

CHRISTIE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC. (“CLA”)

MEETING OF MEMBERS

Friday July 25, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Tay River Tent and Trailer Park

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Welcome and Thanks

The meeting was chaired by Brooke Briggs, CLA’s President. He stated that he has had the task, and for the most part, the privilege and pleasure, of serving as President of the Association for the past year. As President, it has been his duty to serve as Chairman at meetings of members. Susan Bowen, CLA’s newly-appointed Secretary, will serve as Secretary of the meeting and will record the minutes of the meeting.

The President welcomed members and guests to the 2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Christie Lake Association Inc. (“the Association” or “CLA”).

2. Meeting Properly Constituted

The President noted that the Association’s By-laws provide for a minimum of 14 days’ notice for meetings of members [S.7.04] and that “Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of members” [S. 7.05]. Since notice of tonight’s meeting was sent to members on or about May 21, 2014 and since there are more than 10 members present the chairman then declared that the meeting was properly constituted for the transaction of business.

3. Thanks to Hans and Brigitte Gretener

The President offered a special thank you to Hans and Brigitta Gretener for their continued and most valued support and for permitting the CLA to use their meeting facilities once again during the height of their busy season. It is an ideal location for us. Over the last few months they have allowed us to use their facility for the CPR Seminar, our Yard & Lawn Sale and now our AGM. We sincerely appreciate their hospitality and thank them for their kindness.

4. Introduction of Officers and Directors and Special Guests

The President then introduced the directors and officers of the CLA in alphabetical order, by first name.

- (a) Apryle Patterson – has served as a Director since 2006. She has served as the Chair of the Membership Committee, Co-Chair of the Social Committee and also as a member of the Membership and Heritage Committees.
- (b) Austin Sweezey – has been a director since the 1980s; Past President. He is Chair of the Lake Stewardship Committee and is a member of the Communications & Website Committee.
- (c) Diane Briggs (absent) – has served as a Director since 2013 and organized our first ever and very successful Yard & Lawn sale.

- (d) Donna Walsh - has been a Director since 1996 and a past President of the Association. Donna has served as Chair of the Heritage Committee, Co-Chair of the Social Committee; and is a very active member of the Communications & Website Committee and is a member of Membership & Directory Committee. Donna is the person responsible for sending out email bulletins regarding lake levels, lost and found items of which there were several this year with the high water levels and also providing gorgeous pictures of our Lake as the seasons roll by.
- (e) Jane O'Grady – has served as a Director since in 2013 and assisted our OP review group and has been active with the social committee.
- (f) Larry Bowen – newly voted in Director has developed and chaired our Communications and Website Committee bringing the Lake association into the 21st century on an information level. Larry is also our liaison person the Lake Networking Group which shares a tremendous amount of information on lake stewardship so that we all don't waste a lot of time reinventing the wheel.
- (g) Krystyna Williamson has been a Director since 2012 and stepped down prior to the meeting. She will be missed as she has been a proactive director and always to be counted on for an objective viewpoint, even via skype from her home in Calgary.
- (h) Penny Nault has been a Director since 2011. She has acted as Vice President & Assistant Treasurer - maintaining the associations banking records. She has been a tower of strength on the Communications & Website Committee and Member of the Social Committee. Somehow she has found time to become a juried pottery artist in the Stewart Park Festival.
- (i) Susan Bowen - Director since 2013 & Secretary.

The president took this opportunity to introduce Tui Noonan. He reported that Tui is responsible for liaising with the camps on Christie Lake and arranges the annual fund raising Annual Charity Golf Tournament, which is being held this year on Saturday 16 August. You can see her report under Section 16: Committee Reports – Item 16.04.

