

CLPOA AGM, JUNE 28, 2014  
TORRANCE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
*Minutes*

Meeting called to order at 10:13 am.

Board executives present: Gary Deathe, President  
Dennis Cartwright  
Ron Algate  
Brian Ternoway  
Suzanne McClennan

Welcome to Summer 2014 by Gary

Request for new people to be recognized: Rod Davey and family are welcomed to the Clear Lake community.

Also in attendance: Ruth Mills, Camp Director, YMCA Camp Pine Crest as of this year.

Respectful mention by Bob Cleverdon of past members who had passed away during the year: Jamie Lennie, Doug Peterson, Jim Trayes, Kathy Pegg, and Gary Adair. They will all be missed, and our sympathies go out to their respective families.

Suzanne McClennan read last year's minutes. Motion to accept minutes as read made by Mike McClennan, and seconded by Dick Lister - carried

Brian Ternoway read financial statement. (See attachment)

Motion to accept financial statement as read made by John Mayberry and seconded by Marg Kenwright - carried

Discussion of intent to make repairs to MacBain's property once existing ramp is gone.

Discussion of disbursements.

Motion to accept disbursements as read made by Bob Cleverdon, and seconded by Steve Ramsay - carried.

Discussion about the new ramp being built by the township.  
Construction will start after bass spawning season, likely in August of this year.  
Executive will e-mail the membership concerning when the new ramp will be available to get boats out in the fall. New Board of Directors will consider specifics.

Discussion about type, placement, and respective insurance covering any possible dock to be built beside the new ramp. Motion to request the new executive to decide on these issues made by John Mayberry, and seconded by Brent Callighen.

Clarification asked of Mayor Murphy about any parking restrictions. There will be a sign indicating NO PARKING on Clear Lake Road--- and that the ramp will be open daily from 9:00 A.M-- 1:00 P.M.

Discussion of Camp Pine Crest application for expansion.

The YMCA has taken the issue to the Ontario Municipal Board. The Mayor stated that this step was taken because Council has not yet made a decision regarding the application for expansion.

To date there has been no further communication from the Y.M.C.A. to the C.L.P.O.A. Last year, Camp Pine Crest was instructed by Council to discuss both a traffic study that the camp was to conduct, as well as other considerations the C.L.P.O.A. has put forward to Council concerning the proposed expansion. This has not happened.

The Mayor indicated that the issue of increased traffic on Clear Lake Road has been well documented, and Council is well aware of the issues. Council will now gather information from the community concerning how to proceed at the O.M.B. level. She invited the community, (through the C.L.P.O.A.) to funnel wishes and concerns to Council to increase the possibility of a negotiated settlement. She speculated that it might yet be possible to reach a solution before the O.M.B. meeting. To date she is not aware of any time line for any process regarding the O.M.B. Ms Murphy reiterated the desire for managed and effective negotiations between the community and the camp.

Ruth Mills, Camp Pine Crest, communicated that she has not been involved in the application for expansion. Cole is currently away. She indicated that a pre-hearing has been arranged, but she does not know the date.

The Mayor suggested that the C.L.P.O.A. might consider sending a delegation to Council. She encourages more effective communication between Camp Pine Crest and the C.L.P.O.A.

Gary reviewed the past interaction between the camp and our executive, and the lack of effective communication from the Y.M.C.A.

The Mayor suggested that the cottagers organize concerning how to approach the O.M.B., request status, and plan to make a deposition.

Bob Cleverdon presented the Water Quality Report.

The water testing is conducted according to rigid protocols provided by the Muskoka Lakes Association.

The phosphorous content for the year 2013 was 6.2. Previously the average of phosphorus in our water was 6.5. Although an improvement, this level is still over the acceptable level of 4.8. (Over threshold). Some lakes have levels from 25 to 30!

Please use BIODEGRADABLE detergents. All detergent and soap makes its way to the lake. The resultant nitrates and phosphates can kill a lake if allowed to increase unchecked.

