



CHAFFEY'S AREA LAKES ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, August 19, 2023 9:30 a.m.
Chaffey's Lock Hall

Record of Decision and Minutes

1. Acknowledgements

Eva Leon, Chair of CALA, opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement of unceded territories of the Anishinaabe, Mississauga, Algonquin, Wendake, and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We offer gratitude to the First Nations for their care for and teachings about our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.

2. Call to Order

Eva called the meeting to order, welcoming all members, non-members, and representatives of the Township of Rideau Lakes. Eva introduced the Board of Directors and thanked them for their service during the past year. Eva noted that directors Tom Belton, Barb Bekooy, and Jeanie Quirt Brown were unable to attend. Scott Parker and Maggie Boudens acting as Secretary to capture notes of 2023 AGM.

3. Approval of Agenda (Annex A)

Eva presented the Agenda and asked for any additions. None were raised. Eva requested the Agenda be approved as provided.

Motion to approve: Mark Bacon, seconded: Nancy McCormick

Decision: **carried**

4. Presentation: Mayor Arie Hoogenboom

Mayor Hoogenboom discussed visiting with the many (15+) lake associations in the Rideau Lakes area through the year and highlighted the importance of the Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee (RLLAC), which gives a voice to the lake associations directly with Township staff & leadership. Also noted was the presence of three Township councillors today (Joan Delany, Linda Carr, and Deborah Anne Hutchings).

Additional highlights:

- Ongoing septic inspections to protect the health of our lakes and spur improvements; almost 300 inspections this year with many on islands around the Chaffey's Lock area
- The Township Lake Association grant: an unrestricted grant which is a core piece of CALA funding; CALA's is the second largest from the Township due to its large geographic area. Noted was the formula which includes \$5/member, which encourages membership participation and growth
- Also noted was ongoing Zoning & Planning bylaw work, as well as the recent Chaffey's Lock Visioning workshop
- The subdivision being built near Chaffey's lock will include the donation of a park, providing Cataraqui Trail access
- A proposal to engage and partner with Queen's Engineering to study the feasibility of a sidewalk in Chaffey's Lock to improve safety
- Discussion of campground licensing and the importance of balancing tourism with sustainable development and protection of the lakes
- Secondary suite development rules – waterfront property secondary suites will be by exception to manage density
- Short-term rental regulations likely to be a growing topic of importance
- Reminder of private road maintenance grant availability for road associations
- New fire-hall planning underway
- Senior staff turn-over (fire chief and Township CAO departures noted). Interim CAO coming August 28 with executive search for new CAO to be underway soon
- A reminder of property tax deadlines; noted small increase this past year.
Observation that **waterfront taxpayers compose 65% of the Township tax base**

Q&A items:

- i. Q: Does the Township inspect properties to test density and other permitting (e.g. trailer park expansion and size of trailers)?

A: With licensing of campgrounds we have a control point. We can inspect and investigate if community reports. This applies beyond campgrounds, e.g. the community can report on issues with septic, additions, etc. that may require inspection.

- ii. Q: Can you define a secondary suite?
A: Second living space like a grannie suite or completely separated apartment
- iii. Q: How will exceptions work for secondary suites on waterfront?
A: Requests will go through Planning Committee to verify various issues like parking, septic, density hurdles and so on.
- iv. Q: Any plans for Tiny Homes?
A: Tiny homes are allowed under Plan & Zoning laws, however the challenge is the same as for any development, particularly if a shared septic system is planned. Acknowledge that these could help manage affordability but there are hurdles.
- v. Q: Has there been an increase in transition of seasonal to year-round residents?
A: 80 new homes or conversions permitted last year. Township year-round population is 11,000 residents with 9,000 additional seasonal residents (in an area the size of Metro Toronto). Ongoing trend to convert to permanent, although this doesn't necessarily translate into increased useage on the lakes.

