

- Charleston Lake Association AGM

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Holy Trinity Church, Oakleaf.

Call to order: 9.30 A.M

In attendance: Michael McAdoo, Wayne Gill, Bill Hallam, Katie Baker, Linda Whitmarsh, Mike Ferris, Roy Angelow, Dwayne Struthers, Katie Baker, Sue Willson, Kristen Ireland, Fred Milko, Mary Mansworth, Brent McNamee.

Guests:

Michael Barrett M.P.

Steve Clark. M.P.P

Corinna Smith- Gatcke - Mayor, Leeds and 1000 Islands Township

Angela Kelman- Councillor, TLT

Monique Antoine- Hartley- Councillor, TLT

Nick Sterling - Cataraqui Conservation Authority

Brigitte Simmatis- Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Dr. David Philipp- Biologist, Fish Sanctuary program

Don Ross - Thousand Islands Watershed Land Trust

Tim Truesdell- Director, Charleston Lake Provincial Park.

Regrets: Herb Scott- Mayor of Athens Township.

Each of the politicians gave a brief address, stressing the important part Charleston Lake plays in our region.

Guest Speakers:

Don Ross: Don outlined the work done by the Land Trust and how Charleston Lake Association has contributed to the success of their projects.

Brigitte Simmatis: Brigitte spoke about the different types of algae found in our waters and offered helpful information to identify dangerous blue green algal growths.

Nick Sterling: Nick provided an overview of the current situation with water soldier, provincially and in our immediate area.

David Philipp: David reported on the progress of the sanctuary spawning program and how success is measured.

Business Meeting:

Financial Report: as circulated.

Motion of acceptance: Wayne Gill, seconded by Bob Gibson.

Approved

Approval of the minutes of the AGM of 2024: previously circulated.

Motion of acceptance: Mary Mansworth, seconded by Rocci Pagnello. Approved.

Michael McAdoo introduced each CLA and CLEA Director and recognized Rocci Pagnello who resigned from the Board after many years of valuable service.

Election of Charleston Lake Association directors for 2025-26.

Michael McAdoo, Sue Willson, Fred Milko, Dwayne Struthers.

Motion of acceptance: Mary Mansworth, seconded by Linda Whitmarsh . Approved.

Discussion followed of the proposed revised Lake Plan in the next two years, steered by Sue Willson

Attention was drawn to the extreme dry conditions in the region and the need for caution, especially with any private fireworks.

Councillor Kelman addressed the Township's position on septic system inspections. The Township plans to reintroduce the inspection program. Any By-Law infringements( noise, unauthorized work on the lake etc) should be reported to the Township. This is possible through " Report a Problem " function on the township website.

Bill Hallam spoke briefly about the water levels and the difficulty in regulating. New management by Ottawa Hydro has increased communication issues. Water levels are low due to extended dry weather.

There were some questions for David Philipp about issues with angling.

Motion for adjournment: 11.20. AM Michael McAdoo.  
Seconded by Ed Ristan. Approved