

2021-2022



MALLA AGM 2022

Making Life Better at our Lakes

Our Season in Review

Gosh what a year!

The MALLA Reports provided at the AGM review the previous summer's events and you can follow what was discussed at the 2022 AGM in the MALLA Minutes to find out what is planned and issues that matter to our membership.

Enjoy





Malcolm & Ardoch Lakes and Landowners' Assn Annual General Meeting

June 4, 2022

8:00 am

5364 Ardoch Rd (Whittaker's Cove)

AGENDA

Time	Description	Speaker
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast, Pre-Registration, Membership Renewals & 50/50 Ticket Sales	Kathy Smith
9:00 – 9:10	Attendance, Confirmation of a Quorum, Welcome including Recognitions, Call to Order	Brenda Martin
9:10 – 9:15	Approval of Saturday, June 8, 2019 AGM minutes	Kathy Smith
9:15 – 9:45	Residential Break-ins /Burglaries 2021/22 OPP Report	Marty McConnell
9:45 – 10:00	Fire Safety	Eric Korhonen
10:00 – 10:15	Break & 50/50 Draw	
10:15 – 10:30	Mayor's Update	Ron Higgins
10:30 – 10:45	Councillor's Update	Gerry Martin
10:45 – 10:50	Approval for 2021/22 Executive Reports	Brenda Martin
10:50 – 11:00	a) Financial Audit 2021/22	Allan Jamieson
	b) Proposed 2022-2023 Budget	Allan Jamieson
11:00 – 11:30	Executive Elections	Brenda Martin
	a) Call for nominations for President	
	b) Call for nominations for Ardoch Lake Vice President	
	c) Call for nominations for Malcolm Lake Vice President	
	d) Call for nominations for Secretary	
	e) Call for nominations for Treasurer	
	f) Voting for new Executive	
11:30 – 11:45	Stewardship, Fishing and Social Committee Reports	Committee Chairpersons
11:45 – 12:00	New Business/Open Floor – Q&A	All
12:00	2022/2023 AGM – Proposed for Saturday, June 10, 2023	Brenda Martin
	Adjournment & Farewell Message	Brenda Martin



Malcolm and Ardoch Lakes Landowners’ Association (MALLA)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Meeting Minutes – Saturday June 4, 2022

1. Attendance, Confirmation of a Quorum, Welcome including Recognitions, Call to Order:

Brenda Martin convened the meeting at 9:00 am welcoming all attendees post-covid. She expressed gratitude for the venue provided by Roy Whittaker at 5364 Ardoch Rd: recognized Terry Reed for organizing a bountiful breakfast, and Cathy Potts for updating the MALLA website. Quorum was confirmed.

MALLA Officers in attendance:	MALLA Paid Members present:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenda Martin, Vice President Malcolm Lake • Ruth Cooper, Vice President Ardoch Lake • Allan Jamieson, Treasurer • Kathy Smith, Secretary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Bayne • Bob Beauchamp • Jeff & Karen Cannons • Geof Green • Doug & Virginia Henderson • Ron and Wendy Higgins • Pat Jamieson • Dave Johnston • Cindy Livingstone • Gerry Martin • Katie McDonald • Cathy & Trevor Owen • Cathy Potts & Brenda Hay • Ron & Terry Reed • David Smith

2. Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2019: No changes required and approved by all attendees.

Motion to accept: Ron Higgins

Seconded by Brenda Hay

3. Residential Break-ins /Burglaries 2021/22 OPP Report: Gerry Martin provided information and an update since Marty McConnell, OPP liaison, was unable to attend. The break-ins occurred in North, Central and South Frontenac in the fall of 2021 prior to

snowfall. The OPP apprehended the burglars by accessing video on property owners' trail cams. OPP recommend trail cams as a security option for residents north of highway 7.

4. **Fire Safety:** Eric Korhonen, North Frontenac Fire Chief, was unable to attend. Gerry Martin introduced Jim Boles, Assistant Fire Chief, and Jackie Leach, Volunteer EFR/Firefighter.

Firstly, Jim provided details about the fire departments involvement during the devastating derecho that swept through North Frontenac Saturday, May 21st. Roads were inaccessible due to fallen trees, poles, etc. which hampered response times for all emergency services. Jackie stated that she had to cut trees before she could respond from her residence on Moss Lake.