5. Presentation: Tera Shewchenko – Science Writer and Development Coordinator, Invasive Species Centre

See **Annex G** for full presentation and links to important information

<https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca>

Additional notes from discussion / questions:

- Invasive species growth will reach a maximum extent before levelling off, however it is still too much for the environment
- How an invasive species is eliminated depends on the situation. Grants may be available. Check all of the best practices at the end of the presentation
- Eliminating aquatic plants requires a permit. This is the responsibility of the cottage owner, even if a contractor does the work
- Plant ID apps are generally not good enough to distinguish between invasive and non-invasive species. Contact the Invasive Species Centre if unsure (and EDDMaps.org)
- What is the impact of aqua-thrusters? Potential study project for QUBS?
- Regulations to prevent transportation of invasive species apply to non-motorized boats as well as motorized
- Eva suggested adding a clause to fishing tournament agreements requiring boats to be cleaned

6. 2022 AGM Minutes (Annex B)

Scott Parker presented the minutes of the 2022 AGM. Eva asked for approval of the minutes.

Motion to approve: Sandy MacNabb, seconded: Shane Renwick

Decision: **carried**

7. Board Reports

a. Executive Report (Annex C)

Eva highlighted many successes in the past year and thanked volunteers for all of their hard work. Efforts included:

- Annual spring meet & greet, held this year at Morton Hall
- Lake Partner water testing
- Canada Day booth at Chaffey's Lock: rubber duck race sold out, raising \$900
- Ongoing engagement with the Fishing Concerns Committee with Township and fishing derby organizers. Future areas of focus include conflict resolution.
- New signs and wallet cards for MNR & OPP contact information to report illegal fishing and unsafe boating activities.
- Love Your Lake program
- Waterfront assessment mapping of Opinicon Lake; thanks to those who provided boats and housing to students who did work; CALA to receive an overall report of this pilot program and will consider future lake studies
- Heritage Craft Fair booth was well attended at Opinicon
- Protect Opinicon organization – important work to protect Opinicon Lake from Skycroft expansion plans; fundraising through Small Change Fund and ongoing advocacy (see Facebook page); please continue to support
- Keep up with our work through our Facebook page, website, newsletters

b. Treasurer's Report: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 (Annex D)

Jeanie not available to present today, but the Income Statement is present on the back of the agenda (see Annex D). CALA continues to be in a healthy financial situation. If there are any specific questions for the Treasurer please let us know.

i. Special resolution to waive audit/review engagement

Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) requires all non-profits to be compliant with rules by October 2024. If as members we agree that we do not require a special audit for 2023, we need to pass a resolution to waive.

Motion to waive audit moved by: Tom Todd, seconded by Nancy McCormick.

Decision: **carried**

c. Membership Report (Annex E)

Nancy highlighted that the 2022-2023 target was to reach 100 members, which we have now exceeded with 114 members (which represents an estimated 200 individuals). As a reminder the Township grant has been critical to CALA's survival as it regenerated, and the amount is linked to our membership numbers. A stronger, more vibrant base is critical to the organization and to protect our lakes and the environment for the future. Nancy will be moving on from the Board after this AGM and Eva thanked her on behalf of CALA.

Note: CALA is still seeking a member to volunteer to replace Nancy's role in membership tracking.

d. Communication Report (Annex F)

Gay highlighted the importance of our virtual communications (E-newsletters, Elerts, CALA website, Facebook, Zoom). Other key efforts this past year:

- Move to putting detailed information on the CALA website and providing links from the newsletters, to both streamline the newsletter and also to improve how we highlight the most critical (or fun!) information to readers
 - Thanks to Roseanne for all her formatting work and to Scott & Maggie for editing assistance
- Lots of great reader feedback on the Lake Stories, Fish Stories, and Letters to the Editor sections
- Tom Belton attends RLLAC meetings and reports back to CALA
- Continue to sell No Wake signs
- Development of new MNR & OPP reporting signs and wallet cards, which we will distribute to marinas and members as needed
- Members continue to participate in ongoing webinars
- Shout-out to the Review-Mirror local newspaper for being an important partner
- Moving forward, we will have two new board members with social media experience and interest as we continue to improve our communication efforts

e. Motion to Approve Reports

Eva requested a motion to approve and accept the Executive Board reports.

Moved by: Mark Bacon, seconded by Shane Renwick

Decision: **carried**

8. Election of Board of Directors

a. Nominations From the Floor

Eva requested any new Board member nominees from the floor. None were put forward.

b. Motion to Approve Slate of Directors

Eva detailed the returning and new members of the CALA board and requested a vote to approve.

