



LAKE CLEAR PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2022 AGM

AGM DETAILS

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

Date & Time: *Saturday, July 23rd @ 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, beverage, and umbrella. The meeting will take place rain or shine.*

Attendees: *The meeting is limited to members and guests invited by the LCPOA Board.*

Voting: *Voting cards (one vote per membership) will be issued to those who have purchased their membership by Friday, July 22 @ 9am. We will NOT sell memberships at the AGM. If you have not yet purchased your 2022 membership, please contact your Shore Representative or Lianne Pepper. Their contact information is included in this package.*

Members no longer have an automatic right to vote by proxy as per the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA).

AGM AGENDA

<i>9:00 – 9:10 am</i>	<i>President’s Opening Remarks</i>
<i>9:10 – 9:15 am</i>	<i>Presentation of the Jacquie Lecuyer Scholarship</i>
<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Call to Order and Introductions</i>
<i>9:15 – 9:20 am</i>	<i>Adoption of the Agenda</i>
<i>9:20 – 9:30 am</i>	<i>Approval of the 2020 AGM Minutes</i>
<i>9:30 – 9:40 am</i>	<i>Questions related to Board Reports</i>
<i>9:40 – 9:50 am</i>	<i>Approval of the Financial Report</i>
<i>9:55 – 10:00 am</i>	<i>Motion to increase annual membership fee</i>
<i>10:00 – 10:15 am</i>	<i>Election of Officers and Motion to accept the slate of Officers</i>
<i>10:15 am</i>	<i>Adjournment</i>
<i>10:15 – 10:45 am</i>	<i>Tentative: Comments from those running for BVT municipal positions.</i>

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Moved by:

Seconded by:

To accept the Minutes of the 2021 AGM (or potentially amended minutes).

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by: *Carol Boudreau*

Seconded by:

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

Be It Resolved that the reports be accepted.

MOTION TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Moved by: *Lianne Pepper*

Seconded by:

*Whereas the annual membership fee has not increased for more than 10 years, and
Whereas costs have risen substantially over this time period, and
Whereas the cost to embark upon new initiatives related to Lake Clear are more than can be
funded from the current membership and other revenue streams,
Be It Resolved that the annual membership fee be increased from \$20 to \$30, effective 2023.*

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 July 8, 2022, 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: *Carol Boudreau*

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*

CURRENT LCPOA BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President:	Judy Bates
Past President:	Lorne Monahan
Vice President:	John Earle
Treasurer:	Carol Boudreau
Secretary:	Kathleen Kearney
Membership Director:	Lianne Pepper
P.R. & Communications Director:	Colleen Beanish
Members At Large:	Jean Davies, Matt St. Louis & Lori MacDonald
Scholarship Chair:	Jean Davies
Poker Run Coordinators:	Dave and Jackie Bourne
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 continue to be concerned about Zebra Mussels, algae, Gypsy Moths, shoreline erosion and the overall water quality. The LCPOA is actively engaged with other organizations and governments to investigate, research, provide educational material and in spite of lack of uptake, continue to ask the Bonnechere Valley Township to work cooperatively with the us. We remain positive that eventually BVT Council will recognize that a consultative and cooperative approach addressing Lake Clear issues is the preferred way to ensure the best outcome.

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 received at least 16 e-Updates this year related to:

- . Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal*
- . Gypsy Moths*
- . Algae Blooms*
- . Bonnechere Valley Zoning Amendments*

- . *Lake Clear Buoys*
- . *Lake Links Workbook for Property Owners*
- . *FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations) newsletters*
- . *Information about BVT's attempt to remove the "at capacity" from Lake Clear*
- . *Information about BVT's plan to amend the Official Plan*
- . *Reminders about the danger of Tics*
- . *Information from the province about testing for blue-green algae and the final results*
- . *Notice about a joint fundraising endeavor with the Lake Clear Conservancy (LCC)*

We were able to hold the Poker Run in 2021 and thank George von Jagow for coordinating the event once again. We raised approximately \$2,180 despite a windy day.