Jim stated that the North Frontenac Fire Department was:

- initially dispatched to several medical calls to provide first response prior to Frontenac EMS arrival.
- remained on scene when the ambulances had to return to base as per the Frontenac County deployment plan until another ambulance arrived on scene.
- coordinated rescue efforts with the OPP.
- provided wellness checks independently for stranded cottagers in the area.

Gerry Martin asked if there were deaths or injuries due to the storm. Jim said the FD assisted with two patients that had been injured but there were no deaths.

Secondly, Jim stressed the importance for residents to ensure that their roads/laneways are clear and can accommodate multiple/large emergency vehicles to ensure a safe and prompt response during a fire or medical emergency.

Thirdly, Jim stressed the importance for every household to have a working fire extinguisher. He stated that homeowners should place the extinguisher in an area of the house where the potential for fire is minimal; and ensure the extinguisher is operational by checking the gauge, tapping the bottom of it, or tipping it upside down to loosen any compacted extinguishing agent on regular basis. He mentioned that someone had come to the Ompah firehall in the past to check residents' extinguishers. Cathy Owen asked if this could be organized again, and Jim agreed to try to get this coordinated for the future.

Lastly, Jim spoke about the importance of having smoke alarms. Cindy Livingstone asked about the safe operation of a smoke alarm. He stated that smoke alarms have an expiry date and need to be changed within 7 to 10 years, and that most modern deaths are due to smoke inhalation rather than burning to death. Ron Higgins asked about 'false' alarms and Jim said that spider webs in the detector can cause those types of problems.

Jim held a free draw for essential 'Fire Safety' equipment: Winners were Pat Jamieson (fire extinguisher), Cindy Livingstone (fire extinguisher), and Brenda Hay (smoke detector).

Jim had driven the NEW Pumper 531 from Clarendon Miller Fire Station, and Jackie drove the S511(Squad) vehicle from the Ompah Fire Station to the AGM meeting and invited

everyone to view them. They provided free gift bags, on behalf of the fire department, for attendees to take home.

5. Councillor's Update: Gerry Martin, Ward 2 Councillor and Deputy Mayor:

- Spoke about the lack of access to 'paramedicine' for residents in North Frontenac that he became aware of while attending Frontenac County council meetings. Paramedicine is available to residents with a referral from a physician. However, numerous residents' physicians are outside Frontenac County, and those physicians are not aware of this program, or how to refer patients. Therefore, he has scheduled a meeting to be held in Northbrook, June 27th, to discuss/resolve this discrepancy in service with Frontenac EMS management and physicians.
- Stated that North Frontenac is solvent with 8 million dollars in the Reserve Fund and referred the attendees to the '2022 Budget' handout that he had provided at the Membership table prior to the AGM meeting for their perusal.
- He advised that the township tried to apply for a grant to facilitate an office renovation but were not eligible, as per KPMG, since the township does not have 'debt'. Therefore, the NF township council decided to borrow money for the office renovation which will allow them access to 'Grant' monies again.

Gerry held a **free** draw for North Frontenac Township memorabilia: Winners were Bob Beauchamp (travel mug); Pat Jamieson (First Aid tote bag), and Virginia Henderson (Swiss Army emergency kit).

6. Mayor's Update: Ron Higgins provided the following information:

- The North Frontenac Lake Alliance Association (NFLAA) requested council to implement mandatory septic tank inspections for all property sales in North Frontenac. Mayor Higgins stated that this policy is not/will not be endorsed by NF council due to a lack of evidence to indicate septic systems are a problem for our waterways. Council is approaching the Ontario Realtors Association requesting that it implement mandatory septic tank inspections for all house sales. The cost could be included in the price of the sale.
- North, Central, and South Frontenac as well as Addington Highlands townships have been discussing problems/complaints due to short-term rental properties. The townships agree that they do not want to punish the property owners who are just trying to recoup their taxes, and/or are not creating a problem. The townships have decided to monitor the number and type of complaints this year and revisit the issue in the next term of Council. In the interim, North Frontenac township is working on creating a bylaw to address this problem, if necessary, based on the data that will be collected.
- The Lanark – Frontenac- Kingston riding has been without a functioning provincial representative since Randy Hillier was expelled from the Ontario PC Party's caucus in 2019. John Yakabuski, MPP for the Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke riding helped the township in the interim. Ron will approach John Jordan, newly elected PC MPP, to meet with NF council.

