

Agenda

President: Elinor White

Welcome and acknowledgement of all attending the meeting online.

Review of procedures of the meeting.

Motion to accept July 2018-19 minutes of AGM

Motion to accept Agenda of 2019-20 AGM

Motion to accept new Constitution

Motion to accept slate of officers for 2020 fiscal year

Motion to adjourn

Current Officers:

Past President Ritch Smith
President Elinor White
Vice President Bill Neill
Secretary Paul Herbert
Treasurer Elinor White

Board Members

Ruth Berger
Norma Crofts
Brian Facey
Curt Farrell
Paul Morton
David Savourin

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report – Elinor White

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Balance forward from June 30, 2019	\$15,991.08
2019-20 Revenues	\$15,364.65
Total Revenues	\$31,355.73
Total Expenditures	\$13,452.58
Bank Balance	\$17,903.15
Investments	\$ 6,617.72
Total	\$24,520.87

Our expenditures and income were greatly affected by Covid-19. All monies donated towards programs will be moved to next fiscal year.

The cost of the repairs to the lighthouse were more than expected as the damage was quite extensive.

Fireworks and Lighted Boat Parade: Bill Neill

The fireworks and boat parade were cancelled in view of the pandemic.

B.O.G.'s: Norma Crofts

As a result of the warm weather, a gentle freshet and no storms or strong winds, there were no b.o.g.'s reported.

Membership: Ritch Smith

2020 membership- 163 members including 2 new members

Newsletter Ritch Smith

350 copies sent out for each issue- 100 by mail and 250 by email

3 lost advertisers with 2 new advertisers

Public Relations: Ritch Smith

CLWA events listed in 3 or 4 tourist publications

Rocks and Shoals: Paul Morton

37 buoys were place around the lake on May 30 and they will be removed around thanksgiving at a cost of \$773.52 for deployment, rope and reflective tape.

Fishing Report: Paul Morton

CLWA supported Chris's live bait pike catch and keep ice fishing derby with 2 prizes of \$50 and \$100 to help control the pike population in the lake. A total of 37 pike were caught with 8lb 12oz being the largest. The summer pike derby was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The member only fishing derby was cancelled but 1 family missed the notice and entered fish caught by their 2 boys. A consolation prize was

awarded to the two boys to acknowledge their enthusiasm and was well received.

2019 Photo Contest: David Savournin

The 2019 photo contest had 24 entries from 16 contestants. The beauty category had 13 entrants; the wildlife category had 8 entries; and the recreation category had 3 entries. Two entries have already been submitted for the 2020 contest.

Social Media: David Savournin

The website for 2019, there were 446 unique users which was down 65% vs 2018-2019. The number of sessions were 599 which was down 66% from last year. The average sessions per user was 1,3 (down 8% from last year) and the average pages per session was 3 (down 18% from last year). The breakdown of users was 50.3% male and 49.7% female.

Users' age ranges were :

- 18-24 = **0%** vs. 4% 2018-2019
- 25-34 = **12%** vs. 15% 2018-2019
- 35-44 = **24%** vs. 17% 2018-2019
- 45-54 = **25%** vs. 22% 2018-2019
- 55-64 = **24%** vs. 26% 2018-2019
- 65+ = **15%** vs. 16% 2018-2019
- A new website was created and launched for the 2020-2021 year.

The Facebook page from August 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020 had the following statistics:

- Followers = 592; Likes = 557
- Average of 32 people see our posts every day
- Highest reach of a CLWA Post since last July 2019 was 8,366 on August 25/26, 2020 – our post about the problems at Callaghan's Rapids!
- Facebook is still the fastest and most efficient method of getting our message out to the widest audience

Secretary Report: Paul Herbert

1. Membership
At the present time, we have 279 entries on our mailing list.
2. Update List
In order to keep our list of members current, we ask that all our members forward the following information to the secretary by e mail
plh.herbert@gmail.com
 - (a) Names of all the members to be included under your membership
 - (b) Permanent address
 - (c) Telephone number where you can be reached- i.e. cell number
 - (d) Local address
 - (e) Email address
 - (f) Delivery preference- mail or email
3. After the AGM, the corporate records will be updated with the new executive.
4. We shall investigate the possibility of becoming a charitable organization and we shall proceed if possible.

