

Loon Call Lake Cottagers Association

AGM 2021

June 9, 2021 7:30 pm – 9:00pm



Welcome & Introduction

- President – Margi Colquhoun

- ▶ Welcome to new cottagers
 - ▶ Welcome book/Website

- ▶ LCLCA Executive

- ▶ Agenda

- ▶ Any other topics to raise? Questions / comments can be raised in the chat. We will respond in the meeting or following the meeting if we run out of time

Loon Call Lake Cottagers Association Executive

- ▶ Margi Colquhoun - President
- ▶ Henry Decock – Vice President
- ▶ Vickie Hartog – Communications
- ▶ Jim Hartog – Lake Steward
- ▶ Janice Manias – Treasurer
- ▶ Breanne Hunt/Wells – Member at Large
- ▶ James Boyd – Member at Large

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction – Margi Colquhoun – 5 mins
- FOCA backgrounder and updates - 10 mins
- Business
 - Treasurers Report – Janice Manias – 5 mins
 - Dues for 2021 – Margi Colquhoun – 5 mins
 - Vote for Treasurer – Margi Colquhoun
- Protecting Our Lake – Margi Colquhoun – 10 mins
- 2021 Events
 - June: Planting Palooza – Henry Decock – 20 mins
 - August: Pandemic Paddle and Food Drive – Breanne Hunt-Wells - 3 mins
 - As Available: Music on the Dock by Drew Phillips – Breanne Hunt-Wells – 2 mins
- Water Quality – Jim Hartog – 10 mins
- Web Site and Communications – Vickie Hartog – 5 mins
- Closing Remarks – Margi Colquhoun – 2 mins
- FOCA – Lake Associations in Actions! – FOCA Rep – 5 mins

FOCA

– FOCA Rep

▸ backgrounder and updates



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Business

Treasurer and Miscellany

LCLCA Treasurer's Report

– Janice Manias

July 2020

Bank Balance brought forward 5063.65

Revenue

▶ Annual Dues (2019 and 2020)	2000.00
▶ Corn Roast Sales	550.00
▶ Raffle	510.00

Total Revenue 3060.00

Expenses

▶ Corn Roast	1010.55
▶ Annual Meeting Venue	135.60
▶ Association Dues	
▶ NORKLA	200.00
▶ FOCA	387.50
▶ FOCA seminars	90.00
▶ Donations	
▶ Community Care	500.00
▶ Food Bank	510.00

▶ Total Expenses 2833.65

Bank Balance 5290.00

March 2021

Bank Balance Forward 5290.00

Revenue

▶ Fees	885.00
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Total Revenue 885.00

Expenses

▶ FOCA Dues	387.50
▶ FOCA Seminars	90.00
▶ Bank Maintenance Fee	2.50
▶ Donations	
▶ Community Care	500.00
▶ Food Bank	250.00

Total Expenses 1230.00

Bank Balance 4945.00

Business

- Margi Colquhoun

➤ Dues for 2021

- Dues will be collected in 2021 - only **\$20.00**
- eTransfer details will be provided after the treasurer turnover
- It ensures we have funds available for emergencies/projects
- It enables us to provide community support (eg. Sayers)

➤ Outgoing Treasurer

- We thank Janice Manias for her contribution over the past 5 years years, 4 as treasurer and 1 as member at large. Janice served with the previous executive and only agreed to stay on 1 year with me. This is now the 4th season since then! **THANKS VERY MUCH JANICE!**

➤ New Treasurer

- Jacquie Cane has kindly agreed, with some cajoling, to let her name stand. Jacquie is from Lot 70 and “married” on to the lake in 1998; Jacquie raises and releases monarchs and maintains a pollinator garden at home and cottage; has a worm farm for green waste and loves spending time on our lake
- Are there any other volunteers or nomination from the floor?
- Please indicate in the zoom poll aye or nay