- The May 21st derecho: Ron acknowledged the North Frontenac staff and expressed his gratitude for their response during/since the derecho.
- Ron thanked the MALLA executive members for the work they did during the pandemic.

The attendees had several comments and questions about the storm after Mayor Higgins update.

Gerry and Jim stressed the importance for residents to have emergency preparedness kits, generators, etc. due to the devastation and lack of power caused by May 21st storm. They advised that some NF residents may not have power restored until July or August due to access to/replacement of Hydro One infrastructure.

The annual Emergency Preparedness Week was May 1 to 7, 2022 and an Emergency Preparedness Quiz was posted on the township website. Glen Fowler, a Malcolm Lake resident, won the prize – a emergency preparedness kit.

The township has contracted additional non-government resources to assist with the cleanup. The township must spend \$187,000 to be able to recoup their monies from the province. Gerry stated that they had spent approximately \$164,000 as per Friday, June 3rd. He also mentioned that several residents volunteered to aid but unfortunately the township was unable to accept their assistance due to liability.

The NF Emergency Plan has been reviewed, and the Emergency Response Team meets on a regular basis due to storms over the past year.

Ron mentioned that the NFLAA had approached him about cleanup. Ron thinks we may put together a volunteer group later this summer if the need is required.

Jim directed everyone to access the North Frontenac website for the burn bylaw especially if they were considering burning brush.

Karen Cannons said that the dump is accepting brush until July to avoid accidental fires while clearing property/ies. Actually, it expires June 15th and Council has it on the agenda next week to extend this to July 15th.

Brenda thanked Ron for the update and addressed the issue about the lack of access to gas during the storm in Plevna, Northbrook and Cloyne. Jim Boles stated that the owners of Fernleigh Lodge have a generator that provides access to onsite gas if necessary. He did not have further details about quantity, type, etc. of gas though.

7. **Approval for 2021/22 Executive Reports:** Brenda acknowledged all of the work performed by the executive members, committee members, and volunteers since 2019/20 regardless of the pandemic.

Motion to accept: Karen Cannon

Seconded By; Cathy Owen

8. a) **Financial Audit 2021/22:** For the 2021/2022 financial statement all associated invoices, receipts and spreadsheets were audited and confirmed by John Stewart.

Allan Jamieson stated that the income statement reflects less income with the same expenses for the General Operating Account, and the Fishing Account remained the same due to the pandemic.

b) **Proposed 2022-2023 Budget:** The proposed budget had been emailed to the membership prior to the AGM meeting for their perusal. Allan asked the attendees if they had any comments:

Ron Higgins questioned the Fishing Account Opening Balance = \$3682.93. He asked whether the fishing committee needs to have a separate budget, or could it be combined with the General Operating Account; does the fishing committee require that amount of money in the account; and, if not and it was combined, could MALLA offer free membership to encourage new members? The attendees seemed more receptive to a potential 2-year membership for a 1-year fee if monies were combined into one budget.

Gerry Martin stated that the Fishing Committee was having a meeting after the AGM and would discuss Ron's suggestion to combine the two accounts. David Smith, Fishing Committee chairperson, stated he was new and could not decide without discussing it at the upcoming meeting.

Brenda Martin stated that some of the Fishing Account money were grants for the installation of and maintenance for shoals on both lakes. The MNR has to provide the permits for shoal activity. If the Fishing Committee applied to the MNR for future permits and they were approved, more stone and official marine buoys would need to be purchased which are both very expensive purchases. Also, volunteers performing the walleye watch have not recouped their expenses in the past but money needs to be in the account when volunteers need to be reimbursed for the gas, flood lights, etc. that is required to perform that study in the future.

Motion to accept the proposed budget: Ron Higgins Seconded By: Cathy Potts Closed by group vote

9. **Executive Elections:** Brenda Martin performed the electoral process and these are the results:

- (a) Call for nominations 3 times for President: Position was not filled
- (b) Call for nominations 3 times for Ardoch Lake Vice President: Ruth Cooper was acclaimed
- (c) Call for nominations for Malcolm Lake Vice President: Gerry Martin nominated Cathy Potts. Cathy did not accept the nomination. Brenda called for nominations 3 times – Position was not filled
- (d) Call for nominations 3 times for Secretary: Kathy Smith was acclaimed
- (e) Call for nominations 3 times for Treasurer: Allan Jamieson was acclaimed
- (f) Membership voting for the new Executive Officers was performed by Brenda Martin and the elections were closed @ 10:26.

