

Clearwater lake Regional Park

2026 Annual General Meeting July 12, 2026

Board Attendance: Mark Harsch, Denise Haas

Regrets: Lauren Gillies, Sandra Jansen, Karl Sothmann, Shelby Christensen

Staff Attendance: Rob Mather (Manager), Grant Kennedy (Bookkeeper), Magdel Jansen van Vuuren (Office administrator), Travis O'Neill (Maintenance Manager).

1. Call to Order at 1:05 PM – Mark Harsch
2. Welcome & Introductions of the Board
 - a. Mark introduced all board members of the Park and the municipalities they represent.
3. Introduce Staff in attendance –
 - a. Mark introduced Rob Mather (Manager), Grant Kennedy (bookkeeper), Magdel Jansen van Vuuren (Office Administrator) and Travis O'Neill (Maintenance Manager).
 - b. Mark listed off all the seasonal employees for the park.
4. Thank you to volunteers:
 - a. Todd Kosek – roads
 - b. Richard Beaubien – grass mowing
 - c. Kevin Haas – grass mowing
 - d. Todd Farnsworth – water lines
 - e. Wayne Spike – water lines
 - f. To all those that volunteered to help blow out the water lines last fall
 - g. Thanks to Leif Gustavson for donating the bins that we use for leaf collection.
5. Year in Review
 - a. Phase 2 of Water Treatment Plant is now complete. There were some issues including the lateness of the contractor completing the work. There are some outstanding issues that need to be worked on which will be done after the season.
 - b. SaskTel cell tower is up and waiting for SaskTel to hook it up.
 - c. New Golf Bylaws are in place for legal use of golf carts on the roads within the Park. See the handout provided for details. Reminder that drivers must have at least a Class 7 licence, the cart must have a valid plate and renewal sticker and a slow-moving sign.

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- d. We have introduced a new website for the Park. It is still under development but eventually information on leases, permits, camping etc. will all be on the website.
- e. We are cleaning up the Facebook page deleting obsolete information.
- f. Formed a subcommittee to review and update the policy and procedures and develop new ones for the Park.
- g. Big task we are currently engaged in is the review of the building bylaws and making it compliant with the National Building Code.
- h. Completed renovations of the beach bathrooms including painting, new doors and new stairs and walkway.
- i. New flooring was installed in the cooking area of the Store and a new Exhaust fan installed.
- j. Residence was painted and new flooring installed.
- k. Purchased new push mower and whipper snipper; large air hoses for blowing out the air lines; water tank and system for potential fire fighting; new motor for the Gator; 6 mattresses for rental cabins 1 & 2 and for some of the staff accommodations.
- l. Looking at completing yet this year – repair the roof on the Store; replace hall shingles as is leaking; replace shingles on the residence roof.

6. Reminders –

- a. building and tree removal permits are required.
- b. Cabin owners must take their garbage to the bins outside the gate when we do not have garbage pick up. Last fall cabin owners put their garbage in garbage bins in September that had already been turned over as we no longer had garbage pick up. Board members had to pick up over a truck load of garbage that should have been taken to the bins by the cabin owners themselves.
- c. Many activities have been planned for the lake this year. Thanks again to all the planners and the volunteers who help out.

7. Financial Overview

- a. Handed out the 2025 audited financial statements.

8. Questions/Comments

- Q. Dayna Elliot (camps every year) Has the lake given any thought to creating seasonal sites?
- A. It was considered but the criteria around the \$5000 grant to do seasonal sites that SRPA offered required brand-new sites and not converting existing sites. Financially it wasn't feasible for the lake.

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Q. Dayna Elliot (camper) Can there be a place designated for camper people to anchor boats, paddleboards etc.?

A. The board will consider this issue.

Q. Barry Mutlow Cabin #7 – Can we get more time without boats on the lake for those who enjoy paddleboards, etc. Preferably in a morning as the wind comes up in afternoon?

A. The Board will take this into consideration.

Q. Barry Mutlow (Cabin #7) Can staff that are hired not work on weekends in May to get the golf course in shape?

A. The students were asked to work on weekends starting in May but few would commit to that. We have trouble attracting students so we are down in numbers. Also, all the rain has created issues in keeping up with the lawn cutting all around at the lake.

Q. Kelly Hollstein (#194) – Getting back to the camper's question about anchor boars, years ago the access lanes were used for day access to the lake for campers.

Comment: Wendy Sander (#227) Access lanes were always designated for emergency purposes only for fire, etc.

A. Board will discuss this matter further.

Q. Barb Stephenson (#135) There was an issue of a lake employee using lake equipment to remove large trees in a very unsafe manner, close to power lines. That could have created huge liability for the lake if damages had occurred.

A. This practice has been discontinued and will not happen again.

Q. Barb Stephenson (#135) There is an issue with boats taking off fast close to shore and creating furrows in the lake and disturbing the lake so that the sand becomes mushy. Can there be buoys placed out in the water to avoid that?