Protecting Our Lake

Fireworks

Since we are in a provincial park, you need to be aware of the rules. "Possession or use of fireworks is prohibited in provincial parks at all times. They constitute a fire hazard and disturb visitors and wildlife who wish to enjoy the park in a peaceful manner." The full set of rules can be found here:

ontarioparks.com/park/www.blueflag.ca/rules

Firework	Minimum Fine
Possess fireworks	\$100.00
Ignite fireworks	\$150.00

The particulate left in the sky after a firework explodes contains heavy metals, including lead, which can land directly on the lake or be washed into the lake following a rain storm, with harmful effects

Your dog isn't the only one upset by fireworks.



The panic brought on by fireworks can cause wildlife moms to abandon their babies and be too disoriented to find their way home.

Squirrels, small mammals, birds and butterflies have been known to exhibit detrimental, even life threatening behavior as a result of fireworks, while waterbirds and fish perish after ingesting fireworks' debris.

This summer, celebrate in a way that does no harm.

Celebrate without fireworks.

Firearms are not to be discharged in the Park

- ▶ Regulations:
 - ▶ Section 9(2) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/97f41>) states "A person shall not possess in a provincial park or Crown reserve a firearm, trap, other hunting or trapping device or explosive."
 - ▶ Section 9(3) says that there are exceptions. Since hunting is allowed in the Kawartha Highlands Park, the exceptions apply.
 - ▶ The complete rules re firearms, with the exceptions, can be found in Regulation 347 made under the Provincial Parks Conservation Reserves Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/070347>). This can also be found at O. Reg. 347/07.
- ▶ From the Regulations, section 35:
 - ▶ Suspected firearms violations can be reported to **1-877-847-7667**, which is the Conservation Officer tip line if you think it is necessary. It is not a good idea to investigate gun fire yourself.
- ▶ *Firearms*
35. No person shall use or display a firearm in a provincial park other than,
 - a) a peace officer in the lawful execution of his or her duties,
 - b) an employee in the Ministry or an agent of the Ministry for the purpose of wildlife management and control,
 - c) a person lawfully hunting under the authority of 9(3) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997,
 - d) a person authorized by the superintendent to use a firearm in a provincial park

Light Pollution

- Margi Colquhoun

BENEFITS OF REDUCING

Light Pollution

- **Dark skies** full of stars: see the Milky Way!
- **Less nuisance glare** for our neighbours
- **Increased safety** for nighttime boaters
- **Protection for wildlife and lake ecosystems:** navigation, predator-prey relationships, foraging, and reproduction are all affected by artificial light



TIPS TO REDUCE

Light Pollution

- **Go dark:** avoid solar lights, turn lights off when not needed, use motion-sensors
- **Reduce glare:** point lights downward and use only as much as is needed
- **Use warm-coloured bulbs** (3000+ K); cooler bulbs have a greater effect on wildlife



Light Pollution

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Protecting the night sky starts with **YOU!**

1 Light only what you need



2 Use energy efficient bulbs and only as bright as you need



3 Shield lights and direct them down



4 Only use light when you need it



5 Choose warm white light bulbs



6 Join IDA!
We need your help to continue the fight against light pollution.



Reference:

- <https://foca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Night-Skies.pdf>
- <https://cottagelife.com/outdoors/3-key-ways-that-light-pollution-negatively-impacts-nature/>
- <https://www.the-scientist.com/infographics/infographic--light-pollution-64855>
- <https://www.darksky.org>

Impact of Leaves in the Lake

- ▶ From The Department of Natural Resources
 - ▶ Most of the nutrients in leaves can leach into water within 24 hours.
 - ▶ Produces high levels of phosphorus and nitrogen, which can cause algae blooms, fast-growing algae events.
 - ▶ Fuels the growth of algae, including toxic algae.
 - ▶ Excessive amounts cause eutrophication, or the depletion of oxygen in water, resulting in death of aquatic animals like fish.
- ▶ If anyone sees someone dumping leaves into the lake they can call the DNR Southwest Regional office at 417-891-4300. Oct. 23, 2020.
- ▶ If you don't have lawn under your trees, you can leave the leaves where they fall. The "leaf litter" will slowly decompose and over time will become mulch and fertilizer for your trees.

