

After the 2021 AGM, the new Board of Directors met for the first time on May 2021 in order to elect the executive positions on the board (President, & VP's; treasury, membership, & secretary). While I have been a member of the CLPOA board since 2019, it was only this year that I was elected to be part of the executive, and took my position as VP Secretary. I can't say enough about this group of people, volunteers, who on top of an already busy life agenda, take on huge responsibilities and decision making on behalf of the membership. A special thanks to the previous VP Secretary Brigette W, who's organization skills were exceptional, and was able to clearly set the standard for ensuring compliance and governance to our legal bodies.

In October 2021, the CLPOA board made a decision, echoing our decision in the summer of 2020 to suspend all CLPOA events for the 2021 summer. This decision was taken in the interest of public safety due to the COVID pandemic.

A year like no other in many ways, unprecedented times, has changed the way in which the CLPOA acts. Zoom meetings and social distancing led us away from our traditional social gatherings, events, and the in person Annual General Meeting. Thankfully, adaptations were already in place to allow for a seamless transition to holding our board meetings, and the Annual General Meeting virtually. This actually resulted in greater membership participation, and appears to be our future way of holding the AGM's.

Continuing on the amendments brought into our constitution in 2017, the CLPOA reviews all variance requests which could impact Chandos Lake. We have adopted a transparent and accountable process to ensure that we are complying with the track which the members directed us. I am happy to report that the CLPOA, while reviewing all requests, did not find any request which they felt met our criteria, and would negatively impact the environment of our lake. As such, we did not have to issue an objection for any variance with North Kawartha township. We feel that it is in partnership with the planning department of North Kawartha, that property owners are provided the proper information and education to make appropriate decisions to improve their property with the least amount of environmental impact.

I very much hope that life will have returned to normal soon, and all of our 2022 events go ahead as planned. In the meantime, stay safe and hopefully by the time the summer comes, we will be less restricted and able to enjoy a social and pleasurable time on the lake.

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