Guest Reports

Report from Marmora and Lake :Jan O'Neill, Mayor

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU.

I think the main topic for the past six months is COVID-19.

The municipality declared a state of emergency in March following the WHO announcement of a global pandemic and the provincial government declared a state of emergency. Our Emergency Control Group meets every two weeks to discuss announced changes and to re-evaluate the course of action.

By declaring a state of emergency under the legislation allows us to track spending specifically related to COVID. To date, (Sept. 17) we have spent approximately \$85,000.00 directly related to operating expenses in response to COVID. We did receive a one-time grant in the amount of approximately \$165,000.00. There are very strict reporting requirements to justify the funds. What funds are left for 2020 must be put in a reserve for 2021.

The main focus dealing with COVID was to keep the municipal staff and the public safe. All facilities were closed to the public, the staff schedules were staggered so that half worked at home and half in the office on alternating days. Interaction with the public was limited to appointment only when absolutely necessary. The Library and Service Ontario were closed, playgrounds were roped off and community programs were cancelled. Most businesses were closed to the public except essential services. Carrescent Care, the long-term care facility was in lock down and I am pleased to say there were no outbreaks in that facility.

These were very challenging adjustments to the way we do business. It is uncharted territory, and everyone is doing their best to stay safe.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the front-line workers and our municipal staff for their dedication and service for keeping our community safe and maintaining our standard levels of service. I would also like to thank our seasonal residents for their support to our local economy. Thank you to our residents for their patience and understanding while we are trying to find the new normal.

Other issues at the municipality.

There was an LPAT appeal on the rezoning decision of Council for the properties known as 26 and 29 Forsyth Street (Tannahill vs Municipality of Marmora and Lake). I am pleased to report that the LPAT decision was to dismiss the case. Unfortunately, there was a significant cost to the municipality to defend the decision. The development is proceeding.

We have had some changes to our administration team.

Contact List is attached.

Hastings County is working diligently with the Federal Government and the Province to increase broadband service in the area. This is considered the # 1 priority due to the increased demand due to COVID. It is an essential service to businesses and on-line education requirements.

Regulation of Cannabis growing facilities is a challenge. We are working with neighboring municipalities to develop by-laws to ensure the proper permits are obtained in accordance with zoning by-laws.

In response to the issues you wish to have addressed:

- *Taxes on lake front properties are always an issue*

Yes, they are – MPAC provides the assessment which is based on market value.

- *Disturbances from air B&B rentals and how to deal with them*

We are currently working on developing a “short term rental by-law”. In order to complete the by-law the Official Plan must be amended. Hastings County is working with all neighboring municipalities to develop the by-law and prepare the appropriate amendment to the OP. Disturbances should be reported to the OPP.

- *Late night noise abatement (often referred to the above topic)*

I have put forth a notice of motion to have our noise by-law reviewed by the solicitor to ensure it is enforceable.

- *Mag’s Landing*

Staff prepared a report in response to a motion to install gates to the green space to provide additional parking space. The decision was “to not install gates” as this is directly upstream from the source water intake for the entire Village of Marmora and that area is identified as green space. The topic is too large to put in this document, so I am attaching a copy of that report for your further review. I strongly recommend your membership read this report and understand the reasons for not expanding that area.

- *What is happening with regard to attracting businesses to the area to lessen the tax load and keep money in town*

We have recently hired Tammy May, Economic Development Co-ordinator. Tammy has been reaching out to existing businesses and using various sources of social media to promote the municipality. There is a meeting of the Economic Development Committee scheduled for the end of September. There are also a number of “new” endeavours being proposed in the former Lake Township, in Deloro and the north end of the village.

Building Permits are up substantially.

- *Any issues pertinent to the lake and rivers of Marmora*

Council, at its meeting of September 17th, passed a resolution to approve the Strategic Plan for Marmora and Lake. The Plan sets out the Goals and Objectives for decision making and implementation. I have attached a copy for your review. Please take the time to review it.

Booster Park is operating at reduced services, but the boat launch is open.

The Crowe Valley Conservation office is closed to the public but you can make an appointment.

I have received numerous complaints about the use of the sand bar at the mouth of the river. Please note that this is not under municipal jurisdiction. This is a multi governed issue. Lakes and Rivers can fall under many provincial ministries. The OPP patrol the water ways.