The President introduced the special guests who were attending the meeting:

- (a) Kaitlin Brady - a biologist with RVCA who will be addressing us on the types and growth of algae blooms in our lake being studied under a special grant program;
- (b) We were expecting Dave Ness representing Parks Canada however he has not arrived at this point;
- (c) Noelle Reeve – TVT Planner with updates on Township activities;
- (d) Constable Robert Hahn – OPP Marine who will give us a refresher on Marine Safety, and
- (e) David and Janet Taylor - members of Friends of the Tay Watershed who have graciously donated tickets for two for a Tay Canal Tour on the Blue Goose (a value of \$50). In return they have asked us to mention that the Friends of the Tay Watershed are having a discovery day at the Perth Farmers Market featuring displays 16th of August;

5. Procedures – Questions/ Comments

The President announced that tonight's proceedings are being recorded to help the Secretary in the preparation of the minutes of tonight's meeting. He stated that copies of the agenda for this evening are available at the back. As there are not enough for everyone, he asked that you share them.

The President stated that as we have a full agenda for the evening he proposed that we stick closely to the time limits as set out in the agenda. That way the meeting should be finished in 1 hour 45 minutes. He apologized in advance, if he should cut off guest presentations, committee reports, questions from the floor or responses to those questions. He stated that our guests have agreed to answer questions arising out of their presentations. The time allotted to each guest includes time for questions from the floor and answers from our guests. The chairman said that our guests may leave the meeting following their respective question periods, should they choose to do so. However, they are; of course, welcome to stay for the entire meeting.

He reported that we shall permit questions to be put to our Assistant Treasurer, Penny Nault, after she has delivered the Treasurer's Report and before the members are asked to vote on the motion to approve that report. Except as noted, he stated that we propose to hold all other questions and comments until near the end of the meeting, but prior to the election of directors.

He asked that when asking questions or making comments, to please introduce yourself for the benefit of those attending the meeting and to ensure that the minutes properly reflect who asked which question or made which comment. He also asked that questions and comments be concise and to the point.

6. Guest Speaker – Kaitlin Brady (RVCA)

The President introduced Kaitlin Brady from the Rideau Valley conservation Authority who would be speaking to us about algae and excessive plant growth. See embedded PDF for her presentation



Q: What is the time frame for the project and will one be able to witness it happening?

A: It is a 2 year project – collection and research is happening this summer – probably just one day. Over the winter they will be analyzing results. They will be back in August to do an analysis of the shoreline vegetation.

Q: Is this collection and research being done in other places in Ontario?

A: A lot of research has been done on the Great Lakes and not so much in eastern Ontario

Q: You want us to report on excessive algae growth. What constitutes excessive?

A: Anything around the size of 6' X 6' would be considered to be of some concern.

Q: We have been experiencing these blooms for the past 60 years.

A: This would be good to note when you are reporting on a bloom.

Q: Is there a connection between the zebra mussels and the algae bloom?

A: Yes – the zebra mussels clarify the water allowing in more sun which increases the growth of plants and the algae.

Q: Where do you take the core samples?

A: They are taken at the deepest part of the lake.

Q: Zebra Mussels have a cycle – where are they now in our lake?

A: Not sure specifically at Christie Lake - they have noted a decrease

Q: What is the main source of the phosphorus and will you report on your recommendations?

A: Certain soaps can increase the amount of phosphorus; septic systems that weep into the lake; shoreline erosion; and heavy rain and fertilizers.

Q: Will RCVA assess our shoreline?

A: Site visits are free

The President thanked Ms. Brady.

7. Guest Speaker – Mr. Dave Ness (Parks Canada)

As previously noted unfortunately Mr. Dave Ness was unable to be with us this evening.

8. OPP Representative

The President welcomed Constable Robert Hahn of the OPP Marine Division. Constable Hahn thanked everyone for the invitation to come out and speak. He has been on the police force for 13 years and on the boat for 3 to 4 years. They have several lakes to cover in the county. He introduced his marine assistant Dennis who is with him for the summer. Dennis is attending a marine program at one of the local colleges.

