

Clear Lake Cabin Association (CLCA)

Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2017

1. Call to Order (10:00 A.M.)

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Ronald McPhail 7- 2nd St. South

Seconded: John George 4-4th St. South

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Introduction of the CLCA Board of Directors

Keith Vinthers, John George, Joyce Harland, Patrick Gordon, Brad Collett, Nelda Didychuk, Esther Mark

REGRETS: Garry Roberts

4. Approval of September 2, 2016 Minutes

Moved: Dale Wallace 118-3rd St. South

Seconded: Keith Vinthers 18A – 2nd North

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reading be waived and that the minutes of the September 2, 2016 membership meeting be accepted and approved as posted and circulated.

Carried

5. Parks Canada Report & Update

- Kevin Bachewich, Town Site Manager, Parks Canada (PC)
- Thanked the board for all their comments.
- Clear lake and town site asset projects.
- The next phase of the paving (from km25 to km40) on Provincial Highway #10 will be completed by October 31, 2017
- The Storm water reroute to Ominik Marsh will start in spring of 2018
- Boat cove road might be paved after highway 10 repaving is completed in October
- All National parks attendance was up over 12%
- Campground reservations up 70%
- Canoes and Kayaks are to be removed at the end of each year and PC will be removing them if you don't. PC inspected over 2000 boats including kayak and canoes this year and they are all required to have a sticker.

Q: Devin Warren 22 -1st St. North

You did not change the sign to say that they will be removed. For this year are vessels going to be allowed to stay or are they going to be removed?

A: Kevin: They will not be removed

There are a significant number of open trailers in the boat cove parking lot and they should be removed. PC is considering all options for how to deal with this issue as they are not sure who the trailers belong to.

Q: John George 4-4th St. South: Could we find out whom the trailer and or boats belong too? There are 118 units in the parking lot; 11 of them are utility trailers that are not stickered.

A: Kevin: It is believed that some of the trailer, canoes and kayaks belong to Brandon and Dauphin residents.

Q: Brent Munroe 75 - 2nd St. South: Is there an alternative location to park boat trailers?

A: Kevin: PC looking at all options for additional parking/stickering etc. They don't know if there will be a definite solution by spring. Kevin will bring it to the management group to let them know that there are many questions and concerns regarding the parking lot

Q: John George 4 -4th St. South: Is a full fledge marina one of the solutions?

A: Kevin: Nothing is off the table at this time.

Q: Adams-Dent Dave 19 – 1st St. North: Is there a reforestation plan for the old campground? For the trees that are obviously dead?

A: Kevin: Over 600 permits have been issued within the town site to cut down trees. Long term strategies for vegetation management are being discussed. In the spring PC did remove high risk trees.

Q: Keith Vinthers 18A - 2nd St. North: How many of the 600 are high risk?

A: Kevin: Unknown.

Q: Brent Munroe 75 – 2nd St. South: Is there a plan to stabilize the bank behind the Jamboree Hall?

A: Kevin: It has been identified in the managing program so it is on the radar.

Q: Michael Shwetz 73- 4th St. South: The North shore is deteriorating – the steps at the Aspen picnic site is made of stone and is very dangerous; is there any plan to fix them?

A: Kevin: The deterioration of the steps is due to the ice jams. There was a program to fix the erosion and they had hoped it would be a long term solution unfortunately, it did

not work.

Q: Keith Vinthers 18A - 2nd St. North: How did you tally the attendance?

A: Kevin: Gate counters, attendance when they come through the gate and by the 6.2 million park passes were given away this year across Canada.

Q: Keith Vinthers 18A - 2nd St. North: When will they fix drainage on 2nd street south?

A: Kevin: That is part of the storm water project.

Q: Keith Vinthers 18A - 2nd St. North: Access to 2nd street dock is deteriorating could we get a rope rail or something?

A: Kevin: I will note it and bring it to PC attention.

Q: Robert Whitely 24 – 5th St. North: Are they extending the shore walk?