However, the election process was re-opened at 10:28 am. Wendy Higgins nominated Cathy Potts for the vacant Malcolm Lake Vice President position and Cathy accepted the nomination. Brenda called for other nominations 3x; the membership voted to accept Cathy as the Malcolm Lake VP.

Wendy Higgins agreed to assume the webmaster responsibilities that Cathy had been performing.

10. **Stewardship, Fishing and Social Committee Reports:**

Stewardship: Brenda had sent out newsletters over the past two covid years so she did not need to provide a report. She asked attendees to volunteer to be the Stewardship Chairperson but no one was interested. Geof Green agreed to be on the committee, and Ruth Cooper stated that she had some of the Stewardship equipment and agreed to store the remaining material/equipment.

Several discussions about stewardship ensued:

Ron Higgins told the membership that the township has decided to install LARGE 'turtle' signs at the entrances to the township rather than installing smaller signs that had been requested at numerous locations within the township.

Katie McDonald thanked Brenda for procuring native tree species for the membership during the Mississippi Valley anniversary year and asked where she can purchase more. Wendy Higgins suggested the Canadian Wildlife foundation located in Peterborough. Ruth Cooper suggested the Ferguson Forest Centre in Kemptville that provide native species at a reasonable price.

Ron Higgins asked Brenda if the stewardship committee was still monitoring the quality of the lakes with water testing and checking the temperature. Brenda stated that the Whitton family had participated in the ISample Ontario survey in the summer of 2021 which monitored those conditions. There were no significant outcomes. The committee will concentrate on monitoring the spiny water flea and zebra mussels in both lakes.

Ron Higgins asked if open committee positions can be appointed after the AGM election process and Brenda confirmed that the new executive has the authority to fill the open position/s with volunteers at a later date without an election.

Fishing: David Smith had sent out a report prior to the AGM. He encouraged the members to participate in the July 16th Catch and Fry Bass Tournament and BBQ and asked for prize donations for that event.

Wendy Higgins asked about the 2022 walleye watch. David said the volunteers went out ONE night and counted approximately 150 fish on 9 shoals in Malcolm Lake but were unable to perform a count on Ardoch Lake due to cold lake temperatures. They were unable to go out again due to the wind and rising temperatures.

Brenda thanked Ron Higgins for recording the ice in/ice dates that are posted on the MALLA website.

Social: Terry Reed reported that there were only three social events for the past two years due to the pandemic. The annual Corn Roast in 2020 and 2021, and the creation of a flower garden at the Ardoch Algonquin monument on July 1, 2021, to recognize the “Every Child Matters’ movement established in 2021 to memorialize the aboriginal children who had been taken from their ancestral homes and found buried on Catholic school grounds.

She asked members to volunteer to host the Flotilla BBQ scheduled for July 2, 2022, and the Family Day Winter Social scheduled for February 18, 2023.

11. **New Business/Open Floor – Q & A:**

- **Fish Huts:** Cindy Livingstone expressed concern about the fish shack that melted into the water on Malcolm Lake and wanted to know how to prevent it from happening again.

Brenda Martin stated that the owners of the fish shack had been approached to remove it since this had happened 2 years in row and suggested reporting the fish hut licence # to the MNR which is the government agency responsible for addressing this problem.

Gerry Martin stated that the MNR had been contacted about this problem; the hut did not have a registration # but the MNR did not respond.

Ron Higgins suggested calling the 1-800-TIPS line. Brenda agreed with Ron and also suggested sending a letter to the MNR on behalf of MALLA.

- **Portable Fish Huts:** Bob Beauchamp told the group that a portable fish hut also melted into the water and is still in the water, it could surface at any time, and residents will need to be cautious when boating on Malcolm Lake.
- Jim Boles was asked about the possibility of providing a CPR course. He will approach Mark Halladay, the CPR instructor for the FD, for availability and pricing. Pricing will depend on the number of participants

12. **50/50 draw:** A total of \$90 was collected and the winning ticket worth \$45.00 was held by Ron Higgins. Ron donated the money to the Fishing Committee as a prize for the 2022 Catch & Fry Bass Tournament & BBQ scheduled for July 16, 2022.

13. **2022/2023 AGM:** The date of Saturday, June 10th, 2023 was put forward and accepted as the time for the next AGM.