Basic Marine Safety

The three things that Constable Hahn looks for are what he calls the three “Ls”: Life Jackets; Liquor and License. Since 2009 Ontario has required all boat operators to have a boating license. As to liquor they have a zero tolerance policy on having liquor on boats. Life jackets need to be up to date, correct size and the instructions/details on them must be legible. As for what safety items are required on every boat he stated that it depends on the vessel but basically what every boat requires is: flashlight; bale bucket; buoyancy rope whistle; anchor; paddle and fire extinguisher. For more information on equipment requirements, see the "Safe Boating Guide", a free publication issued by Transport Canada, call the "Boating Safety Line" at 1-800-267-6687 or go online at www.boatingsafety.gc.ca.

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The President thanked Constable Hahn.

9. Update From TVT Council

Noelle Reeve - TVT Planner. See embedded PDF for her presentation. She noted that Christie Lake had a very active Official Plan Committee. For more public input she announced that there will be a public meeting on September 16th 2014.

10. Questions To Municipal Representative

There was one question put forward regarding our Lake Association Stewardship Guideline and whether the council had read it. Ms. Reeve stated that she will be taking our guideline into consideration. The President thanked Ms. Reeve.

11. Treasurer's Financial Report

Ms. Nault submitted the treasurer's report to the meeting and advised that the association reported its financial information on a cash basis. Copies of the detailed 4 page Treasurer's Report were available at the back of the hall showing:

- Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2013 with comparative amounts at December 31, 2012
- Statement of Revenue & Expenses for the period ended December 31, 2013 with comparative amounts at December 31, 2012
- Statement of financial position at June 30, 2014 with comparative amounts at December 31, 2012
- Statement of Revenue & Expenses for the period ended June 30, 2014 with comparative amounts at December 31, 2013



Revenue of Expenses
30 June 21014



Financial Position
30 June 2014



Revenue & Expenses
31 Dec 2013



Financial Position
31 Dec 2013

12. Motion for Approval of Treasurer's Financial Report

The President put forward the motion that the treasurer's 2013 report be approved and the 2014 interim report be received. Ms. Greer seconded the motion. He asked if there were any questions, comments or discussion in relation to the motion before you.

13. Questions Re: Treasurer's Financial Report

The President then invited questions from the floor. None were forthcoming.

14. Vote on the Motion – Treasurer’s Financial Report

There being no further questions, the President then called for a vote on the motion. The motion to accept the reports was passed with one vote against.

There was some discussion as to whether we required an auditor to review our financial reports. It was noted that to have the reports audited would incur a large expense and it was suggested that we should continue to have our reports reviewed until such time that a member put forward an objection. The President put forward a motion to have an external reviewer go over our financial reports and Ms. Williamson seconded. The President asked for a vote on the motion. It was passed unanimously.

15. President’s Address

The President stated that as President it is customary to give a brief review of some of the highlights of the past years’ activities. One of the more interesting situations occurred last fall when our Association, led by former President Gordon Hill, rallied the troops, so to speak, objecting to a proposed township property standards By-law being imposed on us. We argued that it gave sweeping powers to TVT officials and compromised our property rights amongst other things. The result, following CLA representation at a TVT council meeting, was that the proposal be abandoned. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance! We have made an effort to have at least one representative present at any council session we deem has any relevance to our enjoyment of our lake environment.

The province mandates that township Official Plans must be reviewed every 5 years. Last January a committee chaired by the ubiquitous Gordon and comprised of Penny Nault, Susan Bowen, Donna Walsh, Jane O’Grady and I took it upon ourselves to review all 22 Official Plan proposals. The areas of concern ranged from expanding home businesses to lift pollution to proposed 3 metre buffers around lakes and a number of topics relevant to the use and enjoyment of our properties. We met a total of 5 times and spent over 150 person hours reviewing virtually all proposed changes and developing counter proposals in many cases. Gordon spent another 100 hours refining and elaborating our positions into a brief that was presented to council in the spring at one of their many ongoing consultative meetings. We feel and were told that the Associations’ positions were constructive and strongly urge all members of the audience to check our proposed OP amendments and their councillors’ positions on them. Its dry stuff, but some of the changes may affect how you may use your property. You can find the data on the TVT website.

