

**Clear Lake Property Owners Association  
Minutes for the 2007 Annual Meeting – June 30, 2007**

60 People in Attendance

**Welcome and a thank you to the camp - by Ron**

**Minutes for 2006** – Tara read the 2006 minutes.

Motion to accept the minutes.. Ian McClennan 1<sup>st</sup>, Bob Cleverdon 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Treasurers Report** – Sharon read the report.

Questions:

*What was the difference between the profit last year and the negative this year? 2005 - \$200 profit 2006 - \$27 loss. This was due to 2 years of expenses for toilet rentals in 2006 as no invoice was received the previous year.*

Other comments: Augustfest was highly profitable in 2006.

Also, a thank you went out to Sharon for handling the F/S for 18 years.

Motion to accept Financial Statements – 1<sup>st</sup> – Gary Deathe, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cheryl Carruthers

**Water Testing**

Mike Muffles, who has his Masters in Environmental Engineering volunteered to assist the executive in the water testing on the lake. He summarized what we are doing as follows:

- CLPOA purchased equipment, which allows us to collect and test water samples ourselves. Water samples are placed in our incubator for 26 hrs in Coli/Agar Plates and the results determine the coliform and e.coli count for each water sample. We also record the temperature and test for turbidity/clarity using the Secchi Disk and Phosphorus samples are collected and taken to a lab for analysis. There are 8 sampling dates throughout the summer. The same 5 locations as in previous years were sampled.
- Provincial Standards for Coliform levels is less than 1000 counts/100 ml. MLA (Muskoka Lakes Assoc.) Standards look for less than 100 counts/100 ml. In 2006, the highest coliform average was 19.2/100 ml. based on data for the 4 sites tested.
- Provincial Standards for E. Coli levels is less than 100 counts/100 ml. MLA standards look for less than 10 counts/100 ml. In 2006. The highest recorded average for Clear Lake was 1.4 counts/100 ml.
- Our main concern is phosphorus. In 2004 we were low, but 2005 and 2006 the phosphorus concentration was high. We are considered above threshold based on MLA standards.

- The phosphorus sample is taken from the middle of the lake and is only taken at this one site, eight times per season. The cost for lab testing at one site for the season is \$200 versus the bacteria testing which was \$100 for each of the 4 sites. We recognize the problem and must continue to encourage every cottager to reduce use of phosphates, plant/maintain shoreline vegetation, ensure your septic system is in good working condition at all times, do not use soap of any kind in the lake, do not use fertilizer. Tests are taken spring through fall when the lake is “mixing”. As of now we are following the MLA Protocol. We need to follow that protocol in order to compare our results with the MLA and other lakes. Phosphorus cannot be killed. A lake “refreshes every 7 years” We are hopeful the phosphorous will reduce over time with the assistance of all cottagers and the lake will correct itself. We can play our part to reduce the phosphorus that goes into the lake.
- There are recommendations on our web site and in our newsletter to reduce phosphates from entering into the lake.
- Drinking Water – You should test your tap water. Please let us know what your findings are. Whether it is filtered or not. There must be 0 E.coli counts/100 ml for drinking water to be safe.

### **Fish**

There is an increase of Pike in the lake. By all reports it seems to be a great season for fishing. A reminder was given to release the Bass and keep the Pike & rock bass

**Regatta & Augustfest:** Volunteers required and needed. Please see Gary Deathe after the meeting for Augustfest and Chet Fletcher re: Regatta. We need someone to run Augustfest or it will be cancelled this year. John Frame volunteered to help, but we still need a main organizer.

**Bears:** There are bears around. One took a metal “bear proof bin” and dragged it 20 feet. Please remove all rotting lumber and wood near your buildings. Grubs grow under the wood and these attract the bears.

**Beavers/ Fox:** There have been problems with Beavers attacking trees. Each cottage owner is responsible to handle their own beaver or other animal problems. To avoid beavers, you can wrap wire mesh around the bottom of your trees. If you see fox walking around, you should call the SPCA.

**Web Site:** Ian McClennan presented the new CLPOA website. The address is [www.clearlakemuskoka.com](http://www.clearlakemuskoka.com) or [www.clearlakemuskoka.ca](http://www.clearlakemuskoka.ca).

A ‘blog’ may be possible in future. Also to discuss – whether we put pictures of events on site. Also to look at – Can it be password protected in future.

### **Other Issues:**

Dog Owners: Please “poop & scoop”

Broken Paddle Award- Is getting big. Can we start another Broken Paddle Award beginning with the year 2000 and on?

**Clear Lake Village Resort:** Greg Knight (owner) did a power point presentation to members. There is a town council meeting July 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the resort. There was discussion about how many cottages are on the land now, how many can be built. What kind of ownership structure will it be? The site plan has not yet been approved by the Township and there are still legal discussions therefore not all questions could be answered. Brenda Buck and other cottagers spoke and are concerned about lake quality, noise pollution, traffic on roads, dust and the number of boats on the lake. Greg would like a fractional ownership that would reduce the amount of people to 2 to 1, however the town is looking at the commercial zoning for the property and may want as many as 10 to 1 ownership. Cottagers want to reduce the amount of people on the lake. Greg advised that the townships requirement for a Professional Environmental Assessment has been completed at his expense and was found to be favorable. All septic systems were replaced. Much discussion ensued, but in reality nothing is finalized, so there is still the “unknown”.

**Thank You to Camp Pinecrest:** We thanked the camp for allowing us to once again use their facilities, and for the staff that helped direct us in.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:** by Bob Cleverdon, 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Chernecki, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Barker