they go to California
- they can fly 200 km/day
- they can eat and drink fresh or salt fish and water
- they need the length of a football field to take off and can barely walk on land
- they do not necessarily mate for life or go to the same nesting territory. There are territorial battles in the spring ...to the death in some cases
- they will defend their area and attack anything
- loons will abandon a nest if they feel threatened (ie; human activity can cause this)
- loon nests are very close to the water's edge (due to their awkwardness on land) therefore, spring flooding and wakes are a hazard for eggs and nests
- eggs incubate for 27 days and there are 1 or 2 chicks (24 hours apart)
- chicks can not dive and are very vulnerable, they can be drowned by a wake. They are prey for turtles, eagles and large fish
- chicks stay close to parents for 6-7 weeks, the parent leave for the south earlier in the fall and leave the young to figure it out. Young loons stay south for 1 or 2 years before returning to mate
- loons get confused by circular or erratic watercraft
- loons molt in August and can not fly for 10 days
- adult loons gather in large groups in the fall and socialize and practice landing and taking off
- loons likely never meet their offspring again
- one piece of lead tackle will kill a loon, if it is part of a breeding pair it mostly likely means the death of the entire family as the remaining adult is vulnerable to a territorial attack and also will be unable to care for the young alone