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is dealing with overpopulated conservation areas particularly where there is access to water. Some areas have been closed to the public. Callahan Rapids is a significant concern due to its scientifically protected areas and users' disregard for property of area residents and the park property itself.

Please note that there is a 2021 Budget Survey available for your input. Please take the time to complete and submit the survey.

Halloween and Santa Parade have not yet been determined to proceed. We are waiting to take consideration from the Province.

Council is continuing to meet virtually, live streamed through facebook, at the regularly scheduled times.

Please refer to the Municipality's web site (www.marmoraandlake.ca) for accurate and up to date announcements and information.

Please follow the COVID restrictions and adhere to the regulations to self distance, no large gatherings, use good hand hygiene and wear a mask when social distancing is difficult and especially indoors. It is imperative and our individual personal responsibility to adhere to these restrictions to keep our families and friends safe.

Proposed New Constitution

The following is the proposed revised constitution with the changes in **bold** and *italic*. The changes are principally to change the fiscal year to make bookkeeping easier and to allow for electronic meetings. Other changes clean up some language difficulties and to include reference to our incorporation. No major changes have been made.

Constitution of the Crowe Lake Property Owners Association Inc.

Article 1- Name

The name of this association shall be “Crowe Lake Property Owners Association Inc., operating as the “Crowe Lake Waterway Association”, and hereinafter referred to as the “Association”.

Article 2- Incorporation

The Association was incorporated in the province of Ontario as an Ontario non-share corporation on November 14, 1979 under Ontario Corporation Number 428892.

Article 3- Objects

The purpose of the Association shall be:

1. To promote stewardship of the environmental, public and social interests of the area served by the Association;
2. To inform and engage the membership for the purpose of working with and, where applicable, lobbying governments at all levels to protect and maintain the objectives outlined; and
3. To cooperate with other local organizations which have interests and objectives similar to those of the Association.

Article 4- Membership and Fees

1. Active Member

Any person

- a. or member of a family that is a taxpayer or a tenant of the taxpayer in a municipality that has within its municipal boundaries, all, or portions of Crowe Lake, Crowe River, Beaver Creek and their environs shall be eligible to be active members of the Association, or
- b. that has a vested interest in the municipality that has within its municipal boundaries, all, or portions of Crowe Lake, Crowe River, Beaver Creek and their environs shall be eligible to be active members of the Association.
- c. ***Each family that is a taxpayer or a tenant of the taxpayer in a municipality that has within its municipal boundaries, all, or portions of Crowe Lake, Crowe River, Beaver Creek and their environs, is entitled to designate one member of said family to be the active member for each deed owned by said family or the tenant of the taxpayer. Each of said families is entitled to one vote as an Active Member for each of said deeds.***

2. Membership Fees

The annual membership fee shall be set by the Executive Board and ***shall be*** ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

3. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Membership fees are due and payable on or before May 31 of each calendar year. All membership fees received at any time during the calendar year shall be applied to the membership fees for that calendar year. Only full paid up active members of the Association shall be allowed to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

4. Voting Rights

All active members who are fully paid up and who are of legal voting age shall be allowed to vote at the Annual General Meeting or at any Special Meeting.

Article 5- Executive Officers

1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed and administered by a Board of Executive Officers of the Association, hereinbefore and hereinafter referred to as “the Executive Board” consisting of the following positions:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Past President
- f. Director(s)

Each of whom must be active members of the Association as defined in Article 4(1).

2. Each member of the Executive Board ***shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and*** shall hold office for one year, except where circumstances dictates otherwise.
3. The Executive Board shall declare vacancies, if any, at the Annual General Meeting. In this event, nominations for the Executive Board will be received at the Annual General Meeting.
4. Any member of the Executive board absent from meetings without reasonable cause on three occasions may be replaced by another ***active*** member of the Association appointed by the Executive Board.
5. A vacant seat on the Executive Board may be filled by the Executive Board, as required, throughout the year.

Article 6- Duties of the Executive Board

The duties of the members of the Executive Board are as follows:

1. All members of the Executive Board shall be actively involved with a portfolio or portfolios of their choosing, or as required, to complete the affairs of the Association.
2. The Executive Board meetings shall be held on the call of the President, and a majority of the members of the Executive Board shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.
3. The President or his or her designate shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and at all general meetings of the Association.

