

CLPOA – AGM Report

By Gord Lamb, CLPOA Secretary

On Saturday, July 8th, at the Apsley Legion Hall, approximately **150** people attended the CLPOA Annual General Meeting. Members were particularly interested to hear about the new activities and initiatives that have been implemented or proposed.

One of the new activities described was this year's **Kids Fishing Derby**, on Saturday, July 15th at Lakeview Marina. An impressive list of prizes were made possible by sponsors such as Kids, Cops & Canadian Tire, Tuckers, Clark Breuls RE/MAX, Home Hardware, Stone's Bait, Sayers and ATL Distributing. When the event took place, the following week, over 90 children, aged 4 to 12, registered, and enjoyed fishing, hot dogs and saw a reptile demonstration.

The first, and potentially annual, **Chandos Fireworks** is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th at the Chandos Beach shortly after sunset. Additional parking will be available just West of the beach near Clydesdale Road and a bus has been chartered to transport people from Apsley (pickup and drop-off will be at the Apsley Library starting around 8:00 pm). Viewing by boat is also encouraged, but boats are asked to keep a safe distance. Everyone is invited to attend this no-cost event.

To collect and properly dispose of the **abandoned docks** that have accumulated around the lake, a new dock disposal program is being implemented this year, tentatively scheduled for the weekend of September 24th. Residents will be allowed to drop off abandoned docks at Chandos Beach where volunteers, along with Armstrong Trucking and North Kawartha Disposal, will separate the docks and properly dispose of them.

Members unanimously voted to change the CLPOA constitution to allow up to 14 Directors. An email survey had previously been circulated to members regarding the change, with the following results: 155 or 87.6% of respondents agreed with the increase, and 22 or 12.4% of respondents did not agree. The increase in the number of Directors ensures we have qualified volunteers to organize and run the new programs that have been introduced, such as the Kids Fishing Derby.

Members also voted 44 to 23 to increase annual membership dues. The increase helps pay for new programs while ensuring sufficient reserve funds are available to pay for unexpected capital expenses or environmental crises. Starting in 2018, annual association dues will be \$50, up from \$35. To ensure transparency, the Executive has agreed to produce an annual budget and balance sheet that

will be published in the annual yearbook. An email survey for increasing the dues produced the following results: 159 or 77.6% of respondents were in agreement, and 46 or 22.4% of respondents were not in agreement.

Members also voted 59 to 30 to support the Executive's efforts to influence Township Council for the enforcement of Comprehensive Zoning by-laws that help protect the environment and lake water quality. Most by-law variance requests are minor or justified by mitigating circumstances. There are only a small number each year that are considered major. Unfortunately, Council tends to approve these major variances to the Comprehensive Zoning By-laws even though they can negatively impact the environment. CLPOA agrees that property owners have the right to enhance their property and make changes, but only if building by-laws are followed. The email survey results were; 151 or 79.9% in agreement, and 38 or 20.1% not in agreement.

Other activities planned for this year include the **Regatta** scheduled for Saturday August 5th at Lakeview Marina starting at 12:00 noon. The **Corn and Weiner Roast** is scheduled for Saturday September 2nd, also at Lakeview Marina starting at 4:00 pm. Everyone is invited to both of these events.

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