Adjournment & Farewell Message: Brenda explained why they were selling on Malcolm Lake and moving the farm on highway 506; the group started to disburse but Ron Higgins stated that the meeting had not been adjourned.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Dave Smith

Seconded by: Bob Beauchamp

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.

Addendum 1:

The Fishing Committee had a meeting June 4th after the AGM and discussed the proposed merging of the Fishing Account with the General Account. The committee decided not to merge the accounts. Therefore, the 2 years for 1 year membership suggestion is also waived since the Fishing Committee will not be supplementing that expense from the Fishing account.

Addendum 2:

The Fishing Committee adjusted the proposed budget for 2022/23. They increased the prize category to \$500 and reduced the 50/50 category to zero.



2021-22 Vice-President (Ardoch Lake) Annual Report by Ruth Cooper

It continued to be challenging this last year (2021-2022) with our MALLA organization without a President. We had a few phone or in-person meetings last year (2021-22) regarding the executive and Stewardship Committee. I jointly represented MALLA (with Brenda), at the North Frontenac Lakes Alliance Association meeting by teleconference. NFLAA continues to be an important conduit for lakes associations to share lake stewardship education, help remedy common problems, share resources and a common voice for lake concerns in the Township. A discussion this year was Cottage short-term Rentals and continual change-over of partying in some rentals. Both these and Septic Inspection suggested recommendations has been presented to the Township Council and the township is considering some changes. The upcoming NFLAA 2022 meeting will be a hybrid with in-person and teleconferencing options.

Invasive species, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and Phragmites are on-going concerns on our lake. Right now, the best options we have for EWM is to have landowners try to contain it around their dock property and to ensure that it does not get spread by boat props. Education is our best tool. We had three very successful phragmites-pulling sessions last summer (2021) and managed to remove several dozens of bags of it from the shoreline areas. All the volunteer help from both lakes was much appreciated! This reed overtakes and eliminates native vegetation that it vital to wildlife. With successive cutting for a few continuous years, we can drown the reed out and eradicate it. This can be a good news story!

I will continue to encourage members on our lake to look into helping out on our Lake Association. Hopefully it will be a bit more active this summer, as pandemic restrictions ease up a bit. Please continue to help us welcome newcomers to the lake and encourage them to be part of our organization. Every member helps us keep our lakes clean and enjoyable for all!

Thank you for being a member!
Ruth Cooper



MALLA Vice President Malcolm Lake Report 2022 by Brenda Martin

The role of greeting new members remained a challenge in 2021. With the help of the Treasurer, Allan Jamieson, we initiated a renewal membership drive by e-mail asking for present members to notify the Executive if they had new neighbours. In a few cases, we were able welcome new members. For the coming year, I prepared ten Welcome to the Lake packages which we hope to distribute. Hopefully, the membership will remain stable or grow to 60-65 for the coming year. The Executive was able to continue the regular duties such as participating in Zoom meetings with Township Council, North Frontenac Lakes' Associations Alliance and environmental education webinars BUT planned social events were hindered with health regulations. The coming year should be better for lake social events where the Executive can have face-to-face opportunities to communicate with the members.

For the past 10 years, I have been active in MALLA roles commencing with the development and implementation of The Lake Plan. As the editor of the book, *The History of the Lakes: Malcolm and Ardoch*, it was a great opportunity and pleasure to work with the broader community to create a preservation of local history AND freshwater lakes. I have a digital copy of the book if there are sufficient orders from others requesting a copy.

MALLA is recognized by environmental organizations throughout the region as a leader in freshwater lake preservation. The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association and the Invasive Species Council of Ontario are two such organizations which have sought MALLA input and have funded several projects for us. Mississippi Valley Conservation and Watersheds Canada provide useful resources- both human and publications; these contacts will be vital to educating the members.

In 2021 I had serious health issues which was a sign that I need to resign from my present roles. It is imperative that members fill the Executive positions in order that the Lake Association can continue to serve the property owners on Malcolm and Ardoch Lakes.

Please consider being the Vice President (Malcolm Lake) or President or Stewardship Chair. The Executive has recognized that the Stewardship Chair position is an important one and may need to be considered like other Directors- a separate position from the Vice President's role.

I thank the membership for the support I received during my leadership and invite you to support the new Executive members.