4. The Vice-president shall exercise all of the President's functions at his or her request or in his or her absence.
5. The Secretary shall act as the clerk of the Executive Board and keep all records and minutes of the Executive Board meetings and of the Association, and shall keep a current register of all members.
6. The Treasurer's duties shall include the custody, receipt, and disbursement of the funds of the Association and the keeping of accounts and preparation of financial statements. All monies of the Association shall be kept in such institutions as the Executive Board determines by resolution. All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other of two members of the Executive Board designated by motion of the Executive Board.

Article 7- Fiscal Year and Meetings

- 1. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year from January 1 to December 31.**
2. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be at the time and place set by the Executive Board.
3. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all members at least TEN (10) days before the date of the meeting.
4. A special general meeting to discuss and resolve specific questions and issues shall be called by the President on direction of the Executive Board or on receipt by the President or Secretary of a petition for a special meeting stating the reason therefore, and signed by at least TEN (10) active voting members of the Association. Such a meeting shall be held at a time and place determined by the Executive Board. Notice shall be given to the membership of the Association at least TEN (10) days before the meeting.
5. A quorum at the Annual General Meeting shall consist of not less than TEN (10) percent of the active members of the Association including the Directors, present in person **or by proxy or electronically.**
- 6. Voting by proxy is permitted provided that the proxy form is received by the Secretary at least 24 hours before the start of any meeting to which the proxy pertains.**
7. Proxies may be counted as part of the quorum.

8. **Meetings of the members including the Annual General Meeting may be held by Internet discussions or any electronic transmissions. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this clause shall constitute presence in person at all such meetings.**

Article 8- Elections, Nominations and Voting

1. The election of the Executive Board shall be held at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall be by open vote. Newly elected persons shall assume their respective duties immediately after the vote.
2. Nominations may be made by any Active Member.
3. A slate of the proposed Executive Board shall be prepared by the current Executive Board for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.
4. Nominations for any position on the Executive Board except for Past president may be made by any active member at the annual general meeting.
5. The nominee will be given an opportunity to accept or decline the nomination.
6. If more than one person is nominated for any position on the Executive Board except for Past President, an open vote will be held to determine who is elected to that position.
7. When the slate of the Executive Board is finalized at the Annual General Meeting, a motion is made to accept the new Executive Board.
8. If any position is vacant at the end of the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Board may appoint any active member to the vacant position.
9. Any point of procedure is governed by this Constitution or if not covered, by Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 9- Audit

1. The Executive Board shall arrange for an annual audit of the books of the Association and the audit shall be presented by the Treasurer to the Annual General Meeting.

Article 10- Amendments

1. This constitution may be amended by resolution passed by a simple majority of the active voting members present at an annual general meeting or special general meeting.
2. All amendments must be received by the Secretary in writing at least THREE (3) weeks before the meeting at which the amendments are to be considered

and such amendments shall be circulated to all active members at least TEN (10) days before the meeting.

Article 11- General

1. All active members shall abide by the constitution of the Association.
2. The Executive Board shall have the power to expel or suspend any active member where it has been proven to the satisfaction of a majority of the executive Board that such member has acted in a manner detrimental to the best interests of the Association, subject to the right of appeal to the voting members by the said member at the next Annual General Meeting at which time the decision shall be final.
3. Honorariums and /or remuneration may be paid to any member of the Executive Board or any volunteer as the Executive Board may determine, in an amount decided upon by the Executive Board and such amount shall be disclosed in the financial statement presented to the membership at the annual general meeting.
4. Any notice required to be given by this constitution shall be deemed to have been given on the day it was mailed by prepaid, ordinary post with the Canadian Post Office.
5. Any notice required to be given by this constitution shall be deemed to have been given on the day it was sent by electronic mail.
6. The address of the Association shall be:

Crowe Lake Waterway Association
PO Box 192 Marmora Ontario
K0K 2M0

or such other address as the Executive Board may decide from time to time.

Motion: To accept the changes of the new constitution.

Election of Officers

The following directors are standing for re-election.

President: Ritch Smith

Vice President: Bill Neill

Treasurer: Vacant

Secretary: Paul Herbert

Directors:

Ruth Berger

Norma Crofts

Brian Facey

Curt Farrell

Paul Morton

David Savourin;

Motion: To accept the slate of officers for the 2021 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Herbert

Secretary