



## **MALLA AGM 2024 - Past President's Report**

**Cathy Potts**

While my tenure as the President was brief it witnessed a lot of activity on, in and around our lakes. Membership wise, during the 23/24 season. You asked us at the last AGM about membership levels and the Executive agreed to a 100 % membership drive, so starting mid-June, with a goal to speak with every cottage/property owner about MALLA. We are trying to reach former members and those who may not be aware of the cottage/property Association. So be on the look-out for our volunteers and say hello.

While above the water, our loons returned and two pairings were seen proudly escorting their young. There were also several pretty accomplished water skiers seen buzzing around the lake. Delving deeper (pun intended) our fish population appeared to remain stable. Although it has not been stocked in years. Folks, please fish responsibly. In the upcoming summer ('24) if you happen to see boats with motorized hoses over the spawning beds it is our Fishing Committee volunteers doing some bed maintenance work. Yup, they get permission from the MNR first. Sadly, like many neighbouring lakes we continued to battle zebra mussels and milfoil. Need additional information about managing these species check out our website: [www.malla.ca](http://www.malla.ca)

Our volunteers were successful in every sense of the word. Hurrahs go out to Terry R for her ability to put on amazing social events and oh that food! Shout outs also are extended to our newly minted Fish Committee Chair, Chris S team of merry men: Tracy Card, Glen Fowler, Ron Higgins, Dave Johnston, Steve Keenan, David Smith for yet another stellar Fishing Derby and BBQ on the books. We owe Kathy and Dave S a huge thank you for opening up their gorgeous property to host all our MALLA events. Special Mention goes out to Ron H for showing off his handy person skills by renovating our MALLA Information Board and picnic table at the Malcolm Lake.

Seems the originally proposed Ardoch Lake condo development, which sought to develop a 23-lot lakefront development, has ground to a halt. The original project got to draft plan approval stage. The land is now listed for sale as a holding property. MALLA continues to monitor.



has morphed into individual cottage lots. MALLA continues to track, through Town Council meetings, the situation on our behalf. Our lakes remain a valuable resource and investment so we must ensure that environmental stewardship practices remain at the forefront of Town Council planning and decision making. Your attention is drawn to the newly ratified North Frontenac Strategic Plan (MALLA was consulted as a key community group stakeholder.)

<https://www.northfrontenac.com/en/township-services/resources/Documents/Treasury/North-Frontenac-Strategic-Plan-Final-Report-ACC.PDF>

This document impacts us all as it fundamental roadmap for the Township of North Frontenac, outlining its strategic priorities and collective direction for the years 2024 through to 2028. MALLA carefully monitors the progress of North Frontenac's commitment to Environmental Stewardship.

I will continue to remain as a MALLA volunteer and resume the MALLA Social Media Coordinator position. However, MALLA needs your help on the Executive, it's a small-time commitment that yields huge rewards and fun. Help us keep the tradition going.

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**MALLA AGM 2024 - Vice President Ardoch &  
Stewardship Committee Chair Reports  
Ruth Cooper**

We were fortunate to have a president for most of this year (2023-2024) to help guide us through the challenges of running a cottage association. We met in person and via ZOOM link for meetings, regarding executive concerns.

I jointly represented MALLA (with Cathy Potts), at the North Frontenac Lakes Alliance Association (NFLAA) meetings again this year. This organization represents a common voice for lake concerns in the Township and helps update the local municipality and lake associations, regarding lake stewardship.

We had a change-over of one cottage owner in the fall on Ardoch Lake and no new builds. The previous year we did have one new build. No new lots have been severed.

We monitor and attempt to control or eradicate invasive species as we find them.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and Phragmites continue to be on-going invasive specie concerns on our lakes. Many landowners' control / cut and remove EWM around their docks. Zebra mussels still appear to be localized in patches, mainly in Malcolm Lake. Education continues to be our best defense and we will continue to seek out up-to-date best practices for controlling it as well.

As acting Stewardship Coordinator, we had two successful phragmites-pulling sessions last summer (2023) and removed 21 bags of "phrag" again from the shoreline areas. The 12 volunteers came from both lakes and their help was very much appreciated! This reed overtakes and eliminates native vegetation that is vital to wildlife. With successive cutting we are seeing the stands growing smaller each year, as we drown the cut reed out and slowly eradicate it. This cutting continues to lend positive results.

We will continue to encourage members on Ardoch Lake to join and consider helping out on our Lake Association. We had an 85% membership from our lake



last year! There is a membership canvassing campaign in the summer. Please continue to talk to new cottagers and help to motivate them to become part of MALLA. It is our conduit to our lake members and educates and encourages everyone to help protect our lakes and shorelines, as well as having fun together!





## **MALLA AGM 2024 - Vice President Malcolm Report Doug Henderson**

The past year has been a busy one as the committee executive has been active in local political and environmental organizations. Membership has remained stable but we would like to increase our numbers. This will be achieved through a house-to-house door knocking campaign after the AGM.