George has stepped down from coordinating the Poker Run and he has passed on his "well-oiled machine" to Dave and Jackie Bourne. We thank George for his years of contribution and thank Dave and Jackie for taking on this event.

Dave Mills coordinates the Buoy Program which includes the installation, removal, repair and storage of the 12-13 buoys. They aim to install the buoys on the May long weekend and remove them around Thanksgiving, weather permitted. We thank Dave and his helpers and the Shane's for kindly storing the buoys over the winter.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (John Taker)

The Environment Committee is comprised of 3 separate, but related components:

Lake Steward Program

The water quality test kits are sent directly to those volunteers who collect samples and mail them back to the Dorset Labs.

The LCPOA participated in another water sampling program in 2021, called the OnSampling program (see the leakeclear.org website for details) and we have now received the DNA results, confirming, yes, we have Zebra Mussels, but not Eurasian Milfoil. We have not yet received any test kits for 2022.

Environment Committee

Various articles have been posted on the Lakeclear.org website related to a variety of invasive species and water issues. Please refer to the website for detailed information about these topics.

Signage has been purchased from FOCA about boater responsibilities to Clean, Drain and Dry and boats before putting them in Lake Clear. These signs will be posted on many roads and

launch sites around the lake.

Land Use Committee

After a long seven years pursuing zoning enforcement related to the use of recreational vehicles, we felt we were finally making progress. Unfortunately, this optimism only lasted for a fleeting moment.

The Bonnechere Valley Township engaged the Renfrew County Planning staff (under contract for \$29,000) to assist them in revamping the entire zoning by-laws to reflect the County Official Plan (OP) and Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).

The new zoning by-laws, prepared by the County Planning Department, seemed to largely concentrate on recreational vehicle (RV) usage on Lake Clear and determined that RVs were indeed in violation of the Official Plan and not a permitted use on any zone on Lake Clear (and we presume, within the whole of Bonnechere Valley), except on bona fide trailer parks (zoned Tourist Commercial). This was not a revelation to the LCPOA, nor should it have been to the BVT Council. Council then expressed their concern about having to tell people that they had to remove their RVs. Then, they asked Bruce Howarth, Manager of Planning how they could possibly get around the Official Plan. He told them that they would have to conduct studies to show the impact of RVs on Lake Clear and then prepare an amendment to the OP for consideration by the County. He stated that such an approach would likely take up to 6 months at considerable cost. Council has decided to pursue this and removed the entire portion of the zoning by-laws dealing with RVs.

Since the BVT public meeting in early June, an email was sent to the CAO and Council to request information on their progress and to inform them of the LCPOA's continued desire to be engaged and consulted. The LCPOA wants to make sure that the process is objective, open and transparent. The CAO predicts it will take at least another year for them to determine the way ahead. In the meantime, RVs continue to be a non-permitted use, which is not being enforced by BVT.

The LCPOA may, at some point, engage a Land Use Planner and lawyer to provide advice about the most appropriate way to ensure that the fragile nature of Lake Clear is protected.

Boat Decontamination Station (this is repeated from the 2021 AGM report)

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 staff 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.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (Colleen Beanish)

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

In 2022, this committee has continued to maintain our website 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.

The website is well used with between 25 – 75 unique views per day in the last month. The most popular pages of late are: the home page, beaches and boat launch, plants, camping, maps, cottage/cabin rentals, fish and islands. There is lots of new information about protecting lake from invasive species. The website has something for everyone of every age; if you haven't had a chance yet, please check it out.

Our Facebook group now has 428 members, up from 383 last year. Posts include photos from around the lake, lost and found, local events, buy and sell, among other things. The more contributors, the better!

Please keep your eyes open for information in the next little while about our 2022 Lake Clear Photo Contest, coordinated once again by Tina Shane.

The Poker Run will take place the afternoon of Saturday, July 30th. More details will be emailed to members shortly.