Directors & Positions:

Eva Leon – President

Barb Bekooy – Secretary

Jeanie Quirt Brown – Treasurer

Gay Hennigar – Communications

Mark Bacon

Thomas Todd

Ella Rigby

Amy Falkner

Josee Bentivoglio

Stella Cowley

Moved by: Sandy MacNabb, seconded by Jane Monahan

Decision: **carried**

9. Other Business

- i. Reade Davis thanked CALA for its ongoing support of Protect Opinicon
- ii. Sandy MacNabb raised the issue of the new vacant home tax and the challenges for foreign seasonal cottage owners in obtaining Canadian tax identification information and the annual exemption filing requirement. He proposed seeking a way to end the annual filing requirement once it has been filed the first time. Additional discussion was raised around the confusion regarding a ban on foreign buyers (this only applies to major metropolitan areas like Toronto and Vancouver). CALA was asked to put together a letter seeking clarification on both of these issues from the relevant authorities. Moved: Sandy MacNabb, seconded: Mark Bacon.
- iii. Jane Monahan asked about wake-boating and related wake damage issues, and if CALA has been working in this area. It was noted that this is a concern of the Safe Quiet Lakes organization that CALA has partnered with and more research needs to be done on how this affects our area. RLLAC identified as a key place to raise the issue with other lake associations and the Township. A related discussion was raised regarding boater safety and the recent collisions with paddlers in the area, one of which was fatal and the other very well could have been. A motion to have CALA put together a letter to various authorities to highlight the issues of boater safety was put forward. Mover: Toni Yagoda, seconded: Ross Hennigar
- iv. Ross Hennigar raised the idea that all present members at this year's AGM challenge themselves to bring someone new to next year's meeting. More volunteers and more participation will help keep the organization moving forward. Ross noted he will still make pancakes. Ross also noted an upcoming informal musical gathering to take place at the Chaffey's Lock Hall on August 30. CALA members and others are welcome to join in this social and musical event which hopefully will be ongoing.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Eva asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to approve: Dianne Clipsham, seconded: Cindy Bacon

Decision: **carried**



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AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement
2. Call to order
3. Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve agenda
4. Mayor Arie Hoogenboom
5. Presentation: Tera Shewchenko - Science Writer and Development Coordinator, Invasive Species Centre
6. 2022 AGM minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes
7. Board Reports

- a. Executive report
 - b. Treasurer's Report (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)
 - i. Special resolution to waive audit/review engagement
 - c. Membership Report
 - d. Communication Report
 - e. Motion to approve reports
8. Election of Board of Directors
 - a. Nominations from the floor
 - b. Motion to approve slate of directors
9. Other business - questions, comments
 10. Motion to adjourn meeting



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2. Call to Order

Eva called the meeting to order, welcoming all members and non-members. Eva introduced the Board of Directors and thanks them for their Service

3. Approval of the Agenda (Annex A)

Eva presented the Agenda, asked if there were any additions. Given there were none, Eva requested that it be approved.

Motion to approve: Cathy Perry, seconded: Cathy Penny

Decision: Carried

4. Presentation: Peter Hannah, from the Rideau Waterway Land Trust (RWLT)

Peter spoke about the origins, responsibilities, and importance of the RWLT.

[RWLT - Home](#)

Origins: A core group, including Frank Phelan, Don Warren, Neil Patterson, started the RWLT in the 1990s. They discussed their concerns regarding the disappearance of natural spaces along the Rideau Waterways and ways in which these spaces could be preserved for generations. In 1996, it was incorporated as a non-profit organization with charitable status.

RWLT started small: around a kitchen table. This works for a while, but eventually this wears on volunteers, as a small group shoulders all the responsibility. The RWLT is always on the lookout for volunteers and donors to support a core staff who takes care of properties. The Trust has a biologist on staff, as well as a manager of Communications (Aaron Warren, new on staff).

Donations: The Trust is often offered land as a gift; as generous as this is from donors, the Trust needs to be particular as to which properties they accept. One criterion to consider is whether the property fits with the RWLT's mission to preserve natural lands including buildings, that could be a valuable addition to their rental properties portfolio. Usually bigger is better, as the Trust can more easily distribute its resources to protect larger properties. However, more properties are refused than accepted. The Trust now protects 20 significant properties. A recent update is that our American friends can now receive an American tax receipt for when they donate.

Alternate sources of revenue: The RWLT also benefits from revenues from activities, such as the highly successful Corn Roast At Chaffey's that ran for ten years. Also successful is the annual duck race that started 12 years ago: Peter found the ducks in a garage in Newboro, and shared the idea of a race with CALA.

