



**CHRISTIE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC. (“CLA”)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Saturday – 15 July, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

Tay River Tent and Trailer Park

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

*(76 in Attendance)*

**1. Welcome and Thanks**

The meeting was chaired by Larry Bowen, CLA’s President. As President, it is his duty to serve as Chairman at meetings of members. Susan Bowen, CLA’s Secretary, will serve as Secretary of the meeting and will record the minutes of the meeting.

The President welcomed members and guests to the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Christie Lake Association Inc. (“the Association” or “CLA”). 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 community hall facilities once again during the height of their busy season. It is an ideal location for us. Ms. Walsh presented them with a \$50 LCBO gift card.

The President then thanked Mr. Gordon Hill for Chairing the Waste Management Committee and the committee members: Mr. Brooke Briggs, Ms. Donna Walsh and Ms. Penny Nault. They worked hard producing information including a survey regarding the issue of waste management which was distributed throughout the membership of the CLA keeping them informed of this relevant and important issue.

The President thanked the Jordan family for their diligent work during the recent flooding with keeping us current with the water levels. Ms. Walsh presented them with a picture of the Jordan Bridge – circa 1950 which Mr. Ted Dyke had restructured with some assistance from Ms. Walsh. Mr. Harold Jordan accepted the picture on behalf of the family.

The President welcomed the following council members of Tay Valley Township who were present: Reeve Keith Kerr, Councillors Brian Campbell, Fred Dobbie, Jennifer Dickson, Judy Farrell and the Planner Ms. Noelle Reeve. He also welcomed the following representatives of Parks Canada; Mike McLay, Engineer, Mr. Darryl Whitehead, External Relations Manager III and Ms. Jewel Cunningham, Director of Ontario Waterways. They would be giving us an update on the Bob’s Lake Dam Replacement and would address the high water and flooding on Christie Lake.

Mr. Bowen apologized if he had forgotten anyone and once again thanked all the volunteers for their dedication to the lake association

The President then drew everyone’s attention to the front entrance where the following handouts were available:

- Agenda ( please share);
- Minutes from the 2016AGM (please share);
- Treasurer’s 2016 statement of revenue and expenses (please share); and
- CLA membership forms

Of special interest this year he announced that 17 legacy plaques were available to be presented at the CLA Dance in August by Reeve Keith Kerr.

## **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 and that "Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of members" [Bylaw #1 Section 7.01]. Notice of today's meeting was sent to members via the Spring 2016 Newsletter, on several occasions via Spotlight, website and the CLA mobile notice board to comply with our regulations. As there are more than 10 members present the President declared that the meeting was properly constituted for the transaction of business.

The President referred to the Agenda (Attached as **Appendix A**). He stated that the agenda has been restructured once again. It is the intention of the board to initiate more of a dialogue between the community and board so that we may be more responsive to your concerns.

## **3. Approval of AGM Minutes of 16 July 2016**

The President reported that the minutes of the AGM – 16 July 2016 were posted to the website November 2016 and that copies were available at the front. He then opened the floor for discussion on the minutes.

### Discussion

There was no discussion so the President asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blake Farmer put forward the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Ed Borza. The President asked for a vote.

**All in Favor**

**Motion Carried**

## **4. Approval of the 2016 Financial Report Jan-Dec 2016**

The President referred to the financial report (attached as **Appendix B**). The 2016 Revenue & Expenses were posted to website Spring 2017. He noted that the financial statement was officially reviewed (Mark Walters) and that no errors were noted. The President reported that the financial statement was then filed with the CRA and that we had we had received a CRA Notice of Assessment where again no observations or errors were noted.

He then brought to everyone's attention some of the main reasons for differences in net revenues and net expenses as reflected in 2015 and 2016:

- We did not have a Golf Tournament.
- We increased the donations to Camp Opemikon and the Christie Lake Kids Camp.
- We changed our web site provider and hired a new web manager.

All of these changes contributed to a loss of approximately \$1000 however, the President stated that we remain in a fairly healthy financial state.