Q: Lionel Crowther 7 – 1st St. South: Are they going to be completing the ramps at the boat cove using the remainder of the blocks that are in the lot?

A: Kevin: Will bring it forward. PC is looking for a new dock option.

Q: Sandra Grobb 37 -3rd St. North: Are we going to be allowed gravel and crushed rock?

A: Kevin: Permeable substance and a natural substance then it should be fine. There are certain places where rock makes more sense

John George 4 – 4th St. South: your parking area is 8 feet in front of your cabin. If you are in a low spot then you will have a mud hole so then you may want to put stone down.

Q: Gloria Belliveau 21 – 3rd St. North: Crosswalks have a 2-inch drop – this is not scooter or handicap accessible.

A: Kevin: Kevin will make sure it is flagged in the Wasagaming campsite paving project.

Moved: John George

Seconded: Keith Vinthers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the verbal presentation and update provided by Kevin Bachewich, Townsite Manager on behalf of Parks Canada be accepted as information.

Carried

6. Unfinished Business

(i) Vehicular Speed – Old Campground

The MPI Speed Watch program was a success. Thanks to Garry Roberts for the leadership on that initiative. PC received one complaint about the legality of us having the radar speed signs in the Old Campground, however, there were many cabin owners that approached those that sat at the signs and thanked them for doing it.

The results will be posted on the website.

(ii) Evacuation Plan

Parks Canada continues to work on this, and is basing their work off of what Michael Rac prepared when he worked at RMNP. Kevin advised that when the main parking lot is paved, evacuation will be taken into consideration and there may be another exit constructed on the southeast corner of the Old Campground (just like the Board was shown previously). So this is good news!

(iii) Tree Reforestation Plan

Unfortunately, Parks Canada does not currently have a licensed arborist, so development of a reforestation plan may be delayed. Kevin also talked about the fire concern in our area given the proximity of cabins and the large trees. He took the national fire commission through our area, and to say they were concerned would be an understatement apparently! In any event, I explained that a tree plan to replace the aging, larger trees is something that is important to the CLCA Board and many of its members, but it doesn't sound like it will be imminent. We may have to change tactics and try to enforce or encourage the "tree for tree" policy (meaning plant one for each one removed), using the approved species.

Q: Katherine Bellemare 85-3rd St. South: Are there any provision for trees that have been remove between cabins?

A: Maybe you could plant a tree elsewhere.

(iv) Large Item Garbage Collection

Talked to PC they cannot help us - we were hoping to get it done before this weekend.

We can hire a 3rd party to pick-up the large garbage.
CLCA will arrange for this and pay for the pick-up.

Q: Jo Ann Lytle 31 – 5th St. North: I do not agree with large pick up. Even if you have a specific day not everyone is respectful. Some will think this gives them free range to put their large trash items out any time. What is the cost?

A: It's worth a try – the independent was \$40 per truck load and then \$30 for a dump full

7. New Business

(i) Automated External Defibrillator

Thank you to Joyce for the hypnotist show – in total the show raised \$492. Brad reported that he met with RMNP and they have other AED and Kevin agreed that PC would maintain the AED if the CLCA Board was to purchase one. It is agreed that the shower building would be the best location for housing the AED. Something will have to be done to ensure the minimal vandalism, exposure to the elements and avoidance of theft. Some funds will be required from our bank account to cover the amount above the \$492.

Q: Robert Whitely 24 – 5th St. North – It will need to be under lock and key 24 hours a day or it will get vandalized.

A: It's worth a try – there is a way of alarming the case. Kevin would like us to purchase the same kind that PC has in their building to make it easier to maintain and train.

(ii) Dark Sky Preserve

The Board recently discussed the proliferation of exterior cabin lights and how they interrupt the Dark Sky Preserve that is Clear Lake and Riding Mountain National Park. While the desire to have exterior lighting for safety and aesthetic purposes is understandable, the Board simply asks that you be respectful of both your neighbors and the preservation of the dark sky by turning your exterior lights off when you go to bed. If you get up in the night and need to use an exterior washroom, obviously the lights can be turned back on, but the Board would prefer everyone keep their exterior lights off when they are sleeping.

