

CATCHACOMA COTTAGERS ASSOCIATION
2019 AGM MINUTES

October 7th, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Call to order:

Mitty Van der Velden, President

Approval for 2017 AGM minutes

-there are no minutes for 2018 as the CCA was in the process of reorganizing.

Dave Curtis motioned to accept
Ian Brown 2nd the motion

President's Comments – Mitty Van der Velden

It was a very busy and productive year. One of the main objectives was to increase membership with a focus on rebuilding our board to allow us to do more on our lake system. The CCA welcomed 4 new board members. We are moving forward with a strong motivated group.

Financials – Steve Scott

The financials were presented and approved.

Dockfest 2019 –

Income: 2567.00

Expenses: 732.23

Net Inc.: 1834.77

For a detailed look at the financials please refer to the website.

Joe Natale motioned to accept the financials

Ted Spence 2nd the motion

Lake Steward Update – Ted Spence

Water Levels

Water levels were high this spring and early summer. However because there has been below normal rain since mid June, TSW has been making regular dam adjustments and conserving water throughout the system, and managed to maintain our levels in normal range for most of the season. Currently the dam is set for winter and we are 13 cm below normal for this time of year.

Water Testing

There are three water testing programs on our lakes.

1. The lake partner program under FOCA and MOECC sees volunteers take water samples for phosphorus and calcium measurement in the spring and then monitor water clarity over the season. Phosphorus and calcium levels are within normal range. Runoff from organic soil and wetlands makes our lake a little less clear than some others but results are consistent year over year.
2. CCA teamed with Trent University last year to establish some long term sequence of data on water chemistry. This was the second year of sampling at a deep spot in the north end of the lake with samples from the surface and from 100 ft depth as well as temperature and dissolved oxygen profiles down to 100 ft. Results are pending with the goal being a time series of readings such that any change can be identified. The 2018 values were all within normal ranges.
3. The Cavendish ratepayers, CCRAI, sponsors the collection of water samples to test for ecoli and total coliforms. The results for Catchacoma showed no serious issues.

Some Residents have expressed concerns about aquatic plants especially with regards to the more invasive species. There were questions raised about zebra mussels and invasive fish and how to keep them out of our lake. This will be a topic for future meetings.

Buoy Update – Jason Card (Steve Scott)

We currently have 39 Hazardous buoys and 20 navigational buoys. This year 2 new locations for the hazardous buoys were determined. We have 1 navigational back up and no hazardous back up buoys.

6 new Hazardous and 4 new navigational buoys needed to be purchased but as of yet they have not been received.

On October 15th, 2019 the buoys will be removed from the lake.

Thanks to the marina for the use of the barge and to all the volunteers that came out to help.

An email will be sent by Cristina Natale to all the members letting them know the buoys are being removed on October 15th, 2019.

Membership Update – Cristina Natale

Cristina Natale reported that we have 100 members. 32 more than last year. There was \$2000. In donations and \$1250. of that was from membership donations.

The Dock Drop was very successful.

It was determined that there are 350-400 cottages on our lake. Mitty suggested doing another dock drop in the spring as well as a newsletter.

We will address at the next meeting how to reach new cottagers as well as old cottagers who are not currently members.

Dockfest – Dave Curtis

The purpose was to bring together the Lake community, collect unpaid memberships and to promote our sponsors.

The bbq and band were great. There were 230 servings sold so probably around 200-250 people attended on the long weekend.

We hope to have a similar format next year. Some suggestions were to increase local content/artists, work on more exposure for corporate sponsors, maybe some activities for the younger children?

Thanks to the marina and all who helped make this a record year!

Proposed Slate of Directors

Mitty Van der Velden, President

Joe Natale, Vice President

Steve Scott, Treasurer

Cristina Natale, Membership

Ted Spence, CCRAI & CEWF, Lake Steward

Jason Card, Buoy Master

Dave Curtis, Social & Dockfest

Bruce Averill, Past President & Webmaster

Suzanne Frick, Newsletter

Marnie Welch, Secretary

Richard Watson, Director at Large

Ric Mackey, Director at Large

Ian Brown motioned to accept the proposed slate of directors.

Joe Natale 2nd the motion.

Mitty motioned to adjourn the meeting

Joe Natale 2nd the motion.