Conservation Easement: the Trust helps future generations of families work through the challenge of easement, and ensure properties are preserved and protected.

Partnership is important in conservation: The Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Queen's Biological Station approached the Trust at the beginning of Covid to acquire the Warren property. The Trust accessed a provincial grant for \$20K, provided that the other \$20K was raised through donations. Given that most people were house-bound and not

spending as much, the timing was fortuitous: the fund-raising was a success, and \$20K was raised within a two-month period of time. .

Over the years, the RWLT has only purchased 3 properties. The value of land has increased on the Rideau, so prospects have been, therefore, limited. Although major acquisitions are donated, the Trust still needs to pay the closing costs. This 20% comes from an endowment fund that supports such unexpected expenses. Over last 3 years, the Trust has tried to increase its fund so that it always has a pot to draw from.

Volunteers/membership: The Trust depends on volunteers, and projects can be long-term, or just one day, such as the loosestrife-pulling/ dog-strangling vine parties. Longer-term commitments can focus on working on a committee, maintenance, being a member of the board, or helping to produce a newsletter.

Last item: RT has a boat for sale: 20 J, trailer, aluminum boat. For sale for \$39,500.

5. Approval of the 2021 AGM minutes (Annex B)

Barb Bekooy, Secretary of CALA, presented the minutes from the 2021 AGM.

Approval Moved: Stella Cowley, seconded Tom Belton

Decision: Carried

6. Executive Report (Annex C)

Eva noted the war in Ukraine and the gratitude we feel to live in Canada. She also noted a number of successful efforts of the Executive over the last year:

- Eva noted the presentation of Dr. Smol from the 2021 AGM. The presentation is still on our website (www.rememberCALA.ca)
- CALA Executive and members attended numerous seminars, workshops, conferences over the course of the year.
- Tom Belton, Member at-Large and a consistent member of RLLAC (Rideau Lakes Association Committee), led the Land Use Survey
- CALA Executive led the production of the popular “No wake” signs
- May: Meet and Greet at Newboro Hall. Guests were Dr. Steven Cooke from Queen’s university, and Owen Fraser, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). Topic was management of Fish Populations
- Amy Faulkner (Member at-Large) led on the Birds Canada’s Loon Survey
- Laura Belton led the Great Western Chorus Frog Survey
- CALA had a presence at Chaffey’s Lock on Canada Day: Executive collected old lead sinkers. The Duck race raised \$736
- Gay produced our CALA Newsletter: “Meet our Lakes” section: each article focuses on a lake in the area
- All Executive volunteered to manage a booth at Chaffey’s Lock Craft Show in July

- Gay and Eva organized and led CPR and AED workshops in August
- Eva recognized the continued work of water testers in area lakes: phosphorous and clarity levels.

7. Treasurer's Report (Annex D)

Jeanie Quirt Brown presented CALA finances for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Gay Henniger noted that the mayor does not place restrictions on how to spend the money the grant money that CALA receives (based on membership). With this grant, CALA supports many charitable organization, such as Safe Quiet Lakes, Get the Lead Out.

Motion to approve: Tom Belton, seconded: Cathy Penny

Decision: Carried

8. Membership Report (Annex E)

Nancy McCormick, Membership Chair, indicated that we had 72 memberships for the business year ending June 30, 2022. In addition, she was pleased to report that the numbers for the current year (July 1, 2022 - June 30) show that we have already surpassed that number: memberships for the current year stand at 88, which translates to 159 individuals.

Motion to approve: Joan Delaney, seconder: Jeannie Quirt Brown

Decision: Carried

9. Communication Report (Annex F)

Gay Henniger, Communications Chair, presented the Communications report for 21-22. Some highlights:

Produce two newsletters per year.

Communications were virtual

Will keep members in touch on seminars, conferences

CALA membership gives a FOCA membership

Motion to approve: Hugh Winsor, Seconder: Stella Cowley

Decision: Carried

10. Approval of Board Activity

Eva requested approval of Executive Board activity.

Motion: Cathy Penny, Seconder: Jim Perry

Decision: Carried

11. Other business

Reid Davis owns property on the southwestern section Opinicon Lake which is in Frontenac County. Neighbour is Skycroft who is looking to add 177 additional trailer sights. The addition of these sites could have a devastating effect on the environment of the area and the enjoyment cottagers with their properties, especially pertaining to smoke pollution (additional campfires), water pollution (more people crammed into a small beach area), light pollution (additional lights needed to assist more campers).