Protecting our Lake - Shoreline Health

– Margi Colquhoun

- ▶ **“When we protect our lakes, we’re protecting all the memories yet to be made”**
 - ▶ Ref Beshore Haliburton [Beshore](#)
 - ▶ ‘We are a growing Not-For-Profit coalition of Haliburton County residents, associations and businesses, dedicated to ensuring that future generations will enjoy the same priceless memories of life by our beautiful lakes as we do.’
 - ▶ We'll achieve this by ensuring our County's adoption of a meaningful **shoreline preservation By-law**, rooted in proven scientific fact, not selective or false information.
- ▶ The Planting Palooza is the second LCLCA project intended to improve shoreline health. The first was the Love Your Lake assessment

Why Shoreline Health?

- ▶ Shoreline over-development is accelerating the number and frequency of toxic Blue Green Algae (BGA) blooms
- ▶ In just days these blooms can poison a lake
- ▶ Natural foliage filters pollutants
- ▶ 30m of natural foliage is recommended as the best defence for the lake. “A 30-metre natural shoreline, rich in native vegetation, requires minimal maintenance, offers the best defence against damaging nutrient run-off and lakeside erosion, and keeps the whole local ecosystem healthy and working as nature intended. Ref. Beshore

What Can You Do?

- ▶ Replace short cut grass with native grasses, wildflowers and other native plants;
- ▶ Move your lawn further back from the shoreline;
- ▶ Increase shrub borders or expand field and forest habitat;
- ▶ Leave any sections of lawn approximately 10 centimetres high to encourage the growth of stronger and deeper root

Shoreline Health

- ▶ Shoreline Naturalization Program – create a Natural Edge
- ▶ Lakes are complex ecosystems that depend on good stewardship
- ▶ Every property owner can make a difference
- ▶ Waterfront properties are among the most beautiful, and valuable, places to live.
- ▶ Visit <https://watersheds.ca>



2021 Events

- Planting Palooza
- Pandemic Paddle and Food Drive
- Music on the Dock by Drew Phillips

Planting Palooza

– Henry Decock

- The LCLA Executive was successful in receiving a \$500 grant for our Planting Palooza proposal as part of the Love Your Lake Microgrant program.
- Only lake associations who participated in Love Your Lake were eligible to apply
- Intended for projects that contribute to lake health.
- Project proposals need to demonstrate involvement of lake community members
- Only native plants could be purchased



Planting Palooza

- ▶ Our proposal is to invite all cottagers to plant some wild flowers together, on the same day and time, to promote shoreline health, promote community, and have a little fun.
- ▶ We anticipate participating cottages to receive three plants: a shrub and two flowers
- ▶ We encourage participating cottagers to take pictures of their planting that day and submit the photos for a chance to win a prize.
- ▶ Saturday, June 19
- ▶ 11:00 a.m.

**The Looncall Lake
Cottagers' Association,**
with a grant from



presents:

Planting Palooza

Saturday, June 19, 2021, 11am

Check out loveyourlake.ca/natural-shoreline/
to learn about the importance of preserving our
beautiful Looncall Lake shoreline.

Submit a photo of the "Planting Palooza" at your cottage to
info@looncalllake.ca and enter a random draw!
Photos will be posted at www.looncalllake.ca



Planting Palooza



Your Sun - Loving Plants from



Northern Bush Honeysuckle blooms with small yellow flowers that turn orangey-red once pollinated. When allowed to spread it stabilizes soil on slopes with its extensive root system. Plant in sunny spots..



Butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators love **Butterfly Milkweed**, especially monarch butterflies! Bright orange flowers bloom throughout the summer. This plant enjoys dry soil and full-sun.



