

# CLCA Treasurer's Report – January 1, 2025 – August 25, 2025

Westoba Credit Union at 34th Street, Brandon Manitoba

Organizational Chequing Account

**OPENING BALANCE ON JANUARY 1, 2025** \$ 16,942.56

## REVENUE

March	Membership Fees	\$ 430.00
April	Membership Fees	\$ 100.00
May	Membership Fees	\$ 1,180.00
June	Membership Fees	\$ 800.00
July	Membership Fees	\$ 120.00
August	Membership Fees	\$ 120.00

**TOTAL REVENUE YTD** \$ 2,750.00

## BUDGETED EXPENDITURES (transaction ID in brackets)

May	GODaddy website hosting (667225)	\$ 299.60
May	Membership Fee Overpayment Refund (69805)	\$ 11.00
July	Ties for Kayak Stands (67565)	\$ 34.58
July	Spa Gift Cards for Membership Draw (69535)	\$ 101.00
July	Golf Tournament Prizes (67784)	\$ 126.00
August	Water Balloons and Power Strips (69056)	\$ 476.11
August	JJVoss Performance (68791)	\$ 421.00
August	Storage Bins for CLCA Supplies (67770)	\$ 134.25
August	Fairness for Clear Lake Meeting (68985)	\$ 39.61
August	Cabinapoolooza block party contribution	\$ 101.50

**TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES YTD** \$ 1,744.65

## OTHER ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES APPROVED BY THE BOARD

May	Fairness for Clear Lake Initiative one-time contribution (67781)	\$ 2,001.00
May	Kayak Stands (67520)	\$ 2,998.12
August	Probe Research Survey Invoice (68558)	\$ 790.50

**TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES YTD** \$ 5,789.62

**CURRENT BALANCE ON AUGUST 25, 2025** \$ 12,158.29

**Motion by:** Jill Lee

**RE:** contribution to Fairness for Clear Lake

**Seconded by:** Kyle Bazylo

**Whereas** is it the Board's position that, under the current leadership, communication from the Riding Mountain Field Unit has become increasingly dismissive. Transparency has collapsed. Community input is ignored. Questions go unanswered. Stakeholders feel they are not treated as partners, but as nuisances.

**Whereas** the Board is united in our desire for change at RMNP – for a future where community voices are respected, not ignored.

**Whereas** Article II of the CLCA Constitution states that our Purpose is to “represent and advocate for the collective interests of its membership”, and, “whether acting as an independent association, or alongside partner associations and organizations, the CLCA shall provide input to Parks Canada on concerns, solutions, and a vision for the Cabin Area that are consistent with the wishes of the membership.”

**Be it moved that** the CLCA donate \$2,000 to the Fairness for Clear Lake Initiative.

**Discussion:**

- There was a discussion around who was behind the campaign, how the funds raised would be used.
- It was clarified that *Fairness for Clear Lake* is the public campaign name of the Wasagaming Tenants' Association (WTA), which includes the Cottage Owners' Association, Cabin Owners' Association (CLCA), and the Chamber of Commerce. The campaign is supported by a professional lobbying and public relations firm based in Ottawa, engaged to represent the Fairness for Clear Lake coalition with Parks Canada and develop a new operating model similar to arrangements in Prince Albert or Waterton. Funds raised will directly support advocacy efforts, including campaign development, lobbying, and public communications.
- While the Board did have other project ideas, it was unanimously agreed that contributing \$2,000 was as a strategic investment, since most future initiatives depend on building a stronger, more cooperative relationship with Parks Canada, though one Board member still felt unsure this investment would produce any actual results.

**IN FAVOUR:**

- Christian R.
- Lyle G.
- Jill Lee
- Micheal H.
- Rick G.
- Elvi M.
- Dan L.
- Colin G.
- Kyle B.
- Melanie S.
- Leanne W.

**OPPOSED:**

- Gale S.

**ABSTAINED / NO RESPONSE:**

- Andrew U.