The Frontenac Township will hear supporting and opposing submissions at their Council meeting September 20th. However, the submission must be submitted to Council by September 13th to be heard at the 20th meeting. Reid is requesting support from CALA.

Proposed: CALA to write a strong letter opposing Council approving an additional 177 campsites to Skycroft. Reid to input into letter.

Moved: Cathy Penny, Seconder: Gay Henniger

Decision: passed.

Furthermore, CALA will request to be heard at this meeting.

CALA members were encouraged to write their own letters, and present at the meeting. The RWLT indicated its support, as Warren property on Opinicon Lake.

Link to Zoom meeting on website and Fb page.

12. Adjournment

Motion: Cathy Penny, seconder: Nancy McCormick

Decision: Carried

Fishing Tournament Coalition

CALA participated in a meeting on January 12th that was facilitated by a team of researchers from Carleton University including Alice Abrams (PhD student), Jordanna Bergman (PhD student) and Dr. Steven Cooke. This meeting helped the associations' representatives voice the issues they see relating to fishing tournaments on our lakes but also included discussion of potential solutions.

The next step was a meeting, also facilitated by the Carleton team, with the tournament operators and in the future a meeting of the association's representatives and the tournament operators to find ways to jointly address options for resolution of each group's views of tournament issues.

Protect Opinicon Group Inc.

We have representation in this group of concerned citizens with regards to the potential expansion of the Skycroft Campground in South Frontenac and we are assisting them in any way we can.

Membership

In early February we sent out a short survey to our members.

In the survey, we asked our members "Please provide any suggestions on how we can best meet your needs as we develop a plan for the future of CALA?" 71 individuals responded - that's a rate of approximately 44%. These are some suggestions:

- Information sessions, with local councillors present.
- I like the science experts who share their knowledge.
- With increased development and the accompanying light pollution, maybe we could have someone to talk about the benefits of "dark skies" for star-watching
- Provide concrete information. I like the in-person presentations/events
- Form a group to generate op eds on the issues of concern. We have to preach beyond the choir.
- Engage young people (teenagers) to become involved in CALA through ?grants ?mentorships ?local high schools
- Conduct and implement a master plan Educate residents
- Hybrid meetings (in-person and virtual) if possible would assist seasonal residents to remain engaged.

ONCA compliance

With the requirement for all nonprofits to comply with ONCA by October 2024, we have a committee looking into our by-laws and how to transition into ONCA.

Board of Directors

We are losing 3 directors this year and are working to recruit new ones.

Love Your Lake

We have signed up with Watersheds Canada to participate in the Love Your Lake Program on Opinicon Lake this summer.

CHAFFEY'S AREA LAKES ASSOCIATION (CALA)

Income Statement as of June 30, 2023

Opening Balance July 1, 2022			\$14,564.96
<u>Revenue</u>			
Memberships	\$ 2,950.00		
Donations	\$ 115.00		
Township Rideau Lakes Grant	\$ 3,946.00		
Sale of No Wake Signs	\$		
Proceeds July 1 st Duck Race	\$ 736.00		
First Aid	<u>\$ 1,100.00</u>		
	\$ 8,847.00	\$ 8,847.00	
<u>Expenses</u>			
Cade Insurance	\$ 1,037.88		
FOCA membership	\$ 413.00		
Action First Aid (incl rent/food)	\$ 1,621.00		
FOCA webinar/AGM	\$ 119.10		
Design/Printing/Advertising	\$ 737.91		
Donations			
Safe Quiet Lakes	\$ 100.00		
Watershed Canada	\$ 200.00		
Watershed Love Y Lake	\$ 500.00		
Meet & Greet			
Food (2022)	\$ 145.24		
Food (2023)	\$ 183.77		
AGM (Aug 2022)			
Hall Rental	\$ 70.00		
Food	\$ 109.79		
Duck Race – trophy engraving	\$ 21.41		
- Decorations	\$ 111.60		
Cheque Print order	\$ 55.87		
Web hosting; domain certificate	\$ 561.77		
ZOOM subscription	<u>\$ 226.00</u>		
	\$ 6,214.34	\$ 6,214.34	\$ 2,632.66
Bank Balance as of June 30th, 2023			\$ 17,197.62
Petty Cash			\$ 63.41
Fwd \$ 84.20 - \$20.79 stamps			
Total cash on hand June 30, 2022			\$ 17,261.03

Membership Report: CALA Annual General Meeting
August 19, 2023

2022/23 was a banner year for CALA membership. Not only did we hit our target goal of 100 but we surpassed it! The final tally for our business year for the period from July 1, 2022 – June 30 2023 was 114 memberships. This is a huge achievement!