Wild Bergamot has purple flowers that last from mid- to late-summer and attracts a variety of pollinators. Leaves and flowers have a sweet fragrance and are edible. It tolerates most soils and moisture conditions in part shade to full sun.



Plants purchased from:
Grow Wild! Native Plant Nursery: 3784 Hwy 7 Omeme ON
www.nativeplantnursery.ca






Select a bundle based on the type of property.

If you live on a relatively level and open access to the lake, then you would choose the Shoreline bundle

If your shoreline is steep, rocky and full of vegetation, then you would choose the Sun-loving bundle

You also have the option to receive either bundle.



Your Shoreline Plants from



Monkey Flower is naturally found along the shores of rivers, lakes, swamps and wetlands. Pollinators enjoy the violet-coloured flowers that bloom from June to September and butterflies lay their eggs on the leaves.



Pink flowers bloom on **Swamp Milkweed** in mid-summer. Large pods form in the fall which later open up with seeds that float away. Milkweed is essential for the Monarch butterfly's survival; it is the only plant the caterpillar can live off of and create their chrysalis upon.



Meadowsweet is a species of spirea that produces a cluster of white flowers from mid-summer through the early fall. It is great for moist soils. Butterflies also use this plant to lay their eggs.



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Planting Palooza

- ✓ Select your plant bundle using the link in the spring newsletter or this [link](#)
 - You will receive an email directing you to a designated dock for plant pick up
- ✓ Saturday morning, June 19, pick up your plants
- ✓ 11:00 am proceed to plant your bundle
- ✓ Take a picture (or several), wave to your neighbours,
- ✓ Submit picture to: info@looncalllake.ca with all your particulars by midnight June 26
 - Draw will be held June 27
 - Prize: 18 shoreline plants donated by  <http://www.nativeplantnursery.ca/>
- ✓ Enjoy your new plants and consider adding more
 - ✓ <https://loveyourlake.ca/natural-shoreline>



2nd Annual Pandemic Paddle and Food Drive

– Breanne Hunt-Wells

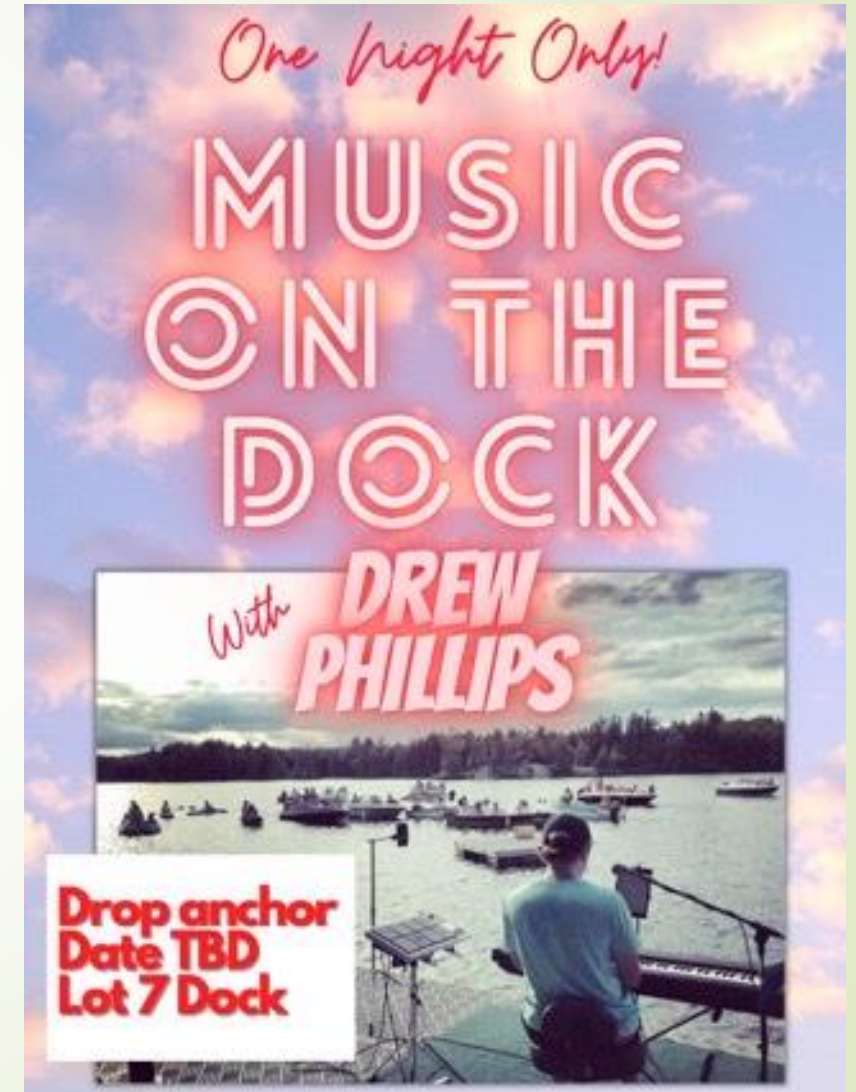
- In anticipation of continued pandemic restrictions, in lieu of Annual Regatta and Corn Roast
- Save the Date: Saturday July 31st, 2021
10:30am
- Paddle the lake and greet neighbours at a safe pandemic distance
- Support the Apsley Community by collecting nonperishable food items
 - Collection at Lots:
 - 2 (Decock)
 - 32 (Hunt-Wells)
 - 36 (Hartog)
 - 60 (Colquhoun-Webster)
- More Details to follow via email, web site and bulletin boards
- Take photos and send them to info@looncallake.ca for publication on the web site



