



## LAKE CLEAR PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2021 AGM

### AGM DETAILS

To ensure the health and safety of our members, the AGM will be held outside again this year.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9 am

Location: Memorial Fields, Eganville

Same entrance as the Curling Club, Farmer's Market, ball diamonds and splash pad. Foran Street off Hwy 41, just down from the Shell gas station.

To Bring: Lawn chair and umbrella. The meeting will take place rain or shine.

Attendees: The meeting is limited to members. We ask that you please consider the requirements for physical distancing and only have 1 property owner (member) attend.

Voting: Voting cards will be issued to those who have purchased their membership by August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9am. We will NOT sell memberships at the AGM. If you have not yet purchased your 2021 membership, please contact your Shore Representative or Lianne Pepper. Their contact information is included in this package.

Proxy voting will be permitted as per the E-Update sent on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from Lianne Pepper and the proxy form must be received by Lianne by August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9am.

## **AGM AGENDA**

9:00 – 9:10 am	President’s Opening Remarks
9:10 – 9:15 am	Presentation of the Jacquie Lecuyer Scholarship
9:15 – 9:20 am	Presentation of the Photo Contest Winners
9:20 am	Call to Order
9:20 – 9:25 am	Adoption of the Agenda
9:25 – 9:35 am	Approval of the 2020 AGM Minutes
9:35 – 9:45 am	Questions related to Board Reports
9:45 – 9:50 am	Approval of the Financial Report
9:50 – 10:00 am	Motion to Waive the Appointment of Auditors
10:00 – 10:10 am	Motion to approve 2/3 <sup>rd</sup> s requirement
10:10 – 10:15 am	Motion to limit the LCPOA Board’s ability to expend over \$500
10:15 – 10:20 am	Motion to remove Board’s ability to amend By-Laws
10:20 – 10:25 am	Motion to curtail Board and Committee presentations
10:25 – 10:35 am	Election of Officers and Motion to accept the slate of Officers
10:35 – 10:45 am	Tentative Presentation from Watersheds Canada – Love Your Lake
10:45 am	Adjournment

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by:

Seconded by:

To accept the Minutes of the 2020 AGM (or potentially amended minutes).

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Moved by: Karen Jerome

Seconded by:

Whereas the LCPOA members have been presented with the annual financial report,

Be It Resolved that the report be accepted.

**MOTION TO WAIVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:**

Moved by: Karen Jerome

Seconded by:

Whereas the Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.38 allows that “Members of a corporation may pass an extraordinary resolution to not appoint an auditor and to not have an audit in respect of corporation’s financial year if the corporation had annual revenue in that financial year of no more than \$100,000...”, and

Whereas the LCPOA provides detailed accounting of revenue and expenditures, and

Whereas the cost of an audit is approximately \$3,000+, and

Whereas the cost of such would have to be passed on to the members,

Be It Resolved that the LCPOA members approve the waiving of an audit for the 2021 year.

**MOTION TO REQUIRE A 2/3<sup>RD</sup>'s MINIMUM TO PASS A MOTION AT AN AGM**

Moved by: Herb Weckwerth

Seconded by: Philip Lancaster

That Article 11 of the By-Laws be amended by the addition of the following:

11.5 To take effect, all amendments to the By-laws must be approved by a minimum of 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the votes cast by the members in good standing in attendance in person or by proxy at an AGM in which the proposed amendments are included on the agenda for the said AGM.

**MOTION TO LIMIT THE LCPOA BOARD’S ABILITY TO EXPEND OVER \$500**

Moved by: Herb Weckwerth

Seconded by: Jack Rosien

That Article 5 of the By-laws be amended by the addition of the following:

5.3 Unless included in an annual budget, approved at the Annual General Meeting or by special resolution approved by the membership at a general meeting of the Association, the signing Officers shall be allowed to financially transact a maximum of five hundred dollars for any single expense not previously authorized by the membership.

**MOTION TO REMOVE THE BOARD’S ABILITY TO AMEND BY-LAWS**

Moved by: Bob Peltzer

Seconded by: Philip Lancaster

That Article 11 of the By-Laws be amended by the addition of the following:

11.2/a For greater certainty, no By-laws amended by the Board shall take effect until they have been ratified at the next scheduled AGM of the Association.

