

CCA Zoom Meeting – Tuesday October 6th, 2020

Attendance:

Mitty van der Velden, President

Richard Watson, Vice President

Steve Scott, Treasurer

Cristina Natale, Membership

Ted Spence, CCRAI, CEWF & Lake Steward

Jason Card, Buoy Master

Dave Curtis, Social & Dockfest

Valerie Strain, Webmaster

Suzanne Frick, Newsletter

Marnie Welch, Secretary

Rick Mackey, Sponsorship

Various cottagers

Total in attendance: 17

Housekeeping:

President requests approval for the AGM meeting in 2019. Ted Spence motioned to approve and the motion was seconded by Steve Scott. Meeting was approved.

President's Message: Mitty van der Velden

We had a very unusual year due to Covid 19. We continued to plan until it didn't make sense so hopefully we can roll some of these great ideas into next year. We were able to get the newsletter delivered to all the docks. We continually updated members with respect to our lakes from government notifications, Catchacoma forest, lake levels etc. We raised funds for those individuals and towns where we shop. The food banks were very appreciative.

We had a number of new board members this year which is great. Everyone has been really helpful. I would especially like to thank Val Strain. She basically took to revamping and reinvigorating our social media, which was and is a huge project. She redesigned and updated the information in our website and launched it in May 2020. Since May there is an increase in members. She mentioned that if the board is interested the back end of the site can be used for e commerce, membership tracking etc. We have a facebook page and in October 2019 there were 36 people and as of October 2020 there are now 202 members. Our twitter account has 20 followers and on Instagram we have 7 followers. Great job Val.

Finances: Steve Scott

At the end of the year 2019 we had a balance of \$10,000. In our account. As we stand currently we are just slightly over \$13,000. We put a call out for donations because we couldn't do dockfest, which brings in quite a bit of money on an annual basis. Dave Curtis took over sponsorship in 2020 and enlisted Richard Watson and Rick Mackie. They have done a great job. It is important to let everyone know who the sponsors are so they receive exposure and will continue to sponsor us: Little Gull, The Dock Spot, Catchacoma Marina, Design Alternatives, Dave Curtis century 21, Emerson Castle Lumber, Deer Bay Electric, TLC Plumbing and Dockside. We are basically running par with what we have done in the past. No big buoy expenses in 2019 because we had a big expense the year before. There was no expense for water testing this year. We donated \$1200. from members and CCA to Covid relief funds...they were both food banks in Trent lakes and Bobcaygeon. Dockside (delivering dock to dock) was less expensive this year compared to last year. Website hosting slightly higher than in the past.

For a more in depth look at the financials please refer to the website.

Richard Watson motion to approve Marnie Welch 2nd the motion. Approved.

Lake Steward Update: Ted Spence

Ted updated us on water levels, water testing and the Catchacoma Forest Stewardship committee.

Water levels:

We are pretty much down to our minimum level now. The Trent Severn decided they would hold the reservoirs at 90% full in order to prevent extreme flooding if we got our normal spring rainfalls (5 of the last 7 years we have had extreme rainfalls). This year we didn't get the spring rainfall in fact we got 14 weeks more or less without rain. When we got into August we got 3 times the normal monthly rainfall. We were tracking well below our normal level until the end of June. And then pretty close to average thru July (below but within 6-8 inches of normal). When the heavy rains came in August we actually went above our normal levels. The forecast for the next two weeks is to drop another 14 centimeters and that should bring us to our minimum level. We have seen some pretty incredible water management by Trent Severns.

Water Testing:

Trent university came on the lake in early August on their own (Covid) and took a full set of samples. I have seen the preliminary results and it appears we have a very healthy lake.

The lake partner program (Foca, the Ministry of the Environment and parks) is where various volunteers collect samples in the spring and also measure water clarity throughout the summer. Ted has been collecting these samples for the past 15 years. That data is all available through the Foca website under Lake partner. It is important to look back over the years and see consistent readings. We have consistent readings which indicates our lake in a very positive light. The program was put on hold this year (Covid) however they fired it up again in September. Ted was able to send samples so we will have a record for 2020 from September. It will be interesting to see if there is any change.

The other water testing program is the Cavendish community rate payers which is a longterm effort to measure coliform and e coli across the lake system. Our lake is stable.

Catchacoma Forest Stewardship committee:

This committee is leading efforts committed to protecting the old growth Eastern Hemlock forest to the north of the lake. We organized a hike in August and over 50 people attended. Our committee is involved in having our input into the next 10 year logging plan.

Buoy Update: Jay Card

In the spring of 2020 we purchased 6 replacement hazards buoys, 2 red buoys and 2 green buoys. We have since used one each of the green and red and 2 of the hazards. Next year we need to make some new anchors. We are removing the buoys on Friday October 16th and Ric Mackey has once again generously donated his time and his barge.

Cristina will send out an email to inform cottagers of the buoy removal.

The buoys will potentially be stored at the Marina this year.

Membership Update: Cristina Natale

In 2019 we had 105 members, this year we have 103 members so we are down 2. Considering in 2018 we had 68 members and that this is the summer of Covid we are doing very well.

Social media and the dock to dock deliveries have been very helpful. I am hoping to use the backdoor of the website to access more current emails for our members.

Dockfest: Dave Curtis

We were lined up with a really good assortment of activities and events for dockfest this year however it didn't happen (Covid) so we will hopefully carry it over to next year. The band, bbq, sponsor tents and our own greeting tent were all lined up as well as 2 firetrucks promoting safety, balloon artists and a professional face painter. It is a great venue to get to know your fellow cottagers and to let people know what we do and hopefully enlist new members. It is also a good venue for our sponsors and in the last few years we have really been trying to promote them. Looking forward to an amazing dockfest next year.

Proposed Slate of Directors for 2020-2021.

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Suzanne Frick, Newsletter

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Rick Mackie, Sponsorship

Mitty van der Velden, Past President

Dave Curtis motioned to adopt the slate of directors.

Ian Brown 2nded the motion. Approved.

Speaker: Katie Krelove

Katie Krelove is the Ontario campaigner for a national organization known as the Wilderness Committee. They work for people powered protection for wilderness, wetlands, woodlands, wildlife and climate in Ontario. Katie has also been working with a group, Catchacoma Forest Stewardship committee, to pursue protection status for the woodlands that are just north of Pencil Creek.

Katie's presentation focused on the obstacles faced combatting logging companies and what we need to do to protect our precious lake and surrounding forests. For more information please contact the Wilderness Committee and the Catchacoma Forest Stewardship committee.

Mitty made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Marnie seconded it. Approved