Music on the Dock by Drew Phillips

– Breanne Hunt-Wells

- Drew Phillips will be providing musical entertainment on his dock (Lot 7).
- All cottagers welcome!
- Paddle up or Boat up, drop anchor and enjoy!!
- Due to availability constraints the exact date is not yet known
- **Stay tuned for date and time via email, web site and bulletin boards**



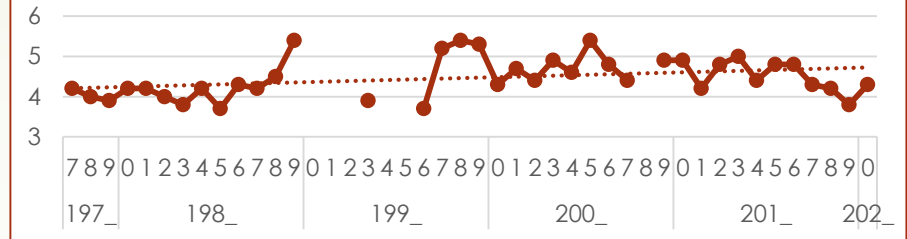
Water Quality

- Jim Hartog

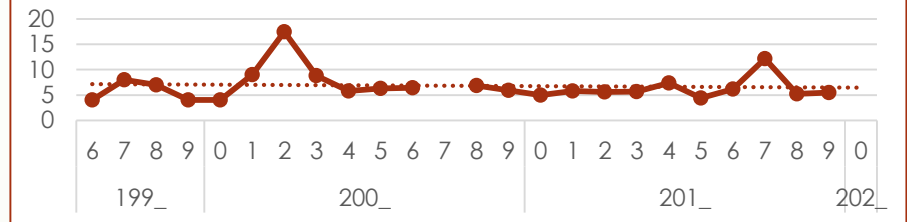
2020 Water Testing Situation

- ▶ Secchi disc readings averaged **4.3 m** which is better than the two previous years but still below our historical average.
- ▶ P and Ca samples were not taken in May since the Lake Partner Program lab was closed due to COVID protocols. There was an offer for October testing but I declined.
- ▶ We had the Trent University testing done last summer but the results have not been made public for reasons beyond my comprehension.