Our social events were well attended this past year. Three events in June included a multi-family Yard & Lawn sale here at the trailer park, a CPR training session also here and a very well attended Wine & Cheese at the Kids Camp on June 14th. We are looking forward to the upcoming Golf Tournament benefitting the Kids Camp organized by Tui Noonan. Unfortunately we were unable to secure a venue for the August Dinner and Dance but will be looking forward to next years, perhaps at Camp Opemikon.

16. Committee Reports

16.01 – Membership

Penny Nault – as Chair of the Membership and Directory Committee - reported that memberships were being received but not as many as she would like to see. Penny thanked all the canvassers and announced that there were forms at the back of the hall.

16.02 – Communications and Website

Larry Bowen – as Chair of the Communications and Website Committee - made the following presentation embedded as a slide presentation.



**Comms & Website
Update**

Larry announced that a survey had been created to help them improve the website and asked that everyone present to please fill one in before leaving. He noted that at this time it is not available on the website.

16.03 – Lake Stewardship/Fishsticks

Austin Swezey - Chair of the Lake Stewardship Committee – was unable to attend the meeting so Mr. Bowen spoke on his behalf. He reported the following. Simply stated Fishsticks is a shoreline restoration process which has the benefit of enhancing both aquatic and shoreline animal life. It is now the common term used for creating a near-shoreline eco-system promoting fish spawning and nursery habitat for young fish as well as other life forms. The material used for Fishsticks may be either old mature trees and/or bundles of brush usually positioned along the selected shoreline during the winter months when the ice is thick with little damage caused to the land.

This had been done on Mississippi Lake in 2010 and it was determined that it had been a positive experience. Mr. Bowen stated that the CLA had applied for a grant from RVCA, supported at the district level but we had been denied at the regional level. Mr. Swezey initiated three habitats along the CPR North shoreline. Several families helped Mr. Swezey with a minimum cost of about \$100 for cables, etc. Mr. Bowen asked that if anyone has trees or brush on their shoreline to please let Mr. Swezey know.

16.04 – Golf Tournament

Ms. Tui Noonan – as Chair of the Liaison-Camps Committee – announced that this summer they would be holding the 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Perth Golf Course on Saturday 16 August starting at 12noon. The cost per entrant (limited to 60 persons) is \$70 which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart and dinner. Fees for participants will be set at \$100 which includes a \$30 tax receipt for a donation to the Christie Lake Kids Camp. For dinner only, the cost will be \$50. You must sign up by the 7th of August if you are planning to participate. She reported that they hope to purchase a washer and dryer for the infirmary at the Kids Camp from the proceeds of the event. She also noted that if anyone did not receive a tax receipt when they participated last year that they can receive one for that at the tournament. For further information please go to the Christie Lake Association web site.

16.05 – Social Events

Ms. Donna Walsh – as Chair of the Social Committee – reported that the Spring Wine & Cheese Event had been a huge success and that over 50 people had attended.



There was a draw for the Tay Canal Tour on the Blue Goose which was won by Danny and Penny Nault.

17. Other Business, Questions, Comments

The President reported that the residents of the lake had expressed their concern regarding the high water levels. There was also a concern about the phosphorous levels being higher but that did not occur – they are lower than in previous years. In fact he reported that Christie Lake was the second healthiest lake in the Rideau Valley Watershed. He has taken water samples within 10 to 15 feet off the Big Island shoreline and the depth is a little over 100 feet which is the deepest point in the lake. Aside from the zebra mussels there is nothing new on the lake other than the millifol or amount of algae which is up substantially.

Mr. Vergette reported that there is a book about the lake and the Marks family. He noted that Becky Crandall who was a member of that family has passed away.

There was also some concern about the proposed 20% OPP salary increase. If the proposal is approved then concern expressed that there would be an increase in our property taxes. Mr. Hill stated that it has not gone through yet but if it does it will affect the taxes in rural communities. There was general agreement that we should be writing to our MPP and MP to show our concern.