**MOTION TO CURTAIL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENTATIONS**

Moved by: Jack Rosien

Seconded by: Herb Weckwerth

That Article 6 of the By-laws be amended by the addition of the following:

6.8 Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no presentation purporting to be made on behalf of the Association shall be made to any municipal, provincial or federal authority of any kind, by the Board, or any committee or members(s) thereof, unless the content of such presentation has first been approved by a majority vote at a meeting of the Association, duly called in that regard.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SLATE OF OFFICERS**

Moved by: Lorne Monahan

Seconded by:

Nominations will be accepted from the floor or via email to Lorne Monahan prior to the AGM. As of August 6, 2021, the following individuals have put their names forward:

President: Judy Bates

Vice President: John Earle

Past President: Lorne Monahan (unelected position)

Secretary: Kathleen Kearney

Treasurer: Vacant

Membership Director: Lianne Pepper

Environment Director: John Taker

Public Relations &  
Communication Director: Colleen Beanish

Member At Large  
(3 positions) Lori MacDonald  
Jean Davies  
Matt St Louis  
Jack Rosien

## **CURRENT LCPOA BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

President:	Judy Bates
Past President:	Lorne Monahan
Vice President:	John Earle
Treasurer:	Karen Jerome
Secretary:	Kathleen Kearney
Membership Director:	Lianne Pepper
P.R. & Communications Director:	Colleen Beanish
Members At Large:	Jean Davies & Lori MacDonald
Scholarship Chair:	Jean Davies
Poker Run Coordinator:	George von Jagow (George is stepping down from this role)
LCC Representative:	Liz Schultis
Buoy Program Coordinator:	Dave Mills

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Judy Bates)**

In the past year, the LCPOA has progressed on a number of environmental issues, which are outlined in John Taker's Environment Committee Report.

Many LCPOA members are concerned about Zebra Mussels, algae, Gypsy Moths, shoreline erosion and the overall water quality and the LCPOA is actively engaged with other organizations and governments to mitigate these.

I have also been involved with the Bonnechere River Watershed Project while they work through the process of redefining their mandate.

We are extremely fortunate to have the involvement of many volunteers who are the backbone of the LCPOA. If you have a particular area of interest or specialization and would like to become active in the LCPOA, please let us know.

The membership has received numerous e-Updates this year related to LPAT appeal and I will not repeat the content in this report. The LCPOA remains hopeful that a cooperative, consultative and mediated solution will be found, but unfortunately, in spite of efforts over many years to make this happen, we are not in control. In spite of our attempts, the BVT Council has not been willing to adopt this approach.

We were able to hold the Poker Run this year and thank George von Jagow for coordinating the event. We sold 273 Poker sheets, which is just below our highest sales of 297 sheets in 2019. The dock hosts were busy and the participants appeared to enjoy their day. George has coordinated this event for many years and is stepping down. If you are willing to take over, please let us know. He has everything well organized for an easy transition.

The Mills Family hosted a music even after the Poker Run, featuring fabulous talent. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, but all of those in attendance really enjoyed the musicians.

The LCPOA is in the initial stages of supporting the LCC in The Love Your Lake program, an initiative focused on testing and preserving lakes. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (John Taker)**

At the 2020 AGM, It was decided that the Environment Committee would be comprised of the Environment Committee, the Lake Steward function and the Land Use Committee. All of these committees have complementary mandates, which is to protect the water quality of Lake Clear.

### **Environment Committee**

This committee will be involved in all matters affecting the water quality of Lake Clear, including the functions of its sub-committees, listed above.

Here are the highlights of the past year.

### **Lakeclear.org website reorganization and new material**

This undertaking was an internet research and writing effort to update the “Ecology” menu items to be current, accurate and more informative and to provide a vehicle for communicating this information to our membership. The topics addressed were: water quality, ‘at capacity’ lake, protecting shorelines, septic systems, seagull management and invasive species.

### **Boat Decontamination Station**

The Environment Committee initially conducted a great deal of internet research to understand

how to fight Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). This culminated in the conceptual design of a boat decontamination station (BDS) which would be manned by trained volunteers with the knowledge and equipment to successfully decontaminate boats on entering or leaving the lake. The process would involve treating all areas of the boat, live well, trailer and hitch with very hot water (140 F) to kill any AIS hitchhikers, followed by a high-pressure wash to remove any debris.

Opeongo Mountain Resort (OMR) is the main launch point for boats coming in from other water bodies, but it was agreed by all parties involved that OMR would not be suitable for a BDS since it is too close to the water's edge and Rodden Creek, and it would also interfere with resort operations such as parking and the boat launch area.

