

WELCOME- Doug Wellman-President-Introduction of committee members.

REGATTA- Denyse Jeffrey-Janusc -Results and VL paddles handed out. We had great weather but participation numbers were down. There were 153 registered participants. Thanks again to the Founds for the long distance swim.

GUEST-Paul Smith-Parks Superintendent -North Kawartha for 8 years, with the MNR for over 25 yrs. Paul is part of the park management plan. Camping was full all year long. They had to close one campsite.All visitors need to have a least a day use permit to access the lake. Next year We can native trees and shrubs for our properties the weekend before the May long weekend. Work permits are necessary for all work or dock replacement. No new activities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Denyse Jeffrey-Janusc- approved. Moved by Bill Paul and seconded by Paul Beamish.

APPROVAL OF FIANCIAL REPORT-Ross Gray-approved. Moved by Jim Whelan & Seconded by Al Quatermain.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT-Doug Murray-Is down from last year only 120, about 45% of the 275 cottages. 2nd mailing going out soon. Check with your neighbours.

WATER TESTING-Bob Burgis-E.coli count is good. Tested in 10 spots. Asian Milfoil is being investigated by Parks.

NAVIGATION LIGHTS-Mike Bates-Thank you to our light captains. All lights are working. Hopefully transferred to solar power next year.

WATER LEVELS-Graham Cranston-The water levels have shown us that we are right on average for this time of year. ALCA website has some resources.

NEWBUSINESS- Mike Wellman and Andy Friedman set up a ski slalom course in Horseshoe Bay. As there is a number of children on the lake skiing. It was approved by Paul Smith to progress after Loon nesting season finished. Unfortunately the buoys were defective and needed to be replaces. Hopefully for next year. This course is intended for skiing boats not wake boats or personal water craft.

-Permits to build a dock are free, but you need a permit to replace your dock as is. (Same size) It takes 3-4 weeks to get a permit to enlarge your dock.

-Children's Midway was a hit lots of feedback.

-Unfortunately the secretary (me) cannot count and the V L paddle totals needed to be recounted.

I apologize for the mix ups.

It was approved that Carmela d'Andrea join the ALCA Board.

Thank you to Mark and Lee.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00. See you next year on Monday August 5th 2019, at 10am.

2018 Fall Message from Your Cottagers' Association

Another 'Summer' has come and gone and this year gave us some pretty decent weather with lots of heat to warm up the Lake and make for lazy, hazy days at the Cottage. I remember many days saying, "It doesn't get any better than this".

Anstruther Lake Cottagers' Association (ALCA) volunteers were kept busy with Bob Burgis doing his many water testing sessions on the Lake. He started in May shortly after ice-out with the 'Lake Partner Program' which involves testing for water clarity with a disk (secchi disk) that is lowered into the water until you cannot see it and record the depth where it is just about to disappear. We regularly test 5.5 to 6 metres which is excellent. He also takes a water sample and sends it to the Ministry Lab in Dorset who run the program in partnership with FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association) to test for phosphorus levels which if high can cause algae. Again, we show low numbers which is great news. It is also tested for calcium content and our numbers are healthy ... not high that could attract zebra mussels. Bob takes water sample from ten locations on the Lake both in July and August and drops them off at SGS Labs in Lakefield to test for e-coli that if high could affect swimming and water from the tap. Again, our numbers are very low. For the second year, our Lake is tested in early August by a team of Trent University graduates and samples are sent to the Frost Lab at Trent for carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus, chlorophyll, pH, calcium, magnesium, conductivity, total suspended solids, and dissolved oxygen throughout the water column which is very important for lake trout survival. Why are we doing all this water testing each year? It is to make sure that as we see the effects of increasing global temperatures. We want to ensure Anstruther Lake remains pristine and we are not caught suddenly with an invasive species taking over.

Mike Bates and his Team continue to maintain the navigation lights. What do you think of the new light being tested on Found's Island?

The Regatta and Corn/Wiener Roast had great weather and everyone had a great time. However, our numbers were down and that brings me to a concern. Membership has dropped below 50% which I don't think has ever happened. PLEASE, support your Cottagers' Association. It is vital to all the work that we do to keep our Lake healthy and try to address your concerns. If you have a concern or thoughts on why membership is down, please email me at dougwellman@gmail.com.

Thanks to all Board Members for their dedication and work on behalf of everyone. Doug Murray, VP/Membership, Denise Jeffrey-Janusc/Secretary, Ross Gray/Treasurer, Fiona Fisher, Carmela D'Andrea, Bob Burgis, Mike Bates, Paul Beamish, Past Pres., and Graham Cranston/TSW Water Levels steward.

I wish you a safe and healthy winter. May 2019 be a great Year for You and Your Family.

Doug Wellman, President