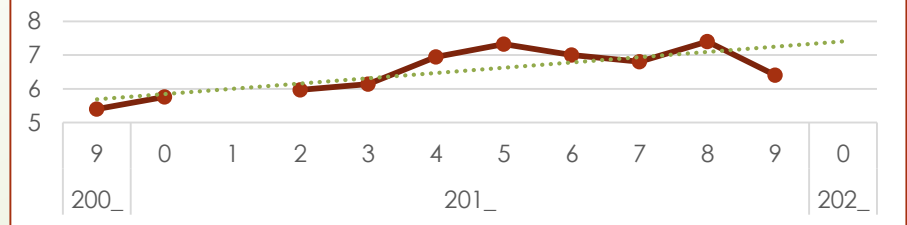
Secchi Disk Reading (m)
Annual Average



Phosphorus Readings (ug/L)
Sampled in May



Calcium Level Readings
(mg/L) Sampled in May



Water Quality

– Jim Hartog

- ▶ Comments on Phragmites
- ▶ The latest invasive species of note is called Phragmites.
- ▶ This is the weed that you see in the median strip and sides of highway 115 south of Peterborough.
- ▶ It prefers moist areas with high nutrients and disturbed soil. It may like some of our marshy areas.
- ▶ Please do not bring Phragmites to the cottage just because you may think they would look good in a tall vase.
- ▶ Continued vigilance on the lake
- ▶ This is a reminder that our lake is "sensitive" and has a very low water turnover rate.
- ▶ There are about five inlets and only one outlet. That one outlet only releases water in the spring. We are a bathtub.
- ▶ For our new cottagers and some complacent ones: Do Not put anything into the lake that you would not drink
- ▶ For a complete list of Do's and Don'ts download and print:
<https://looncalllake.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/CottageTips-1.pdf>



Web Site and Communications

– Vickie Hartog

- ▶ Web Site: LoonCallLake.ca
- ▶ Visit the web site often to see the latest news Notices and Bulletins
 - ▶ eg. Clear bags, Hazardous Waste, Leahy Market now open in Apsley
- ▶ Add to your blog feeds to get notified when Latest News is updated
- ▶ Cottagers List
 - ▶ Contact info@looncalllake.ca to get the cottagers list
 - ▶ Link is not published on the website
 - ▶ Review and Advise of any corrections – info@looncalllake.ca
 - ▶ Each person has their own record
 - ▶ Please provide lot number and at least one phone number

Web Site and Communications

- ▶ Photos and Other Material
 - ▶ Send Photos to info@looncalllake.ca
 - ▶ We love to share them
- ▶ Newsletters
 - ▶ Subscribe using the link at the foot of the web page <https://looncalllake.ca/subscribe>
 - ▶ Check your spam filter if you are not receiving newsletters
- ▶ Surveys
 - ▶ Used to gather information – know your lot number
- ▶ Feedback
 - ▶ Provide feedback using the Contact Us link on the footer <https://looncalllake.ca/loon-call-lake/contact-us>

Web Site and Communications

- ▶ Facebook pages
 - ▶ <https://www.facebook.com/LooncallLakeCottagersAssociation/?attredirects=0> - Community info
 - ▶ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/917874721719032> - Buy and Sell
 - ▶ Erin Billingshurst moderates
- ▶ Other sources of good information:
 - ▶ North Kawartha – Subscribe: <https://subscription.northkawartha.ca/Subscribe>
 - ▶ FOCA – Subscribe:
<https://visitor.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001nlnsvTYVCuC68JIUbfSEV4v1GF0ljBNkfNEpAnCkbQJU5HD4c-1lpZvPy8lqip72vyuPE37bofqum1TjaDmRWjYTGP2zRAs4>

Closing Remarks

President – Margi Colquhoun



FOCA - Lake Associations in Action

– FOCA Rep

- ▶ Their role in rural Ontario