As the topic of invasive species is well within the conservation mandate of the Lake Clear Conservancy, it was mutually decided that the LCC take the lead on forming a partnership with BVT to deal with this problem. Eganville would be the preferred location, because a BDS located there could also serve boaters heading to other lakes, including those in Algonquin Park.

The LCC sent a delegation to Council in February to present the case for a private-public partnership to situate the BDS in the village.

The township was asked to provide a location capable of supplying electricity and water, and the LCC would pay to construct the BDS (the cost of which was estimated to be about \$18,000). In addition, the LCC would provide trained volunteers to man the station during busy times, such as fishing derbies.

Council deliberated this proposal for two sessions, in which the delegation was not invited to participate, and concluded that it would not get involved. They said they had "a lot of unanswered questions", but they never asked them. They felt this should be dealt with on a commercial level, saying they did not wish to be seen as competing with the two car wash facilities in the village.

This was unfortunate, as car washes and boat decontamination stations are not the same and are not interchangeable.

The idea of a Boat Decontamination Station serving Lake Clear will continue to be pursued.

### **Lake Steward Function:**

The Lake Steward is a participant in the Lake Partner Program of the MECP and is responsible for performing water quality testing and submitting samples to the Environmental Science Centre in Dorset. This program was not active in 2020, due to COVID-19; however, it recommenced in 2021 and volunteers gathered water samples this past May. Four sites were sampled. Temperature and Secchi disc readings and other notes are sent to the ministry in October. Results will not be known until the winter of 2022 at which time, the results will be posted on the lakeclear.org website.

Wayne Lecuyer, Brian Thurgood, and Doug Davies do the water sampling.

### **Buoy Program:**

Dave Mills coordinates the installation and removal of the buoys, with the assistance of Brian Thurgood and Steve Shane.

### **New Water Testing Initiative**

Federation of Ontario Cottagers (FOCA) and the Invasive Species Centre (ISC) have launched a new water-sampling program, called **IsampleON**. This is a targeted citizen science program where volunteers are collecting water samples from 25 selected lakes, to monitor them for **invasive mussels** and **spiny waterflea**. The lakes, **including Lake Clear**, are in the Lake Huron, St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario watersheds, and meet the “at-risk” criteria for invasive mussels and spiny water flea invasion. The analysis of the water samples will be done by the ISC.

One analysis technique is an e-DNA test which is looking for DNA signatures for known invasive species.

The other tests are just water samples at 7 meters using a specialized filter sock. The samples will be examined for any of the known invasive species or anything else found in the sample. Sampling was conducted in the following areas:

1. Boat launch
2. Windward part of the lake
3. Deepest part of the lake.

The results are due in September.

Brian Thurgood is leading this effort.

### **Land Use Sub-Committee:**

Activity in this area has been well documented over the year and we are hopeful that our work to have recreational vehicles (RV) regulated on lakefront properties is coming to an end. In April, Bonnechere Valley Township passed a zoning by-law amendment allowing up to 4 RVs on every property with no controls until (or unless) the owners applied for a septic system.

The LCPOA appealed this amendment to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). This appeal serves to halt the application of the by-law until the Tribunal rules on the matter.

The LCPOA recently received an update from LPAT, stating that a Case Management Conference (CMC) will be held on September 30, 2021.

The CMC is a procedural step and will identify the parties and participants, set an issues list and determine whether both parties are willing to participate in good faith in a mediated session to resolve the issue before the tribunal hears the appeal.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (Colleen Beanish)**

Mandate:

The Public Relations and Communication Committee communicates with the membership in a variety of ways and organizes events for the membership.

In 2021, this committee has continued to maintain our website [www.lakeclear.org](http://www.lakeclear.org) and our Facebook group, For Everything Lake Clear. Lianne Pepper regularly sends out our e-Updates on behalf of the President and Board to ensure all members are well informed.

Initiatives this year included a thorough website review, including significant new content, as well as our first ever LCPOA photo contest, overseen by Tina Shane.

The website is well used and the Facebook group now has 383 members.

Our first photo contest provided some fun during a difficult pandemic year with 80 amazing photos submitted. So many talented members!

We always welcome your suggestions, which can be sent to [lakeclearwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:lakeclearwebsite@gmail.com).

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEEembership (Lianne Pepper)**

### **Memberships Paid**

In 2020 we sold 243 memberships. This is in comparison to 234 memberships sold in 2019.

### **Shore Representatives**

We currently have Shore Representatives for 15 of the 16 shores and we ask you to join us in thanking all of them for their contribution. Heideman's Bay continues without shore representation. Please consider volunteering to fill this vacancy.