We always welcome your suggestions, which can be sent to lakeclearwebsite@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (Lianne Pepper)

Memberships Paid

In 2021 we sold 230 memberships.

Shore Representatives

We ask you to join us in thanking all of our shore representatives for their contribution. Heideman's Bay continues without shore representation (Lorne Monahan has kindly agreed to fill this gap, but we really need someone from this shore to take on this role). Please consider volunteering to fill this vacancy.

Kilby Shore: Colleen Beanish pcbeanish@gmail.com

Below Bay: Liz Murphy lizmurph12@gmail.com

Big Rock 1:	Heather Doyle heatherdoyle47@gmail.com
Big Rock 2:	Lori MacDonald basementlm@gmail.com
Haley's Bay 1:	John Taker johntaker2@gmail.com
Haley's Bay 2:	Anne Audet audetam@gmail.com
Heideman's Bay:	Lianne Pepper liannegpepper@gmail.com
Klondike Road:	Lorne Monahan lmonahan@magma.ca
Wieland Shore 1:	Temporarily Lianne Pepper
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French's Road:	John Penner 4penners@rogers.com
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	Jean Becker jeanobecker@yahoo.ca

E-Updates

Between September 2021 and June 14, 2022, 16 e-updates were sent to all paid members.

JACQUIE LECUYER ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP (Jean Davies)

The 2022 recipient of the scholarship is Nicholas Burnie, who is studying island sustainability. Nicholas will be at the AGM to accept the scholarship.

The LCPOA members voted to end the regular use of the Poker Run proceeds to fund an annual scholarship, in favour of a wider use of the funds for environmental initiatives. The remaining funds in the scholarship envelope were topped up by approximately \$250 to permit the awarding of a \$1,000 scholarship in 2022.

We thank all of those who have been members of the scholarship committee over the past many years.

LAKE CLEAR CONSERVANCY (Liz Shultis)

Seagull Management

Victory has been declared over the seagulls that were nesting on Lornie Foran Island for many years!

There were no nests or eggs whatsoever on the island in the spring of 2022. Also notable is that the vegetation on the island has improved and spread considerably in the last couple of years, as seagull presence declined. In prior years, there were times when close to 2,000 gulls were flying around and nesting on the island, laying thousands of eggs and destroying the vegetation, while negatively impacting the water quality in areas of the lake close to the island.

It has taken a concerted effort over the past 6 years by the Conservancy, with the support of many volunteers (full support from the LCPOA), to get to this result. Monitoring will be undertaken in future years.

Island Camping

Island camping is in full swing again this year! The camping sites are booked solid for the summer season! Occasionally, campers camp on other Crown Islands where no camping is permitted by the Ministry of Natural Resources Forestry. Please remind those you know that camping is only permitted on those campsites designated by the MNRF, and are limited to those

available for booking on the Lake Clear Conservancy website, at www.lakeclearconservancy.org.

Fundraising

This year the LCC and the LCPOA are collaborating to raise funds for their respective organizations with a joint online auction. We hope that cottagers, along with their families and

friends, will join in the fun of this type of auction. Shelagh Mills, with her expertise in such events, is leading the effort to orchestrate a successful auction. By the time of the LCPOA's AGM, everyone will know how to participate and support this fundraising effort.

Important Environmental Programs

The LCC is excited to be teaming up with Watersheds Canada, the Canadian Wildlife Federation, and the LCPOA to deliver the "Love Your Lake" program this summer. They are working on mapping every property so that the workers for this important program are able to identify and travel to each property on our lake, to assess the individual shorelines with respect to how they might be improved to preserve and enhance the health of our lake. The results of all their work will be confidentially communicated to each property owner next spring.

These results will be followed up next year with the "Natural Edge" program which will provide recommendations and funding to help owners with shoreline improvements.

In closing, a tremendous effort has made to launch the LCC's much-improved website. Check it out at www.lakeclearconservancy.org.