### Discussion

As there were no further questions the President asked for a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Ms. Claudia McKeen put forward the motion and Mr. Bryan Wilcock seconded it. The President asked for a vote.

**All in Favour**

**Motion Carried**

### **5. Nomination of Directors & Motion For Approval**

The President reported that according to Bylaw #1 S.6.05 we are required to nominate our directors on a yearly basis. He stated that at present we have ten directors – 7 of whom are present at the meeting (Brooke Briggs, Austin Sweezey, Apryle Patterson, Penny Nault, Donna Walsh, Susan Bowen and himself). There were three absent: Don Shepherd; Theresa Strickland; and Diane Briggs). All 10 have agreed to stand for another year. The President noted that Mr. Gordon Hill had volunteered to become a director. He then asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

The President recommended that we vote on the directors as a group rather than being voted upon individually. Mr. Gerry Gorham put forward the motion to vote on the directors as a group and this was seconded by Mr. Bob Vergette. The President asked for a vote.

**All in Favour**

**Motion Carried**

The President then asked the secretary to name the proposed directors who had agreed to stand for one year: Larry Bowen; Brooke Briggs; Diane Briggs; Gordon Hill; Penny Nault; Apryle Patterson; Don Shephard; Theresa Strickland; Austin Sweezey; Donna Walsh; and herself - Susan Bowen.

He then asked for a motion to accept the directors as named – see attached as **Appendix C**. Ms. Krystyna Williamson put forward the motion as stated and it was seconded by Ms. Marcie Sully. The President asked for a vote.

**All in Favour**

**Motion Carried**

### **6. Bob's Lake Replacement Dam Status**

Darryl Whitehead, External Relations Manager from Parks Canada was the first speaker. He stated that as Parks Canada continues to work on the important preparatory and design work for the replacement of the Bobs Lake dam at Bolingbroke, construction is now anticipated to begin in the summer of 2018. Careful consideration has been made in scheduling this complex in-water construction due to known timing challenges associated with fish spawning and both high and low water periods. Due to these challenges, the optimal month to begin construction is in early July. Community engagement is also underway for this project and will continue through the summer and into 2018. This will include additional public meetings that will be coordinated with community and lake associations and advertised through our community engagement list and via social media. For up-to-date news on infrastructure work along the Rideau Canal, please visit our website: [www.pc.gc.ca/rcInfrastructure](http://www.pc.gc.ca/rcInfrastructure). In order to receive updates Mr. Whitehead circulated a sign-up sheet for those who would like to be added to the existing community engagement list.

Mike McLay, Engineer with Parks Canada was the second speaker. He gave a brief history of the Bob's Lake Dam which was originally created in the 1820's and subsequently purchased by the government in the 1870's. The present concrete dam dates back to the 1930's and has had several refurbishments since that time. He stated that in June 2015 the dam had been graded as being in poor condition. Mr. McLay went on to explain how they were going to rebuild the dam. During this he mentioned milestones that needed to be met:

- Fisheries permit requires letter of authorization;
- Impact access;
- Complete design and specifications;
- Liaise with the township;
- Qualified contractor; and

- Require landowner agreement to provide access.

He stated that Mr. Whitehead would contact those who had provided him with emails. Mr. Whitehead would attempt to answer all questions and would include everyone with his answers.

Jewel Cunningham, Parks Canada Director of Ontario Waterways was the third speaker. She stated that this past spring had been a challenging time with the increased rainfall and high water levels. Through the use of graphs she showed that both Bob's lake and Christie Lake had both experienced historically high water levels. In February events begin to happen as the precipitation levels were well above average;

- Late February the area received 108mms of rain over a 9 day period
- March there was another rain event causing the lake levels to go even higher. At this time they attempted to get the water out of Christie Lake but it was a slow system
- May there was a precipitation event of over 90 mms

There was not enough time between these events to be able to release sufficient water from Bob's Lake without endangering high water levels in Christie Lake. At this point there was concern about the integrity of the Bob's Lake Dam and so logs were pulled. The Rideau Valley Conservation authority was in charge of communication.

