

Chaffey's Area Lakes Association (CALA)
Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2009

Call To Order

- The Board meeting was called to order at 11:35 am by the President, Walter Ebaugh.
- Walter Ebaugh (President), Jim Swartz (Vice-president), Mary Eeg (Treasurer), Dani Ebaugh (Secretary) and board members Shannon McCorquodale, Chuck Acton and Dave Burt were present.
- No board members were absent.
- A quorum was present.

Business

- Election of New Member to Board - Walter introduced Dianne Clipsham to the board. She has lived on Lake Opinicon for over 20 years. Walter moved that Dianne be elected to serve on the board. There was no objection. One of Dianne's roles will be to serve as a liaison with Lake Opinicon residents.
- Election of Officers - Walter moved that the current occupants for the offices of president, vice-president, and secretary continue to serve, and that Shannon McCorquodale serve as treasurer. There was no objection.
- FOCA - FOCA stands for Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations. Jim discovered there is a \$75 fee plus a nominal fee per member to join FOCA. By joining, our association can deduct 10% off the cost of insurance. It was unanimously decided that CALA should join FOCA. Shannon agreed to do this.
- CALA Website - Dianne suggested that CALA develop a website. Dani agreed to research this. Some items that should be on the website are CALA goals and objectives, membership form, a link to the Canada boat license form, and others yet to be determined.
- Rideau Lakes Township Official Plan - Dianne said that the Rideau Lakes Township official plan will be presented at an open house on September 18, 6-8 pm at the Elgin Community Center, and that there will be a meeting to discuss the plan on the following Saturday. Dianne said she would try to attend the open house, and Jim said he would try to attend the discussion meeting.
- Prioritize Goals - Jim said he would like to see CALA prioritize its goals, and begin to work on the highest ones.
- CALA Bylaws and Letter of Incorporation - CALA is an outgrowth of the old Indian and Benson Lake Property Owners Association. Currently CALA's bylaws and letter of incorporation are those from the old property association. Walter proposed that we ask Jane Monaghan, lawyer, to bring these documents up-to-date. Also, Walter commented that CALA files a tax form annually, and that the government never returns the form without our prior year updates. He

thought that Jane may be able to help with this problem. Chuck said to ask Dave Brown about the tax form problem because the Chaffey's Lock and Area Heritage Society may have also encountered problems of this type. The board unanimously decided to allow Walter to spend up to \$2000 to have Jane do the work. Walter said he will ask her for a cost estimate before he proceeds.

- CALA Budget - Jim said that CALA needs to make a budget, especially now that we are hosting the Corn Roast. He suggested we include operating expenses like FOCA membership, insurance, bylaws and letter of incorporation update, website development, and income from dues and donations. Shannon agreed to make a budget.
- Corn Roast –
 - CALA made \$1300 on the Corn Roast this year.
 - Jim gave the following Corn Roast documents to the secretary to be filed: Schedule "A" (Regulate the holding of Public Events), Financial Summary, Sponsors, Reimbursable Expenses to Jim Swartz, Volunteers, Contact List, Awards for Paddling and Rowing Races, and Boat Parade Vote Tallies.
 - Walter said he would like to give \$250 to each entity participating in the Corn Roast. Jim said he would like to have a budget first and then have more discussion on this proposal. Jim also said that the entities referred to above also made money on the Corn Roast. Chuck asked how much money can CALA keep legally. Shannon said we should prioritize our goals first and then decide how we want to spend our money.
 - It was suggested that next year we contact local area musicians like Catherine Carbino to perform at the Corn Roast. These musicians normally perform for free.
 - Dianne gave the secretary a flyer for the Thousand Islands Playhouse Up the Creek Week. It had the following events for Mollycoddler Day, some of which may be suitable for the Corn Roast: Tin Boat Races, Fencing Demonstrations, Learn to Sword Fight, Row Boat Races, Knot Tying Challenges, One Pegged Leg Race, Puppet Show, Face Painting, and Bear the Tinker.
 - Jim will send out an email recognizing volunteers who helped with the Corn Roast.
 - It was suggested that we post the awards given out in the Corn Roast and list the Corn Roast sponsors on the website.
 - It was said that the Rideau Waterway Land Trust would like to take back the Corn Roast next year, since it is a big fundraiser for them. Walter asked Jim to meet with Vince Waters and the Land Trust director to discuss this.

Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting was adjourned at about 1:00pm.