A. The Board will look into this more.

Q. Shannon Allen (#67) Can there be more rules around the operations of boats close to the shore as it disturbs the ecology of the lake. She has a proposal for the board that she will drop off for a 100-foot wake zone.

A. The board will read and consider the proposal once we receive it.

Q. Vankennels (Cabin #35) – Whoever is doing the social media is doing a fantastic job.

A. Magdel is the one who gets the credit for that.

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Q. David Allen (#67) – Does the lake have a registry for seadoos? One came unhooked and ended up under their dock and they had no way to notify the owner although they did advise the office?

A. No, the Park does not have any registry for boats.

Q. Audrey Barr (#185) The public showers are a mess. The handicap one the shower nozzle is on the floor; there is no drain cover and the coin machines are not operating giving free showers. They are not cleaned and are likely to drive campers away.

A. New coin machines have been ordered and will look to get issues fixed as soon as possible.

Q. Rosanne Farnsworth (#152) While there are a few rules posted at the boat launch for boats, most of the rules are not there. Have seen boats going the wrong way around the lake which is dangerous. Could all the rules be posted or put on a handout to give to everyone entering the lake?

A. That is a good idea. Board will discuss at a future meeting.

Q. Trudy Retzleff (#92) Thank you to all the staff. Doing a great job. Could a handout be provided to everyone coming into the lake about all the rules – i.e. recycling, boating, etc.?

A. Good idea. Board will discuss at a future meeting.

Q. John Kennedy (#71) Please confirm that golf carts are not allowed outside the park and if the carts have lights are they still subject to the half hour after sunset rules?

A. Golf carts are only legal for use inside the park, and yes according to Traffic Safety Act, even if golf carts have lights, they are still subject to the same rules of only allowed until half hour after sunset.

Q. John Kennedy (#71) Why are our septic pumps costs here so high? The provider we had 3 years ago does Pelletier for \$75 or so.

A. The lake put out a tender last year for septic pumping and the we received two proposals – one from the previous provider and one from It Happens. The board chose the one that was the cheapest price for cabin owners.

Q. Cabin #213 Can something be done so that people stop putting their dog poop in their garbage cans? It would be appreciated if folks take the poop back to their own garbage.

A. The Board will look at communication around this issue.

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Q. Jeff Murray (#185) Who is going to enforce the Golf Cart Bylaw.

A. The lake does not have enough staff to have someone out trying to monitor this, but the Bylaw states that if a formal complaint is received, a written warning will be provided to the owner of the golf cart. If there is another incident, the Board can choose to ban the golf cart from the Park.

Q. Kirk Byers (#250) The other night there was about 10 golf carts driving around after dark. How do we get the plate number in the dark?

A. Please call the RCMP.

Q. Trudy Retzleff (#92) The fast driving of golf carts is not only by kids, adults also drive them very fast and need to slow down.

A. The board will consider this as part of the communication needed on golf carts.

Q. Wendy Sander (#227) Is there any way we can get more police presence at the lake? They used to be down here a lot more.

A. The manager has already contacted the police once asking them to have more of a presence, but will call again.

Q. Barb Stephenson (#135) Is there a noise level bylaw for boats currently or could we set a noise level for boats?

A. There is no bylaw for noise unless it is between the hours of 11 pm and 7 am.

Q. Heather Moberg (#139) Can we not get leaf bins any longer? We are raking the leaves out of the water and they are too wet to put in a garbage bag but we were told the lake was not delivering leaf bins any longer.

A. The lake had discontinued doing them as they thought most of the leaves had been picked up but if they are wet like that, management will get a leaf bin out to them.

Q. Mark Torrance (#299) Road is in better shape this year. Thank you.

Q. Tony Sander (#161) He disagrees with the roads comment and thinks they are in terrible shape with holes all over. Why can't we repair them and haul in sand to fill in holes?

A. Sand in the holes would only pound out and would not fix the holes. We have just recently done repairs on the Road Boss to level and fix the roads so we can get back to road work.

Q. Jeff Murray (#185) Why is their bad debts? Are cabin owners not paying their levies.

A. The bad debts are for overdue accounts and not necessarily from cabin owners. We now have the practice that once an account is substantially overdue that we refer it to a Collection Agency and then to small claims court if we need to. For cabin owners that

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are delinquent on paying their fees, we now have the capability to lock off their curb stop so they will not have access to water at their cabin.

Q. Shannon Allen (#67) They noticed a snap trap that was put out likely to catch gophers close to the road where kids or pets could have stepped in it and been injured. They reported it to the office who came and removed it but could there be communication send out to advise people those types of traps are not allowed?

Q. Barb Stephenson (#135) Add to the communication that firearms are not allowed in the Park.

A. The Board will consider these as part of the communications.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM

Minutes approved as presented:

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