A spirited yet short question and answer period followed. The President thanked the speakers.

## **7. Waste Management Presentation**

Early in May 2017 Tay Valley Township held a meeting at which they were pursuing the viability of having road-side waste collection in the township. This meeting was attended by 70 township residents – many of whom were from Christie lake – who voiced their opinion that was against collection. This precipitated the CLA forming of a Waste Management Committee of which Mr. Gordon Hill became the Chairman. It was felt that we needed to speak from one voice. Mr. Hill gave a Power Point Presentation which showed the effects of leaving garbage at the end of our roads which he had previously present at a TVT public meeting. He went on to say that on May 26<sup>th</sup> a survey had been circulated to 261 Christie Lake Residents on the CLA's email distribution list asking their opinion on whether waste collection was viable and preferable to the community. The results of this survey clearly showed that they were not in favor:

- 92 completed the survey (35% of 261)
- 80 of those lived on private roads (87% of 92)
- 56 learned of the TVT plan through email from the CLA (61% of 92)
- 86 were negative to the plan (93% of 92)
- 90 thought that recycling was good (98% of 92)
- 90 like the reuse centre (98% of 92)
- 17 would continue to use the reuse centre if prohibited from taking household waste and recyclables to the garbage dump (18% of 92)

It appeared that the majority wanted the status quo and did not want collection at intersections or at the end of private roads. A town hall meeting was held on June 24<sup>th</sup> which was attended by more than 270 township residents when Mr. Hill presented the findings of the CLA survey. The majority of those in attendance were against waste collection. TVT announced that they would put out their own survey. Mr. Hill asked everyone present to please fill in that survey either on line or a paper copy which was at the back of the hall.

## **8. Introduction & Open Question Period By Members of the CLA**

The President asked if there were any other questions or comments. He put up a slide with suggested questions attached as **Appendix D**.

Ms. Nault reported that membership numbers were down and asked those who had not already paid would they please do so.

Ms. McKeen reminded everyone of the upcoming Golf Tournament and if they were interested in attending would they please let her know. At this time the numbers were down and there was a possibility that there would not be a tournament this year.

Mr. Swezey spoke about the fish sticks and fish bundles program presently happening on the lake. The sticks were basically trees that had fallen into the water and the bundles were made of long branches bundled together and sunk in areas around the lake. Both provided habitat for young fish and also spawning areas. This program has been taking place over the last three years.

The President explained that “Dark Skies” was a term used for light pollution which happened when spotlights are left on throughout the lake properties and that those interested look up “Dark Skies” on the internet to learn more.

The President announced that he was stepping down from his post after three years. He was staying on as a director. He asked if there were any further questions or comments. None were forth coming.

## **9. Termination of Meeting**

The President thanked everyone for their time, attention, questions and comments. He then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ralph Fish put forward the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Gerry Gorham. The President asked for a vote.

**All in favor**

**Motion Carried**

The meeting ended at 12 Noon



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This is your notice for an invitation to the  
**Christie Lake Association Annual General Meeting**  
Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 10AM  
At the Tay River Tent & Trailer Park

**At this meeting your Board of Directors will be presenting the Association's**

- Minutes of our 2016 AGM for approval
- Financial report for 2016 for approval, and
- A Board of Directors slate for 2017 for approval
  - Open question period for members

Members can view the draft 2016 AGM minutes  
and 2016 financial report on our website