Kilby Shore:

Colleen Beanish [pcbeanish@gmail.com](mailto:pcbeanish@gmail.com)

Buelow Bay:

Liz Murphy [lizmurph12@gmail.com](mailto:lizmurph12@gmail.com)

Heather Doyle [heatherdoyle47@gmail.com](mailto:heatherdoyle47@gmail.com)

Big Rock 1:	Lori MacDonald <a href="mailto:basementlm@gmail.com">basementlm@gmail.com</a>
Big Rock 2:	John Taker <a href="mailto:johntaker2@gmail.com">johntaker2@gmail.com</a>
Haley's Bay 1:	Anne Audet <a href="mailto:audetam@gmail.com">audetam@gmail.com</a>
Haley's Bay 2:	Lianne Pepper <a href="mailto:liannegpepper@gmail.com">liannegpepper@gmail.com</a>
Heideman's Bay:	Vacant
Klondike Road:	Kathy Webb <a href="mailto:kwebb20@hotmail.com">kwebb20@hotmail.com</a>
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Wieland Shore 2:	Megan Mooibroek <a href="mailto:meganmooibroek@hotmail.com">meganmooibroek@hotmail.com</a>
Wieland Shore 3:	Jean Davies <a href="mailto:daviesden220@gmail.com">daviesden220@gmail.com</a>
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Plaunt Mountain 2:	John Penner <a href="mailto:#4penners@rogers.com">#4penners@rogers.com</a>
French's Road:	Lindsay Becker <a href="mailto:lindsaybecker@hotmail.com">lindsaybecker@hotmail.com</a>
Little Lake Clear:	Lorne Monahan <a href="mailto:lmonahan@magma.ca">lmonahan@magma.ca</a>
Dome Road:	Jean Becker <a href="mailto:jeanbecker@yahoo.ca">jeanbecker@yahoo.ca</a>

## **E-Updates**

In 2020, 16 e-updates were sent to all paid members.

## **LAKE CLEAR CONSERVANCY (Liz Shultis)**

### **Seagull Management:**

This initiative has been a tremendous success in reducing the seagull population on Lornie Foran Island and the lake in general and thus improving the water quality in that area.

Prior to the Seagull removal action to be taken in 2021, the LCC's long-term Seagull Management Plan, supported by a Canadian Wildlife Service permit, was to continue to destroy nests and eggs so that the gulls are discouraged from nesting on the island in large numbers. Although this initiative had gone a long way to improving the seagull situation, the concern was that the seagull population would quickly increase if the egg destruction program were discontinued and/or that the seagulls might choose another location on the lake.

On May 25, 2021, the work party arrived at Lornie Foran Island, expecting to encounter hundreds of eggs and nests, as in the past. Astonishingly, they found only two nests with a total of THREE eggs. Last year at this time, they gathered about 800 eggs from 276 nests and thought that to be a tremendous success over prior years, where up to 2,500 eggs had been oiled at one time. There is certainly evidence that the seagulls gathered on the island this year,

but in far fewer numbers and also that the vegetation on the island was noticeably more - by about 50%. The work party members looked at other islands on the lake to confirm that the seagulls had not relocated their nesting site.

It is difficult to explain this drastic change or to know whether the seagulls will return to nest on Lornie Foran Island in the future. The LCC, in partnership with the LCPOA, and under the guidance of the CWS, will monitor and react accordingly in future years.

### **Current Activities:**

**Island Camping** is in full swing again this year! Most of the camping sites are booked solid for the summer season! Volunteers have noted that some camping has been undertaken on Crown Islands where NO camping is allowed. Please remind those you know that camping is only permitted on those campsites designated by the Ministry of Natural Resources Forestry (MNRF), and are limited to those available for booking on the Lake Clear Conservancy website, at [www.lakeclearconservancy.ca](http://www.lakeclearconservancy.ca).

**Fundraising** is being done by the LCC in a different way this year.

The Board of Directors made the difficult decision to postpone our fundraising lakeside dinner once again but are excited to offer an online auction instead. The auction will run for one week, from August 14<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>, and will feature many of the same popular items from previous years. We are very fortunate to have the expert assistance of our member, Shelagh Mills, in this project. Please stay tuned for more information on how to participate in the upcoming online auction!

**Invasive species** are a threat to our lake! The LCC is continuing to pursue a boat washing station by attempting to work with the BVT council.