18. Retiring Directors, New Directors – Other Nominations

Ms. Krystyna Williams - who joined the Board in 2012 will step down as a director at the closed executive meeting held prior to the AGM. At this meeting Larry Bowen was elected as a Director.

The President then stated that he, too, will step down at the close of this meeting as President. He has been on the board since 2007 and President since the 2008.

Proposed slate of directors for the ensuing year includes:

Current Directors: Apryle Patterson, Austin Sweezey, Diane Briggs, Jane O'Grady, Brooke Briggs, Donna Walsh, Penny Nault and Susan Bowen.

New Director: Larry Bowen

The chairman then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None were forth coming.

19. Nomination and Election of Directors

Members' Resolution

Whereas by Resolution passed by the directors and confirmed (with variation) by at least two- thirds of the votes cast at this Annual General Meeting of the Association, the number of directors has been fixed at nine;

And whereas the following nine persons have been nominated as directors of the Association for the ensuing year:

Apryle Patterson, Austin Sweezey, Brooke Briggs, Diane Briggs, Donna Walsh, Jane O’Grady, Larry Bowen, Penny Nault, and Susan Bowen;

There being no further nominations it was **RESOLVED** that the President be directed to cast a single ballot for the election of those nominated.

The President asked if there any questions, comments or discussion in relation to the motion.

There being no further questions, comments or discussion the President then called for a vote on the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

20. Termination of Meeting

The President asked if there were any other questions or comments. None were forthcoming. He thanked everyone for their time, attention, questions and comments and he then declared the meeting to be terminated.

The meeting terminated at 8:50pm.

CHRISTIE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC.					
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS					
Tay River Tent and Trailer Park					
Friday, July 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.					
AGENDA					
Item	Description	Speaker	Start	Minutes	End
1	Welcome to Members and Guests	Brooke Briggs	7:00	0:01	7:01
2	Meeting Properly Constituted	Brooke Briggs	7:01	0:01	7:02
3	Thanks to Hans and Brigitta Gretener	Brooke Briggs	7:02	0:02	7:04
4	Introduction of Directors and Special Guests.	Brooke Briggs	7:04	0:01	7:05
5	Procedure - Questions and Comments	Brooke Briggs	7:05	0:01	7:06
6	Guest Speaker: Topic - Algae/excessive plant growth	Kaitlin Brady RVCA	7:06	0:10	7:16
7	Guest Speaker: Topic - Water Levels	Mr. Dave Ness Parks Canada	7:16	0:15	7:31
8	OPP Representative	Constable R. Hahn OPP Marine Boat Safety & Rules	7:31	0:15	7:46
9	Update from TVT	Noelle Reeve	7:46	0:06	7:52
10	Questions to Municipal Representative	Members	7:52	0:04	7:56
11	Treasurer's Financial Report	Penny Nault	7:56	0:05	8:01
12	Motion for approval of Treasurer's Financial Report	Brooke Briggs	8:01	0:01	8:02
13	Questions re Treasurer's Financial Report	Members	8:02	0:05	8:07
14	Vote on Motion - Treasurer's Financial report	Brooke Briggs	8:07	0:01	8:08
15	President's address	Brooke Briggs	8:08	0:05	8:13
16	Committee Reports		8:13		8:13
	16.01 Membership	Penny Nault	8:13	0:01	8:14
	16.02 Communications and Website	Larry Bowen	8:14	0:04	8:18
	16.03 Lake Stewardship/ Fishsticks	Larry Bowen	8:18	0:02	8:20
	16.04 Golf Tournament	Tui Noonan	8:20	0:02	8:22
	16.05 Social Events	Apryle Patterson/ Donna Walsh	8:22	0:01	8:23
17	Other Business, Questions, Comments	Members	8:23	0:15	8:38
18	Retiring directors, new directors - other nominations	Brooke Briggs	8:38	0:02	8:40
19	Nomination and election of Directors.	Brooke Briggs	8:40	0:10	8:50
20	Termination of Meeting	Brooke Briggs	8:50	0:00	8:50
Total Estimated time 1 hour 50 minutes					