The Eurasian Water Milfoil, phragmites, the Zebra Mussels and Quagga Mussels remain a problem but we have recognized them as such and will continue to monitor them and develop strategies to combat them as they become available.

We continue to be in regular contact with the Federation of Ontario Cottager's Association (FOCA), the invasive Species Council of Ontario, Mississippi Valley Conservation, and Watersheds Canada. As stewards of the Lakes, we are responsible to strive to make our Lakes as safe and ecologically sound as possible. It is incumbent on each of us to read and understand the rules and regulations around Fishing, Hunting and Water Safety. Enforcement of the rules and regulations is the responsibility of the appropriate legal authorities. However, we all are aware that they are thin on the ground. We are the gatekeepers for the safety and long-term health of our Lakes and must not take the lakes for granted. We have been working diligently to ensure the ecological health of the lake is measured and is healthy through our partners.

While we still have work to do to ensure the continued health of the lake our combined efforts are making a difference. We can enjoy this beautiful part of Canada again this year.



## MALLA AGM 2024 - Fishing Committee Chair Report Chris Summut

**Committee Members** Bob Beauchamp, Tracy Card, Glen Fowler, Ron Higgins, Dave Johnston, Steve Keenan, Chris Sammut (chair) & David Smith

Any MALLA members wishing to become fishing committee member please contact Chris Sammut at (705) 868-1658. Volunteers are always welcome.

**Walleye Watch:** This year's weather & ice conditions did not allow for a successful count. David Smith & Tracy Card visited one of the sites occasional with no success. It is suspected that the major spawn took place under **the** ice.

**Bass Fishing Derby & BBQ 2023** was held on Sat. July 15 at Kathy & David's wonderful & spacious property. Thank-you both very much for hosting. The Derby drew a total of 79 participants which included in the 12 & under category 17 kids and 62 adults for a grand total of 79 participants. Great turnout!

### The Derby Standings

| <b>12 &amp; Under Category</b> | <b>NAME</b>            | <b>Adult Category</b> | <b>NAME</b>        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| First Place                    | Graham Hendry 2.6 lb   | First Place           | Glen Fowler 3.3 lb |
| Second Place                   | Ryland Hanson 2.2 lb   | Second Place          | Mark Shoeman 3 lb  |
| Third Place                    | Dominick Martin 1.1 lb | Third Place           | Zack Zedo 2.15 lb  |

Thank you to all businesses & members who donated prizes & to all members who worked to make this function a success. A special thank-you to the members of our social committee and David & Kathy Smith for allowing everyone to gather at their beautiful property & host this function.



**Conference** On Saturday, 21 Oct 21 2023, on behalf of MALLA Tracy Card attended a conference in Perth entitled *Sustainable Fisheries For the Future*. His report will be shared at the 2024 AGM.

### **Financial**

Our treasurer Allan Jamieson in his recent report shows that the Fishing Committee account is in a comfortable position with a balance of \$3882.57.

Some of the committee purchases last year included: Trophy engraving, two digital fish weighing devices, two frying burners, fillet boards, and a portable filing box for committee use.

### **Boat launch**

The Fishing Committee has set Wednesday May 22, 2024 to do some cleanup at the boat launch. The township has approved our volunteer efforts to do so. Our goal is to trim back some branches & do any other necessary things to support safe launching or removal of boats from our lake. Thank-you to Ron Higgins for setting this up.

We continue to monitor the culvert. The Township has taken on the responsibility to keep the culvert cleared of debris as required. The boat launch portable toilet & grass cutting continues to be maintained by the Township as well.

**Shoal Markers.** Thank-you to David Smith who continues to place & remove our shoal markers each spring & fall.

Hope to See You on the Lake, Fish on!



## **MALLA AGM 2024 - Social Committee Chair Report** **Terry Reed**

The Social Committee had another busy year organizing the Social Events on behalf of MALLA. We use some of MALLA's funding and the good old Pot Luck Tradition to put on a delicious spread at our events.

In 2023, MALLA held its AGM in June. A breakfast of pancakes and sausage, with maple syrup donated by Glenn Flower; was enjoyed by all. Many other yummy dishes were provided by our members.

In July, the annual fishing derby was held at Dave and Kathy Smith's place where again hot dogs and hamburgers were enjoyed along with the fish that was caught that day. Once again everyone contributed a yummy side dish. Thank you to all the volunteers who cooked the fish and barbecued.

In August, the annual corn roast was held at Dave and Kathy Smith's. Hamburgers and hot dogs and corn were served. A big thank you to all who helped with cooking the corn and barbecue. Everyone brought yummy sides.

A big thank you to Dave and Kathy Smith for hosting all the events.

All in all 2023 was a great year.