Audited Financial Statement
Malcolm and Ardoch Lakes Landowners' Association
Income Statement
For the Period May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

MALLA Bank Account
 Balance Forward from April 30, 2021 5,713.05

General Operating Account

Opening Balance	2,030.12	
Income		
Membership	1,445.00	
FOCA Grant	1,000.00	
Donations	315.60	
50/50 Draw	55.00	
Total Income	2,815.60	2,815.60
Total Income + Opening Balance	4,845.72	4,845.72

Expenses

Internet Renewal	892.94	
Social	40.00	
Stewardship	496.79	
Green Shovels	1,000.00	
FOCA Membership	325.00	
Association Insurance	1,170.72	
General	112.94	
Bank Fees	2.50	
Total Expenses	4,040.89	4,040.89
Closing Balance for General Operating Account	804.83	804.83

Fishing Account

Opening Balance	3,682.93	
Income		
	0.00	
Total Income	0.00	0.00
Total Income + Opening Balance	3,682.93	3,682.93

Expenses

Total Expenses	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	3,682.93	3,682.93

Total Closing Bank Balance **4,487.76** **4,487.76**



 John Stewart

14 May 2022

 Date

MALCOLM and ARDOCK LAKES LANDOWNERS' ACCOCIATION					
PROPOSED BUDGET					
For the Period May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023					
Opening Balance MALLA Account				4,487.76	
General Account Opening Balance					
Opening Balance			804.83		
Income					
Membership Fees (60 x 30.00)		1,800.00			
Possible Grants		800.00			
Donations		50.00			
50/50 Draws		200.00			
Total Income		2,850.00			
Total Income Plus Opening Balance		2,850.00	3,654.83		
Expenses					
Association Insurance		1,200.00			
FOCA Fees		400.00			
Welcome Packages		50.00			
Office Supplies		100.00			
Stewardship		500.00			
Social Events		250.00			
Bank Fees		10.00			
Total Expenses		2,510.00			
Closing Balance		2,510.00	1,144.83		
Fishing Account					
Opening Balance			3,682.93		
Income					
Fishing Derby Ticket Sales		500.00			
50/50 Draw		100.00			
Total Income		600.00			
Total Income Plus Opening Balance		600.00	4,282.93		
Expenses					
Cooking Supplies		75.00			
Propane		50.00			
50/50 Tickets		10.00			
Prizes		300.00			
Trophies		120.00			
Repairs to Water Pump		100.00			
Total Expenses		655.00			
Closing Balance		655.00	3,627.93		
Closing Balance MALLA Account				4,772.76	

MALLA STEWARDSHIP CHAIR REPORT 2022 by Brenda Martin

The role of Stewardship Chair has been an awesome opportunity to learn about factors affecting our lakes. In the beginning, the Committee members focused on educating the members and baseline data collection. Some programs initiated were: Love Your Lake, The Natural Edge program, walleye bed rehabilitation, a fact sheet about walleye, a fact sheet about loons, Wildflower Identification tour, Bird Identification tour, Invasive Species Community Session at Clar-Mill Hall, brochures and booklets for lake preservation and invasive species identification, Aquatic Invasive Species identification card, Signs for the boat launch, Drone Deploy with Above & Beyond, the Eurasian Water Milfoil pilot project, and recently The Green Shovels Phragmites Control. We have produced teaching calendars for implementing the Lake Plan entitled The Four Seasons and for identifying native and non-native local wildflowers. I also served as the editor for the book “The History of The Lakes: Malcolm and Ardoch”.

Water quality continues to be monitored through monthly sampling Lake Partners program, and recently ISampleON. The data from these sources will be beneficial for early intervention if required.

The latest newsletter highlighted topics that will be of interest to MALLA members for the coming years: Clean+ Drain+ Dry Your Boat legislation, Live Bait Fishing legislation, Lymantria dispar (gypsy moth) infestations, waste management, bird population declines, and septic maintenance. I predict that Stewardship activities will need to concentrate on invasive species and climate control factors. I have attached an article from FOCA entitled “Top 10 Tips: Climate Change Challenge”. These are things to think about as they relate to your property on the lake. The article ends with a reach out to the government which is SO appropriate for the work that the Stewardship Committee conducted

bigger than municipal government; it is a problem requiring provincial and federal government intervention.