**Motion is PASSED**

**Motion by:** Rick Grimshaw

**RE:** membership survey

**Seconded by:** Michael Hance

**Whereas** the CLCA exists to represent and advocate for the collective interests of its membership.

**Whereas** the CLCA shall provide input to Parks Canada on concerns, solutions, and a vision for the Cabin Area that are consistent with the wishes of the membership.

**Be it moved that** the CLCA pay up to \$1,000 plus GST to Probe Research Inc. to build, deploy, and provide data and analysis on a survey of CLCA members' thoughts and opinions on motorized watercraft access for Clear Lake and the current relationship with Parks Canada Leadership.

**Discussion:**

- A discussion was had about asking Probe Research to review the questionnaire instrument for proper research methodologies, and it was noted that Probe Research has already reviewed and improved the original survey questionnaire to ensure neutrality and clarity, with further tweaks still possible based on board member input.
- Questions were raised about how to limit the survey responses to just CLCA members, and it was clarified that the plan is to limit the survey to one response per cabin, using the CLCA member database to ensure fair representation and prevent duplicate or non-member submissions.
- Questions were raised about the \$1,000 cost, given that this type of engagement with Probe Research would typically cost ~\$5,000. In response, it was clarified that Probe is offering a significantly reduced rate due to:
  - a) a strong professional relationship with the proposer,
  - b) the company's personal and historical connection to Clear Lake, and
  - c) their commitment to supporting non-profits with pro bono or discounted work.
- The cost was also justified in comparison to free or inexpensive tools like Survey Monkey, which lack the necessary controls to prevent multiple submissions or participation by non-members. Probe's involvement ensures data accuracy, member-only participation, and provides professional analysis for reporting.

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**OPPOSED:**

- Kyle B.
- Melanie S.

**ABSTAINED / NO RESPONSE:**

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- Gale S.
- Andrew U.

**Motion is PASSED**

**Motion by:** Melanie Sobering

**RE:** day-use kayak racks

**Seconded by:** Elvi Molsberry

**Whereas** the CLCA is not a registered organization (non-profit other other) and has been sitting a large sum of reserve funds for over 10 years.

**Whereas** the CLCA Board has previously voted in favour of purchasing kayak/canoe racks for the 2nd Street docks area for members and that this was communicated to the membership at several General Meetings.

**Whereas** Parks Canada has recently permitted the CLCA to purchase kayak/canoe racks for members and to place them along a new path (currently a roadway) between the 2nd Street docks and the Jamboree Hall, thus creating the Canoe Graveyard 2.0.

**Whereas** the CLCA Board has a vision for a more permanent solution that includes overnight storage of kayaks and canoes at the Boat Cove, but that this vision is at least a year away from becoming a reality.

**Be it moved that** the CLCA start with the purchase of up to six (6) 4-story kayak/canoe racks ASAP as a trial run and place them in the aforementioned location for use by the members for the 2025 season.

**Discussion:**

- Some expressed concerns about whether day-use racks are desired, suggesting members should be consulted due to the significant expense.
- Some questioned the practicality of day-use racks, noting personal habits and suggesting a survey for member feedback.
- It was emphasized that it is the Board's role to represent the membership and that it's not possible to poll the membership on all issues, and it was noted that there has been previous support for day-use racks from the board and membership, and that there would be many benefits for cabin owners, particularly those with mobility issues.
- It was clarified that overnight storage remains unlikely unless a local business offers a storage solution, but that there is a possibility for this to happen in the future, likely at the Boat Cove.
- Concerns were raised about enforcement of day-use policies and potential misuse of racks, prompting considerations about management and policy clarity.
- Concerns were raised about the fact that the Board is sitting on a large amount of cash and that this is not appropriate for a non-registered Board – it was noted that these funds needs to be spent on things that benefit the membership now, rather than collecting interest for a future endeavour (i.e., in the future, this kind of Board should fundraise for specific needs).
- Discussion focused on the need for a trial with less racks initially to gauge demand and manage any issues effectively.

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