The clarity of the water is measured by using a sechi disc. Our water is clear to a level of 6.3 meters, having an average of 6.1 meters consistently over the years.

The total bacteria level was higher than the level of e-coli. These test results are both less than acceptable relative to the M.L.A. statistics. The lake has 2 "hot spots" for total bacteria, and 1 "hot spot" for e-coli. Some bacteria is due to the presence of wild life. Some water wildlife species are native to the area, and pleasurable to observe. Other animals are not. Please do not feed the ducks!!! This year we also seem to have a family of Canada Geese. Please do not encourage them to stay on the lake!! Ensure that all septic tanks are pumped out every two years, to help reduce the amount of bacteria that can pollute our water.

Another wonderful way to help keep our water pure and clean is to restore any shoreline to a more natural state. Allowing indigenous plants to grow along the shoreline and hang over the water is beneficial to wild life and improves water quality. Local nurseries and garden businesses can assist you in choosing from a wide variety of local plant species.

Motion to accept the Water Quality Report was made by Mike McClennan and seconded by Michelle Peterson- carried

The Regatta will be held on August 2 this year, at the McClennan dock. The Boat Parade begins at 11am.

The C.L.P.O.A. website is a wonderful resource providing valuable information any time. Thank you to Ian McClennan!!!

Gary presented the Fishing and Wildlife Report

Gary indicated that the bear has likely had babies early this spring. Please put garbage out the morning of pick-up and let the wild birds feed themselves. (Bears love birdseed). Please do not fish over bass nests. Do not disturb any bass that may be sitting on a nest of eggs or newly hatched fry. Please do not go near the loons' nest on the island. These wonderful birds deserve our respect and their privacy. Leave them alone, and enjoy seeing both adults and young ones later on in the summer when they are out on the water. Do not try to get near the nest. The beaver(s) is/are patrolling our lake as usual, from the camp bay to the outlet.

The outlet has been rebuilt by the township, and now consists of one larger pipe rather than the previous two smaller ones. There was some discussion concerning the height level of the new structure being higher than in previous years. This could be researched by interested parties.

Each year the beavers attempt to dam up the water, and each year the logs and sticks used in this attempt are cleared out by concerned citizens. Without any damage or harm done to the respective beavers!!!

The properties beside the outlet frequently experience high levels of water flowing over the wooden embankment and onto the properties. This year the water levels are particularly high, due to increased rainfall. This “flooding” is the responsibility of the individual property owner. Currently (pun intended!) the outlet is flowing vigorously, free from obstruction.

Cottage Watch. The police have not reported any break-ins or other damage to cottages this past year.

Our shoal marker buoys are in place. Please do not tie up any boat to the line holding a buoy. Kindly report any damage to the markers to Paul Trayes. Thank you to our intrepid shoal protector!!!!

#### New Business

Ron Algate indicated he has a “float away raft” tied up at his cottage. Please ensure that any and all rafts are firmly secured before close-up in the fall. Loose structures can cause serious damage to docks during the winter and spring thaw.

Brent Callighen reported that a wedding held recently at the Clear Lake Resort was far too loud and disrespectful toward the neighbours. This unacceptable behavior has been an ongoing issue. Greg Knight apologized and stated that “it won’t happen again.”

#### Election

##### Nominations:

Dennis Cartwright	nom. by Marg Kenwright, sec. by Mary Lee Koyl - carried
Mike McClennan	nom. by Mike Gribben, sec. by Charlie Wilkins- carried
Ron Algate	nom. by Ted Whistance-Smith, sec. by Mike McClennan – carried
Doug Bolton	nom by Dennis Cartwright, sec. by Ron Algate - carried
Suzanne McClennan	nom by Mike McClennan, sec. by Hal Pegg – carried
Marg Kenwright	nom by Sandra Niemy, sec. by Paul Trayes – carried
Charlie Wilkins	nom by M. Peterson, sec. by Suzanne McClennan –carried

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm