

CLCA Annual General Meeting - Draft
Sunday Sept 4, 2022 at 10am
Location: Jamboree Hall

1-Call to Order

CLCA President Christian Robin called the meeting to order @ 10:00 am

Land Acknowledgment...

As we meet today to advocate for the Clear Lake Cabin Area and advise Parks Canada on how best to administer these lands, we acknowledge that the Cabin Area and the surrounding lands and waters which we love and care for so deeply, are at the heart of Treaty 2. We support, in the spirit of Reconciliation, Parks Canada's relationship with First Nations of Treaty 2, 4, and 1, as well as the Métis from Manitoba.

2-Approval of Agenda

Agenda distributed in advance included:

- 1-Call to Order
- 2-Approval of Agenda
- 3-Approval of previous meeting Minutes
- 4-Treasurer's Report
- 5-Membership Report
- 6-President's Report
- 7-Report from Parks Canada
- 8-Q&A with the Board and Parks Canada
- 9-CLCA Constitution
- 10-New Business arising
- 11-Board Elections
- 12-Adjournment

Motion: Ron McPhail #7 2nd St S **Second:** Wayne Clayton #109 3rd St S **Carried**

3-Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion: Elenor De la Mare **Second:** Dale Gullickson **Carried**

4-Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$4,901.88. Short-term investments: \$10,488.22

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS INFORMATION:

Motion: Chris Steiner **Second:** Keith Vinthers **Carried**

5-Membership Report

There are approximately 250 paid memberships. Being a member of the CLCA allows you to run/vote and participate in surveys.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS INFORMATION:

Motion: Gale Simpson **Second:** John George. **Carried**

6-President's Report – Christian Robin

This was my first year as President, and in fact my first year on the Board. And it's been a pretty incredible year. With the support of a great Board of Directors, we focused much of our efforts on the three C's: communication, community and continuity.

On the Communication side:

- Facebook Group
- E-blasts
- Membership drive

On the Community side:

- Concerts
- In-person meetings
- Talent competition
- Block parties

Finally, on the Continuity side:

- Plans to digitize our historical records, update the website with current information, etc.
- Our Board has taken our Constitution to heart – we’re embraced our role as representatives of the Cabin Area, and held numerous meetings with Parks Canada to advocate for our collective concerns.

Other items on the radar...

Garbage and recycling bin – locations and numbers

Kayak launch and storage

Washroom building – long term strategy

Shower building – possible upgrades

Vegetation management

Compliance

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT:

Motion: Gale Simpson **Second:** Sharla A #11A 4th St S **Carried**

7-Report from Parks Canada

The following is a report from Allison Bardsley, Acting Townsite Manager, RMNP.

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(CHALLENGING SEASON – thank you for your patience)

Thank you to all those who assisted us in facing the challenges brought about by the rain and winds this spring and summer. Cabin owners helped take down damaged trees, clean up debris, repair damaged areas and deal with flooded areas, only to mention a few. Others have been (and continue to be) very patient as they waited for repairs and restoration work. It has been a challenging year on many levels. The lakeshore trail will have work completed next season as well as other areas damaged this spring.

(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)

We were sad to see 5 large elms removed from the lakefront and administration area but take heart in realizing that early removal could be our first defence against the disease progressing to the presently healthy trees.

Parks Canada is proceeding to contract with professionals to form a plan to address tree loss and make recommendations for vegetation management and take proactive steps to both replace and plant recommended types of trees and plantings. I know that many cabin and cottage owners’ have approached Parks to see how they can assist in

reforestation. More to follow.

(SMALLMOUTH BASS)

Smallmouth Bass are an invasive top predator fish first reported in Clear Lake in August 2020. Research and management work this summer is being done collaboratively with Keesee and the Coalition; to count fish varieties and remove upwards of 700 Smallmouth Bass by spearfishing and electro fishing.

(MANAGEMENT PLANNING)

Beginning in the fall of 2022 Parks Canada will be raising awareness about the park management planning program. A management plan, is prepared in consultation with Canadians, and is our main public accountability document. It is the road map that guides Parks Canada’s work to protect natural and cultural resources, to facilitate visitor experiences and learning opportunities, and to collaborate with other organizations and Indigenous partners on common interests. The plan sets out along-term vision, as well as strategic direction to guide decision-making for a ten-year cycle. Please avail yourselves of the opportunity to be involved. Your executive has postcards outlining several ways to become involved or stop by the administration office to pick one up. The opportunity will also be posted on our website. The plan is being co-developed with Indigenous partners. Stakeholders, partners and Canadians overall will be invited to contribute to the development of the draft plan.

(BICYCLES)

Use of pedal and e-bikes has increased in Wasagaming, escalating the safety concerns within the community. We are working with the rental facilities to ensure proper e-bike use instructions are being given but personal ownership of e-bikes has risen dramatically over the past few years increasing the numbers of them being used. Observation of the highway traffic laws is essential to alleviate safety concerns.

(DEVELOPMENT)

Minor works such as changing exterior colours require approval or a permit. Placing of gravel requires a permit and is only allowed in extenuating circumstances. Contact the development office at 848-7205 or email RMNP.development@pc.gc.ca to make your inquiries.

(COMPLIANCE)

Staff will be compiling cabin and lot information for this area over the winter and will discuss the results with the cabin association in the Spring. As compliance with the building guidelines is a shared concern, our objective is to collaboratively form a strategy to bring the area up to modern standards over the next few years.

(PARK INFRASTRUCTURE)

Emergency infrastructure funding has been secured to assist in repairing and rebuilding damaged areas caused by spring storms and flooding. The main pier, Highway 19, Lake Audy Road and many trails have sustained damage to name a few. We will be working to see this restoration work is completed as quickly as possible. Some timelines are outside of our control as contractors and workers required to perform the work are experiencing a high workload volume.

(AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST)

Areas of identified mutual interest will be included on an infrastructure list of conversations for discussion, follow-up and progress reports with the association.

Some of these items are:

- Garbage and recycling bin – locations and numbers
- Kayak launch and storage
- Signage
- Washroom building – long term strategy
- Shower building – possible upgrades
- Cove – boat launch and parking

(KEY CONTACT INFORMATION)

In case of emergency: Dial 911. Cell coverage is limited in Riding Mountain National Park
Administration Building: 204-848-7275
Parks Canada Dispatch: 1-877-852-3100
Local RCMP: 204-848-2442

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MOTION TO ACCEPT: Devin / Marie P. CARRIED

8-Q&A with the Board and Parks Canada

REMINDER: Your questions need to be for the Cabin Area and not personal issues.

Q- Can we see plans for the shower building and area? Can they be sent out?

A- Currently they are not available for the public

Q- Will it be similar to the Visitor Centre washroom?

A- No answer

Q- Is there a plan for ongoing maintenance of the cookshacks?

A- They fall under infrastructure maintenance. The cookshacks are included in the position statements and the survey.

Q- Is there a tree management plan and/or timeline?

A- No plan in place yet, but it is on the CLCA priority list.

Q- Where are things at with Westman Communications?

A- There are studies to be completed within the PC to get approval. There are three checklists, and 2.5 of them are completed. Hopeful for spring, but no guarantees.

Q- Communication should be done when the shower building closure is required so an update to membership can be done.

A- The CLCA board has requested a direct contact list be provided.

Q- Can Parks Canada allow electronic payment for invoices?

A- Parks Canada is working on this.

Q- Are there plans available for the 2nd street dock area?

A- There are detailed drawings that have been seen by the CLCA members who attend the communication meetings with Parks Canada.

Q- The campground is vulnerable to tornadoes. Should the CLCA be pursuing Parks Canada to provide storm shelters built of concrete?

A- The closed washrooms may be a fit.

Q- Are there any sirens in the area?

A- No

Q- Can we use the picnic tables that PCs have placed on the adjacent PC land?

A- Everyone can use the public spaces as long as permanent structures are not used.

Q- The 2nd and 5th street docks do not have swim buoys?

A- These are not designated swim areas. The answer would be to have them signed as a non-boating area.

Q- Why is the PC invoice for sewer and water not adjusted for the reduced cleaning based on the reduced number of washrooms available?

A- Good point to follow up with Parks Canada

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Wayne Clayton #109 3rd St S **Second - Carried**

9-CLCA Constitution

Our Board did a deep dive with our Constitution and we're recommending a pretty significant overhaul. There are two key aspects that we're recommending be changed:

1-We're looking to update the language to ensure our Constitution is much more clear on purpose, roles and responsibilities, and what happens "IF" – if we don't have quorum, if we can't meet on time, etc.

2-We're looking to update our Board terms to ensure more continuity on the Board.

10-New Business arising – None

11-Board Elections

- Lyle Grobb (Past President) – Term to end 2022 – Stays on automatically until replaced by outgoing President
- Christian Robin (President) – Term to end 2022 – To be re-elected to 2023
- Andy Urbanowicz (Vice-President) – Term to end 2022 – To be re-elected to 2024
- Elvi Molsberry (Treasurer) – Term to end 2022 – To be re-elected to 2023
- Jacqueline Chapin-Downey (Secretary) – GALE SIMPSON to be elected to 2024
- DIRECTOR NO. 1: Gale Simpson – Term to end in 2022 – NEW: Shannan Lanctot to end in 2024 – phone: 204-391-5866 / email:shannanlanctot@gmail.com
- DIRECTOR NO. 2: Keith Vinthers – Term to end in 2022, next term to 2024
- DIRECTOR NO. 3: Devin Warren – Term to end in 2022, next term to 2024
- DIRECTOR NO. 6: Lindsay Dingwall - Term to end in 2022, next term to 2024
- DIRECTOR NO. 4: John George – Term to end 2023
- DIRECTOR NO. 5: Tracy Raison – Term to end 2023
- DIRECTOR NO. 7: Melanie Sobering - Term to end 2023
- DIRECTOR NO. 8: Kevin Earl - Term to end 2023

12-Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: **CARRIED** 11:15am

Expressed interest in joining the Board next year...Sharla Dillabough 4th Street South
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