Q: Jo Ann Lytle 31-5th St. North: If you have automatic lights with sensors please change the sensitivity so that people can walk down the street or back lane without setting off every single light.

Q: Andrew Urbanowicz 23 – 1st St. South – Perhaps lower watt bulbs could be used on the external of cabins.

(iii) Recycling

Multiple members of the CLCA are pleading that we improve the recycling in our area. PC is in negotiations with the surrounding municipalities and two First Nations to develop a new system and/or agreement. A request has been made to PC that a couple large blue recycling bins be located in the Old Campground and they have agreed. Brad suggested that the best location would be the “green belt”. They could be located permanently on pads so people can easily access them. PC will install them next spring.

Q: Gene Ash 54-4th St. South: Everyone should consider the cabins that are in close proximity

Q Jo Anne Lytle 31-5th St. North: Does not want them to be placed there. They could be placed at the bottom of the exit roads.

Q: Brent Munroe 75 – 2nd St. South: The trucks make a lot of noise – if there were just a few bins on the side of the parking lot.

A: Brad: It would be nice not to have to drive

Q Keith Vinthers 18A – 2nd St. North: What kind of truck picks up the recycling? Could they turn the bins around?

A: Kevin: the same trucks that pick up the garbage and the bins cannot be turned around because of the trucks and the way they have to enter to pick up the bins.

Q: Malvin Valentini 17-2nd St. South: How many bins are they talking about?

A: Kevin: They need to move to a single stream recycling system.

Carried

8. President's Report

Brad's report is available on the website for you to review at length. However, Brad reviewed several items already discussed earlier in this meeting

One additional item he discussed was:

There have been multiple instances where PC reports that people are climbing above the shower stalls and disabling the humidity and temperature devices/thermostats. This likely occurs if they are too hot/cold, or find a breeze blowing on their shower stall. This is clearly not acceptable behaviour from our members or their guests, as those devices are installed for a reason and should not be tampered with. I'd ask everyone to please remind your cabin members and guests not to tamper with any devices installed inside (or outside) the shower building.

Brad thanked the membership and the Board for their cooperation and participation these past two years.

Moved: Brad Collett

Seconded: Keith Vinthers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the President's report to the September membership meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

9. Treasurer's Report

Joyce Harland's Treasurer's report:

Bank Reconciliation as of September 3, 2017: \$4,416.54

Paid up members to date are 420 which equal 79% of all cabin owners.

Moved: Joyce Harland

Seconded: John George

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 3, 2017, having been presented to the membership, be accepted as information and posted on the Association's website.

CARRIED

10. Election of Board Officers

Dale Wallace has agreed to run the election:

Prior to the election Mr. Wallis reminded the membership that 1/3 of the revenue for the park comes from the old campground so the CLCA is a significant voice.

Nominations for **President**:

Three calls for President: NO nominations

Nominations for **Vice President**:

Garry Roberts has agreed to let his name stand - Nominated by Brad Collett and seconded by Keith Vinthers.

Three calls, nominations; closed and Garry Roberts acclaimed as Vice President.

Treasurer will let her name stand - no other nominations. Joyce Harland acclaimed as Treasurer.

Secretary will let her name stand – no other nominations. Esther Mark acclaimed as Secretary.

Board of Directors:

Nelda Didychuk advised she is stepping down from the Board. Keith Vinthers, Gloria Belliveau, Andy Urbanovicz and John George let their names stand.

Len Kashton 40 – 3rd St. South nominated Lyle Grobb 37-3rd St. South and he will let his name stand.

Ed Didychuk 35 – 2nd St. North nominated Devin Warren 22 – 1st St. North and he will let his name stand.

Three calls, nominations closed. All Board members acclaimed.

11. Adjourn [Next Meeting Sunday, July 1, 2018 – Jamboree Hall]

Moved: Gloria Belliveau

Seconded: Dale Wallace

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting does adjourn at 12:18 PM

CARRIED