There will be a presentation by Parks Canada  
on the status of the Bolingbroke Replacement Dam  
&

a presentation by the Chair of the  
CLA Waste Management Committee

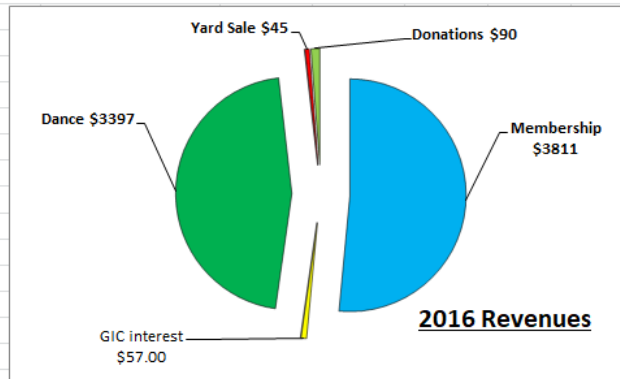
There will be a membership table at the meeting as well as copies of the Tay  
Valley Township Waste management Survey. Please consider joining or  
renewing your membership prior to the meeting to save time.

If the care of our lake and environment is of interest to you,  
please consider applying for membership on the board or  
volunteering for one of our committees.

Come at 10AM to enjoy refreshments with your directors  
Members of the public are welcome, so bring a friend

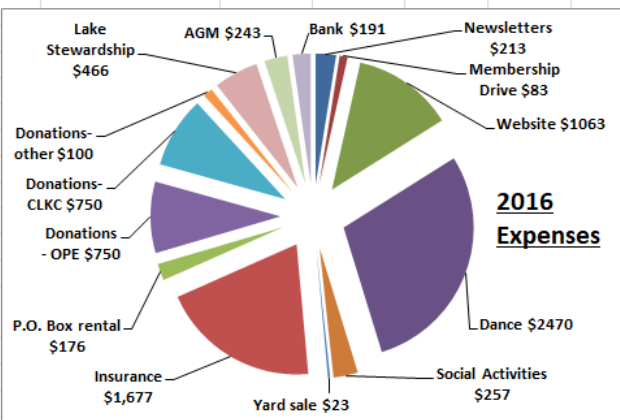
DRAFT 2016 Rev-Exp Report

Revenues	2016	2015
Membership	\$3,811.17	\$4,281.00
Bank interest (GIC)	\$57.00	\$135.00
Golf	\$0.00	\$5,307.00
Dance	\$3,397.80	\$3,489.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
Yard Sale	\$45.00	\$120.00
Donations	\$90.00	\$103.00
	<b>\$7,400.97</b>	<b>\$14,835.00</b>



Assets	2016
Bank Acct C	\$4,074.95
Bank Acct S	\$3,075.36
GIC	\$6,000.00
	<b>\$13,150.31</b>

Expenses	2016	2015
Newsletters	\$213.33	\$556.00
Membership Drive	\$83.97	\$165.00
Website	\$1,063.55	\$715.00
Dance	\$2,470.06	\$2,605.00
Golf	\$0.00	\$2,733.00
Social Activities	\$257.60	\$311.00
Yard sale	\$23.06	\$421.00
Insurance	\$1,677.24	\$1,677.00
P.O. Box rental	\$176.28	\$170.00
Donations - OPE	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
- CLKC	\$750.00	\$2,344.00
- other	\$100.00	\$367.00
Directory	\$0.00	\$1,718.00
Lake Stewardship	\$466.09	\$381.00
AGM	\$243.55	\$72.00
Bank & PayPal fees	\$191.09	\$30.00
	<b>\$8,465.82</b>	<b>\$15,265.00</b>
<b>Net Surplus/deficit</b>	<b>-\$1,064.85</b>	<b>-\$430.00</b>



**Nomination of Directors**



**Current Executive**  
Larry Bowen  
Susan Bowen  
Brooke Briggs  
Diane Briggs  
Penny Nault  
Apyrle Patterson  
Don Shepherd  
Theresa Strickland  
Austin Sweezey  
Donna Walsh

**Others Standing**  
Gordon Hill





## Open Question Period - some topics



- Loon monitoring & platforms (nests)
- Fish bundles & fishsticks
- Dark Skies
- Social activities
- Water Levels & validity of the current Rule Curve
- Water testing & water quality
- Tay Valley Township 'Waste Management/Curb-side Pick up' Plan
- PC automated water level monitoring system
- Communication with community – Spotlight, website, newsletters
- Feeding Wild Animals