A healthy and growing membership such as this gives CALA a much stronger, vibrant economic base to thrive and develop. It is also a strong indicator of the growing interest in the community to learn more about protecting and preserving our lakes and their surrounding environment.

I came across two quotes the other day, which were simple yet spoke volumes. The first was “making a difference for generations to come” and the second was “we can't do everything, but we can do something”. So many people and organizations are doing “something”; Rideau Lakes Township with their financial support and for their strong support of all lake associations with the Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee, all of our partners, CALA volunteers, the CALA executive, and each of you. Each of us are doing something and it will make a difference! Thank you beyond measure !

AGM CALA Communications Report

July 1 - 2022 to June 30 -2023

The past year (as above), we moved slowly out of COVID. The 2022 AGM was still held virtually. Good news was that many of our networking partners such as FOCA and Lake Networking Group began to offer in person meetings with the option to also use ZOOM. This allows our members from afar and over the border to continue to take part in partner networking opportunities. Thank goodness for technology! Communications for us has changed quite a bit with the addition of ZOOM meetings, Elert emails, our website (thank you Nancy) and our Facebook page (thank you Eva).

Communication continues to play a huge role in moving CALA forward. We continue to produce two newsletters per year. I thank Scott Parker for stepping up at last year's AGM and offering to help me out with the newsletter. I gained an amazing helper and good friends with Scott & Maggie. We have been making some changes as to how, and what information we provide in the actual newsletter, as apposed to posting detailed factual information on our website (or another site) using a link only in the newsletter. We will continue to look at that tool moving forward. It leaves us more room in the newsletter for the "fun" stuff! Rosanne Lake continues to do a wonderful job on designing our newsletter and we thank her for being so flexible and talented. The "Letters (and Emails) to the Editor" feature has still proven to be popular in allowing our members and partners to give us feedback. Sue Warren's Column (Fish Tales) continues to help to tie the history of our lakes to our current programs (thanks Sue!). Also, the series called "Lake Stories", that Nancy McCormick started this year has proven to be very popular. We hope she will continue that series in her retirement from CALA.

All CALA Board members were active in attending ZOOM networking meetings and sending me their notes and reports to me afterwards for the Elerts and newsletters. Tom Belton attended all Rideau Lakes Lake Associations meeting and sent along his report to help us keep in touch with progressive topics at the Twp. Level. Thank you to all of my team members!

This year we still sold a few "No Wake" signs and started a new campaign to help spread the word re: phone numbers to report illegal fishing and dangerous boating practises to the OPP and MNR. Both of these groups noted that reporting helps to provide data to their organizations that may lead to their gaining more staff on the ground in future. As more people use our lakes, we are starting to see more incidents on the lakes and unfortunately a death on neighbouring Dog Lake. We have wallet cards available as well as larger laminated signs for Marinas. We will continue to distribute these signs next year for boating ramps and marina. We have also offered the pdf version to all of our Lake Networking Group & Fishing Coalition Lake Associations.

Many of our members joined us on webinars orchestrated by our "Partners". We will continue to keep you in the loop re: upcoming webinars this fall and winter.

Thank-you to the Review-Mirror, new editor, John Fenik and Howie Crichton, Westprint, for always being there to help us out. We are very lucky to have a community newspaper of such high quality.

For new members, be sure to sign up for the Rideau Lakes Township Newsletter and the FOCA EAlert. Both come to your email and are no cost to you. Ask us if you need help with this. Moving forward I am excited to tell you that we have at least two new Board members coming on board with website & social media experience. We realize that we need to be active and posting on sites that our children and grandchildren are using. We also have a partner rep close by that will offer us a webinar in how to get young people engaged in our organization. More to come...

www.remembercala@gmail.com

Submitted by: Gay Henniger

August 17, 2023