The Stewardship Chair position has provided me with many leadership opportunities. I have been honoured with the Gord Rodgers Memorial Award from the Lake Links organization in 2019 for OUR efforts to preserve freshwater lakes and in 2022 by the Invasive Species Centre for Leadership in Ontario to control invasive species. I did not invest the time and physical effort into the projects to be given an “award”. The “reward” is to see improvement and preservation of our two lakes. Also, these awards do not honour the skilled Stewardship Committee and lake volunteers who helped implement the projects along with me, that is why I said OUR efforts. I sincerely thank each person who helped be a steward in any way for our lakes. I am leaving the Stewardship Chair position on a high note, with things accomplished and other things to be continued, or initiated. I hope the next person finds the role as rewarding as I did.

Top 10 Tips: Climate Change Challenge

We all have an important role to play in reducing the impacts of climate change and keeping the environment healthy for future generations. Here are some ideas to keep the lake environment healthy, and reduce your own carbon footprint at the cottage.

1. PADDLE VS. MOTOR: Reach more often for the paddle instead of the boat keys, and enjoy nature at a slower pace!

2. LET THE SHORELINE BE: Do the environment (and yourself) a favour, and choose the hammock over the lawn mower this summer. Plants at the water's edge help filter nutrients, store carbon and prevent erosion, while underwater logs and rock piles provide protection and spawning ground for fish.

3. STARRY, STARRY NIGHTS: Don't be a night polluter. Turn off unnecessary exterior lights and substitute down-facing fixtures where possible. Floodlights and other high-wattage outdoor bulbs are energy-eaters and can even mess up the mating and feeding behaviour of wildlife, while stealing the view from star gazers.

4. SWITCH THE COTTAGE WATTAGE: For indoor light, switch from incandescent bulbs to LEDs, which cost you and the environment a lot less in the long-run. They last up to 50 times longer and use about one-tenth the amount of electricity.

5. CLEAN-UP: Manage garbage responsibly at the cottage. Recycle and compost as much as possible, remove fishing lines from the lake, and discourage wildlife from eating leftovers by storing all trash in tightly sealed containers and keeping pet food dishes indoors.

6. BBQ: If it's time for a new BBQ at the cottage consider gas or propane models which are more environmentally responsible than charcoal that releases toxic by-products into the air.

7. ELECTRIC IDEAS: Keep an eye out for 'dinosaur' appliances - old fridges can use more than four times the energy of a new, efficient model. Appliance retailers, utility companies and local waste-management services may pick up old units for free when they deliver a new one, which even saves you cottage time.

8. MOTOR MATTERS: Replace old two-stroke engines with more efficient 'clean marine' options (clean two stroke, or four-stroke) and off-road vehicle engine technology, and keep engines in top repair to lower emissions.

9. BEWARE THE PHANTOM LOAD: Use power bars to isolate electronics that can be turned off when you're away because some devices (including TVs, DVD players, stereos, computers) can continue to steal power even after they're turned 'off.'

10. HUG A TREE: Retain mature trees as natural insulators on your property. Deciduous trees on the south and west of our buildings provide shade in summer, and let sun through in winter. Conifers on the north and northwest sides will help block cold winds in winter.

Please keep in touch with FOCA and let us know how many of these, or other climate-conscious actions, you take on this year! For more tips on how to be a low-impact cottager, see our new publication on page 3 (Climate Change guide).

Bonus Points: Reach out to Local Government

Write, email or (better yet) drop in to talk to the folks in charge of your cottage community, and find out what they plan to do, to reduce the impacts of climate change and keep the local environment healthy. Get links to local politicians here: <https://foca.on.ca/raise-your-political-voice-tips-from-foca/>



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Fishing Committee Report 2021-22

by David Smith Fishing Committee Chair

April Walleye Watch

The walleye watch in April was not as successful as previous years. We managed to get out one night and counted 150 fish over 8 to 9 shoals on Malcolm Lake, and in the creek towards Ardoch Lake. We were unable to count fish on Ardoch Lake since the water temperature was too cold that night.

Unfortunately, we were unable to get back on either lake due to wind and rising water temperatures.

Buoy Placement

Bob Beauchamp helped me put in the buoys on both lakes in early-May.

MALLA 2022 Catch & Fry Bass Tournament July 16, 2022

The Fishing Committee is having a meeting after the June 4th AGM to finalize details for this event, and an email will be sent to the membership shortly afterward with ticket information, etc.

It is a fun event and hopefully lots of members will decide to participate.